Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Monday, January 8, 2024
First Legislative Day

Senators of the General Assembly of Georgia for the years 2023-2024 met pursuant to the Constitution in regular session in the Senate Chamber at 10:00 a.m. this day, and were called to order by Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones, President of the Senate.

The President recognized his family: First Lady of the Senate Jan Jones, daughter Stella Jones, and son Banks Jones.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:

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The State Senate

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 4, 2024

The Honorable Brian Kemp
Governor of Georgia
111 State Capitol
206 Washington Street
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Kemp,

I ask that you accept this letter as my official resignation as State Senator for District 30, effective January 4, 2024.

The opportunity to serve the people of Georgia's 30th Senate District has been an amazing honor. I appreciate the support that has been shown to me during my tenure in the General Assembly. The constituents deserve to have a state senator who will be able to devote his or her full attention to their priorities next session, and my resignation will afford the voters that opportunity.

Acknowledging the decision ultimately resides with your office, I respectively request a special election to fill the vacancy caused by my resignation.

Sincerely,
/s/ Mike Dugan
Mike Dugan
District, 30

STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

January 4, 2024

The Honorable Mike Dugan
Senator, District 30
Georgia State Senate
121-F State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Dugan:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the District 30 Senator in the Georgia State Senate. I appreciate you taking the time to apprise me of your resignation, effective immediately.

Your resignation as a member of the Georgia State Senate is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best. Once again, thank you for your service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Brian P. Kemp

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: JANUARY 8, 2024

RE: JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

Georgia law provides that the Senate confirm appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, I am notifying the Senate that the Supreme Court of Georgia has timely submitted to the Senate the name of its appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission for confirmation by the Senate. The name of the appointee is attached for your review.

Pursuant to Senate Rules, this appointment will be referred to the Committee on Assignments. The Committee on Assignments will report its recommendation on the appointment to the Senate after which the Senate may proceed to consider confirmation.

Supreme Court
State of Georgia
NATHAN DEAL JUDICIAL CENTER
Atlanta 30334

May 25, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

David A. Cook, Secretary of the Senate
Secretary of the Senate's Office
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Cook,

I write at the request of Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs to provide you with a certified copy of the order issued by the Supreme Court of Georgia appointing the Honorable Victoria S. Darrisaw as a judge member of the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission. The appointment is effective July 1, 2023 for a four-year term ending June 30, 2027.

The Court respectfully requests that the Senate confirm the appointment at its next regular session. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
/s/ Thérèse S. Barnes
Therese S. Barnes, Clerk/Ct. Exec.

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

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Administrative Minutes
May 25, 2023
Thérèse S. Barnes
Clerk/Court Executive
SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
/s/ Thérèse S. Barnes

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

It is ordered that the Honorable Victoria S. Darrisaw, Judge of the Superior Court of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit, is hereby reappointed by this Court as a judge member of the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, effective July 1, 2023, for a four-year term ending June 30, 2027.

This appointment is made pursuant to OCGA § 15-1-21 (f) (3) (A) (ii). The Clerk of this Court shall submit a certified copy of this order to the Senate forthwith, pursuant to OCGA § 15-1-21 (g) (1).

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.
Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

/s/ Thérèse S. Barnes, Clerk

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
CLERK'S OFFICE

May 25, 2023

I, Therese "Tee" Barnes, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, do hereby certify that the appointment order, hereto attached, is a true and correct copy as appears from the records and files in this office.

Witness my signature and the seal of the said court hereto affixed the day and year first above written.

/s/ Thérèse S. Barnes, Clerk

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, the appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission was referred to the Committee on Assignments.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbison	Orrock
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Parent
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Payne
Beach	Hickman	Rahman
Brass	Hodges	Rhett
Burns	Hufstetler	Robertson
Butler	Islam Parkes	Seay
Cowsert	Jackson	Sims
Davenport	James	Still
Dixon	Jones, E.	Strickland

Dolezal	Jones, H.	Summers
Echols	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Lucas	Watson, B.
Gooch	Mallow	Watson, S.
Goodman	McLaurin	Williams
Halpern	Merritt	

Not answering were Senators:

Tate (Excused) Setzler

Senator Setzler of the 37th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones introduced the chaplain of the day, Sergeant Derek McClendon of Locust Grove, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Robert Kaufmann, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

SR 430. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has convened; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, there was no objection, and the resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

SR 431. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION to notify the Governor that the General Assembly has convened; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, there was no objection, and the resolution was adopted.

The President appointed as a Committee of Notification on the part of the Senate the

following Senators: Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Butler of the 55th, Hatchett of the 50th, Hodges of the 3rd, and Harbison of the 15th.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolutions of the House:

HR 762. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has convened; and for other purposes.

HR 763. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor; inviting the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed as a Committee of Escort on the part of the House the following members:

Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th, Beverly of the 143rd, Greene of the 154th, Burchett of the 176th, Park of the 107th, Gaines of the 120th, and Frye of the 122nd.

The House insists on its position in substituting the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 159. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding correctional institutions of states and counties, so as to prohibit wireless communications and stand-alone electronic devices behind guard lines; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was read and put upon its adoption:

HR 763. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor; inviting the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 54, nays 0, and the resolution was adopted.

The President appointed as a Committee of Escort on the part of the Senate the following Senators: Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Butler of the 55th, Harbison of the 15th, Robertson of the 29th, Jones II of the 22nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Hodges of the 3rd, Cowsert of the 46th, and Ginn of the 47th.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Judiciary and committed to the Senate Committee on Children and Families:

SB 324. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th and Jones

II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for a victim centered address confidentiality program; to provide for application to such program; to provide for designation of confidential addresses; to provide for certification of program participants; to provide for renewal and cancellation of certifications; to provide for disclosures; to provide for real property records; to provide for training; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 324 was committed to the Senate Committee on Children and Families.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 431. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION to notify the Governor that the General Assembly has convened; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed as a Committee of Notification on the part of the House the following members:

Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, McDonald of the 26th, Greene of the 154th, Parrish of the 158th, Vance of the 133rd, and Knight of the 134th.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that the following bills and resolutions, having been placed on the Table during the 2023 Legislative Session, be taken from the Table:

LEGISLATION TABLED IN THE SENATE
MONDAY, JANUARY 08, 2024
FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 10 Offenses Against Public Order And Motor Vehicles and Traffic; knowingly attending and facilitating an illegal drag race or a laying drags exhibition; punishment; provide (Substitute) (PUB SAF-10th)

SB 28 Board of Commissioners of Counties; an Act fixing the compensation of counties with a population in excess of 500,000, according to the 1970 United States Census; repeal (SLGO(G)-45th)

SB 34 Food Service Establishments; third-party food delivery service from committing unfair, unsafe, and unhealthy practices in this state; prohibit (Substitute) (AG&CA-42nd)

SB 41 Watercraft; completion of a boater education course for registration of a watercraft; require (PUB SAF-25th)

SB 111 "Anesthesiologist Assistant Act"; an anesthesiologist assistant to be appointed in an advisory capacity to the Georgia Composite Medical Board; provide (Substitute) (H&HS-52nd)

SB 113 Municipal Corporations; the transition of services and facilities from an existing municipality to a newly incorporated municipality; provide (Substitute) (SLGO(G)-29th)

SB 124 County Governing Authorities; authority of county governing authorities to reapportion or redistrict their election districts; restate constitutional limitations (Amendment) (R&R-37th)

SB 147 "Boundless Opportunities for Georgia Students Act"; enact (Substitute) (Amendments) (ED&Y-48th)

SB 171 Development Authorities; the length of a director's hold-over period following expiration of term of office; limit (Substitute) (Amendment) (ED&T-23rd)

SB 172 State Government; regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; authorize and provide (Substitute) (RI&U-46th)

SB 176 Inspection of Public Records; the personal phone numbers, personal or governmental issued cell phone numbers, and home addresses; protect (Substitute) (GvtO-6th)

SB 182 Stalking; the offense of doxxing; provide (Substitute) (Amendments) (JUDY-39th)

SB 185 Assistant District Attorneys; appointment of additional assistant district attorneys in judicial circuits with multiple detention facilities; provide (JUDY-25th)

SB 186 "Georgia Landowners Protection Act"; enact (Amendment) (I&L-27th)

SB 191 Motor Vehicles and Traffic; authorizing joinder of motor carriers and their insurance carriers in tort and contract causes of action; provisions; repeal (TRANS-48th)

SB 200 "Civil Practice Act"; high ranking government or corporate officer of whom a deposition is sought to seek a protective order; provide (Substitute) (RI&U-46th)

SB 201 Torts; revival of claims for damages available to victims of human trafficking; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-6th)

SB 202 Public School Property and Facilities; outdoor learning spaces pilot program; provide (ED&Y-5th)

SB 236 Board of Commissioners of Cobb County; the description of the commissioner districts; change (R&R-37th)

SB 274 Commission for the Blind and the Visually Impaired; create (Substitute) (GvtO-16th)

SR 45 Deputy Marshall Samual Ervin, Jr. Memorial Intersection; Paulding County; dedicate (Substitute) (TRANS-31st)

SR 46 Governor; to study whether the state can, either directly or indirectly, produce low-cost insulin products in the state; urge (Substitute) (H&HS-9th)

SR 82 Tax Commissioner; waive certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes; procedures and conditions; provide- CA (Substitute) (B&FI-13th)

SR 114 Flemming, Charlie; recognize (RULES-44th)

SR 158 Northwest Georgia Logistics Corridor; designate as an official logistics growth corridor in Georgia (TRANS-31st)

HB 43 Council on American Indian Concerns; revise membership (Amendment) (NR&E-31st) Lim-98th

HB 51 Education; local boards of education use vehicles other than school buses for transport of students; authorize (Substitute) (ED&Y-29th) Pirkle-169th

HB 63 Insurance; insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder; require (I&L-20th) Williams-148th

HB 82 Income tax; limit eligibility for rural physician tax credit to physicians who qualify on or before December 31, 2023 (Substitute) (FIN-23rd) Jackson-128th

HB 119 Uniform rules of the road; procedure for passing stationary vehicles; provide (Substitute) (PUB SAF-14th) Corbett-174th

HB 130 Georgia Student Finance Authority; student loan repayment for peace officers; provide (H ED-50th) Gambill-15th

HB 143 Community Health, Department of; include continuous glucose monitors as a pharmacy benefit for Medicaid recipients; require (Substitute) (Amendment) (H&HS-49th) Mathis-149th

HB 144 George L. Burgess Act; enact (Substitute) (C&F-56th) Lewis-Ward-115th

HB 181 Controlled Substances; mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine are Schedule I; provide (Substitute) (Amendment) (H&HS-56th) Townsend-179th

HB 220 Property; means of enforcement of condominium and property owners' association instruments, rules, and regulations; provide (JUDY-17th) Leverett-123rd

HB 237 State government; Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby as official soap box derby of the State of Georgia; designate (Substitute) (Amendments) (ED&T-28th) Hagan-156th

HB 244 Board of Natural Resources; effective date for certain rules and regulations; extend (Substitute) (Amendment) (NR&E-3rd) Petrea-166th

HB 269 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; authorize local workforce development boards to conduct meetings via teleconference (Substitute) (GvtO-20th) Blackmon-146th

HB 279 Insurance; discount for property owners who build a new property that better resists tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events; provide (I&L-29th) Gambill-15th

HB 290 Revenue and taxation; county tax commissioner duties; revise provisions (Substitute) (FIN-52nd) Scoggins-14th

HB 291 Guardian and ward; add to the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult (Substitute) (C&F-11th) Scoggins-14th

HB 299 Georgia Code; add appropriate references to United States Space Force; provisions (Amendments) (VM&HS-32nd) Thomas-21st

HB 327 Crimes and offenses; incest; include step-grandparent and step-grandchild relationship (JUDY-54th) Cameron-1st

HB 338 Student Technology Protection Act; enact (Substitute) (ED&Y-31st) Erwin-32nd

HB 362 Insurance; benefit provider to disclose certain payments to a treating healthcare provider; provide (I&L-9th) Mathiak-74th

HB 384 Insurance; annual notification by insurers to male insureds of coverage for prostate-specific antigen tests; provide (I&L-9th) Henderson-113th

HB 404 Safe at Home Act; enact (Amendment) (JUDY-52nd) Carpenter-4th

HB 406 Georgia Public Service Commission; regulation of the provision of certain electricity used as a motor fuel in electric vehicles; provide (Substitute) (RI&U-51st) Jasperse-11th

HB 454 Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; revise terms (Substitute) (RULES-52nd) Blackmon-146th

HB 470 Georgia Candor Act; enact (Substitute) (JUDY-1st) Cooper-45th

HB 498 Funeral directors and embalmers; reinstatement of lapsed license; change certain provisions (RI&U-25th) Mathis-149th

HB 504 Education; exclude amounts attributable to level 1 freeport exemptions for purposes of calculating local five mill share (Substitute) (FIN-52nd) Hatchett-155th

HB 530 Civil practice; protective orders for certain high-ranking officers; provide (Substitute) (Amendment) (RI&U-46th) Burchett-176th

The consent was granted; the bills and resolutions were taken from the Table and placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that all of the legislation listed on the Senate Calendar for today be committed to the committee from which each was last reported.

The consent was granted, and the legislation listed on the Senate Calendar for today was committed to the following Senate Committees:

HB 36. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to add hearing officer review for tax assessment of certain business personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 43. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Taylor of the 173rd, Mathiak of the 74th, McClain of the 109th and Mainor of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of American Indian human remains and burial objects, so as to revise the membership of the Council on American Indian Concerns; to revise addresses of American Indian Tribes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

HB 51. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize local boards of education to use vehicles other than school buses for the transport of all students to and from school and school related activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 63. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Taylor of the 173rd, Lumsden of the

12th, Newton of the 127th, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-30-13.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to furnishing claims experience to policyholders, so as to require insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to timely furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder; to allow such insurers that use other methods to apply to the Commissioner for approval of the use of an alternative form of claims experience reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 81. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Erwin of the 32nd, Greene of the 154th, Pirkle of the 169th and Meeks of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-262 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to low-wealth capital outlay grants to local school systems and criteria for eligibility, so as to revise the eligibility criteria for certain capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems; to provide for the authority of the State Board of Education to establish rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 82. By Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Williams of the 168th, Beverly of the 143rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to state income taxes, so as to limit eligibility for the rural physician tax credit to persons qualifying as a rural physician on or before December 31, 2023; to provide for automatic repeal; to create a new tax credit for rural physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for an aggregate cap; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 119. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 149th, Smith of the 138th, Wiedower of the 121st, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for procedure for passing stationary vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 122. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Hatchett of the 155th, Lott of the 131st and Bennett of the 94th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 and Chapter 9 of Title 30 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the higher education savings plan and Georgia Achieving A Better Life Experience (ABLE), respectively, so as to provide for the governance of the Georgia ABLE program by the board of directors of the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan; to revise the composition and chairperson of the board of directors of the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan; to remove the maximum amount of contributions currently allowed per beneficiary; to authorize the board to establish such maximum amount; to provide for the transfer of rights and obligations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 130. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Collins of the 71st, Hitchens of the 161st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for student loan repayment for peace officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for continued eligibility requirements; to provide for student loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for maximum student loan repayment amounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 143. By Representatives Mathis of the 149th, Stinson of the 150th, Greene of the 154th, Howard of the 129th, Collins of the 71st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the

Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to include continuous glucose monitors as a pharmacy benefit for Medicaid recipients; to provide for coverage criteria; to provide for certain consultations by treating practitioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 144. By Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Bennett of the 94th and Drenner of the 85th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 29-4-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to decisions on ward's well-being, obligations of guardian, and liability of guardian, so as to enact the "George L. Burgess Act"; to provide for the ward's right to communicate; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

HB 166. By Representatives Mathiak of the 74th, Knight of the 134th, Camp of the 135th, Daniel of the 117th and Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to constables, clerk, and other court personnel, so as to provide for the qualification of constables; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 167. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Corbett of the 174th, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Knight of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-5-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limited driving permits for certain offenders, so as to provide for standards for issuance of such permits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 170. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th, Gullett of the 19th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax, so as to provide for the taxation of the sale or use of certain digital products and services; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to exempt digital services sold to or used by an end user on a time-limited subscription or membership basis; to revise a sales tax exemption for certain computer software; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 181. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hutchinson of the 106th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide that mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine are Schedule I controlled substances; to repeal provisions relating to the regulation of kratom; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 185. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th, Wiedower of the 121st, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide for HOPE Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) grants; to provide for definitions; to provide for student eligibility; to provide for funding; to provide for policies, procedures, rules, and regulations, including requirements for program authorization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 204. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Gullett of the 19th, Leverett of the 123rd, Dempsey of the 13th and Martinez of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal courts, so as to create the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for funding of the council; to provide for the status of the council and its members; to provide

for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 220. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to provide for means of enforcement of condominium and property owners' association instruments, rules, and regulations; to provide for compliance with, and means of enforcement of, covenants and instruments for certain planned subdivisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 237. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Seabaugh of the 34th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, so as to designate the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby as the official soap box derby of the State of Georgia; to provide for promotion of the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 244. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Rhodes of the 124th, DeLoach of the 167th, Sainz of the 180th, Townsend of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to game and fish, so as to extend the date by which rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Natural Resources must be in effect for purposes of establishing criminal violations of said rules and regulations; to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to seafood, so as to require certain reporting of non-activity by seafood dealers; to amend Part 4 of Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to shellfish, so as to provide for a definition; to authorize discretionary penalties for certain enforcement actions by the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

HB 264. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Corbett of the 174th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-311 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, so as to revise certain deadlines and procedures for the handling of appeals of property tax assessments; to revise certain notice requirements and procedures; to revise provisions for certain automatic judgements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 269. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Douglas of the 78th, Gaines of the 120th, Oliver of the 82nd, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and telecommunications conferences, so as to authorize local workforce development boards, formed pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and their associated committees and local officials to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

HB 279. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Frye of the 122nd, Wiedower of the 121st, Washburn of the 144th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance, so as to provide for an insurance premium discount or rate reduction for property owners who build a new residential or commercial property or who retrofit an existing residential or commercial property located in this state that better resists tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 280. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Lumsden of the 12th, Williams of the 148th, Taylor of the 173rd and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for additional value-added products or services that are excluded from being unfair trade practices and unlawful inducements in insurance; to provide for a definition; to allow an insurer or insurance producer to offer or provide a value-added product or service that enhances the health or financial wellness of a customer, incentivizes behavioral changes of a customer, or assists in the administration of employee or retiree benefit insurance coverage; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 285. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th, Williams of the 148th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 290. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Smith of the 18th, Gambill of the 15th, Reeves of the 99th, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal taxation, so as to revise provisions concerning the duties of county tax commissioners with respect to the assessment and collection of municipal taxes and fees; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 291. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Smith of the 18th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to add to the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian

for an adult, the modification and termination of such guardianship, and the appointment of emergency guardian; to add to the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a conservator for an adult, the modification and termination of such conservatorship, and the appointment of emergency conservator; to provide for limitations on the powers and duties of certain emergency conservators; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

HB 298. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Hilton of the 48th, Gunter of the 8th, Oliver of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding juries, so as to provide for an exemption or deferment from jury service for natural or adoptive mothers of children six months of age and younger; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 299. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Ballard of the 147th, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-9-2.1, Title 16, Title 19, Title 20, and Chapter 2 of Title 38, Chapter 2 of Title 40, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment, compensation, authority, qualifications, training, and other limitations of associate probate court judges, crimes and offenses, domestic relations, education, military affairs, and registration and licensing of motor vehicles, respectively, so as to add appropriate references to the United States Space Force; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.

HB 301. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Smith of the 18th, Collins of the 71st, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the amount of civil monetary penalty for violations of improperly passing a school bus and

speeding in a school zone when captured by cameras; to restrict other additional fines, fees, penalties, or charges; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 306. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Rhodes of the 124th, Townsend of the 179th, McCollum of the 30th, Barton of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-506 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions and authority to enter into multiyear lease, purchase, or lease purchase contracts, so as to revise the definition of "energy cost savings measures"; to provide that energy cost saving contracts need not be subject to competitive bidding; to amend Chapter 37 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guaranteed energy savings performance contracting, so as to revise definitions; to revise limitations on improvement that is not causally connected to an energy conservation measure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 308. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Parrish of the 158th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to revise a tax credit for certain medical preceptor rotations; to add dentistry; to increase the value of the tax credit; to revise definitions; to extend the sunset provision for such tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 327. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Tarvin of the 2nd, Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 74th and Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incest, so as to include step-grandparent and step-grandchild relationship; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 338. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Mathiak of the 74th, Smith of the 70th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the inclusion of methods for the promotion of the safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship in the comprehensive character education program; to repeal a provision regarding applicability; to provide for implementation; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 348. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, Rhodes of the 124th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to use of speed detection devices and red light cameras, so as to provide for standards for signs warning of the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to amend Code Section 40-6-163 of the O.C.G.A., relating to duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, so as to revise penalties for failure to pay a civil monetary penalty relating to illegal passing of a school bus; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 362. By Representatives Mathiak of the 74th, Gunter of the 8th, Greene of the 154th, Ehrhart of the 36th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for a benefit provider to disclose certain payments to a treating healthcare provider; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 375. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 29-5-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authority of conservator and cooperation with guardian or other interested parties, so as to define the term "gross settlement"; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 384. By Representative Henderson of the 113th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-29-3.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to individual accident and sickness insurance coverage for mammograms, Pap smears, and prostate-specific antigen tests, so as to provide for annual notification by insurers to male insureds of coverage for prostate-specific antigen tests; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 396. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-3-402 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation, membership, compensation, qualifications, accountabilities, and assignment, so as to add the president of Georgia College and State University to the Oconee River Greenway Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

HB 404. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Williamson of the 112th, Cooper of the 45th, Crawford of the 84th, Oliver of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for a duty of habitability for certain rental agreements; to provide for an exception to such duty; to provide for an exception to landlord tort liability; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice; to provide for a maximum security deposit amount; to provide for expedited evictions for certain criminal activity; to provide for a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 406. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 and Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to jurisdiction of and powers and duties of the Georgia Public Service Commission generally and selling and other trade practices, respectively, so as to provide for the regulation of the provision of certain electricity used as a motor fuel in electric vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 436. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 70th, Smith of the 138th, Burchett of the 176th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to surface mining, so as to revise maximum criminal penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

HB 454. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Knight of the 134th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

HB 455. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd and Reese of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to professions and businesses, so as to provide that professional programs that are established to address career fatigue and wellness in healthcare professionals are not obligated to report to licensing boards except in certain circumstances; to provide for

definitions; to provide for immunity; to provide that certain documents and information of professional programs are not discoverable; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 470. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Parrish of the 158th, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical and other confidential information, so as to allow for voluntary open communications related to healthcare under rules of evidence; to provide for definitions; to provide that certain open communications shall not be subject to future disclosure; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to amend Chapter 33 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health records, so as to revise definitions; to revise provisions relating to the furnishing of copies of health records; to revise provisions relating to the costs of furnishing health records; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 498. By Representatives Mathis of the 149th, Greene of the 154th, Stinson of the 150th, Beverly of the 143rd, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for funeral directors and embalmers, so as to change certain provisions related to the reinstatement of a lapsed funeral director's license; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 500. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Cheokas of the 151st and Daniel of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arson and explosives, so as to provide for the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle; to provide for a penalty; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and

appeal bonds, so as to include the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 504. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-164 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local five mill share funds, so as to exclude amounts attributable to level 1 freeport exemptions for purposes of calculating local five mill share; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 508. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Daniel of the 117th, Cheokas of the 151st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restraining orders and protective orders, so as to provide that orders be served on a respondent within 24 hours of the court's issuance of such order; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 509. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Daniel of the 117th, Cheokas of the 151st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-1 of Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to burglary, so as to include an act of family violence as an element of such offense; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

HB 524. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Yearta of the 152nd, Momtahan of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the issuance of a Class C driver's license to operators of certain three-wheeled motor vehicles; to exempt operators of certain three-wheeled motor vehicles from headgear and

eye-protective device requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 530. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 18th, Leverett of the 123rd and Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions and discovery, so as to provide for protective orders for certain high-ranking officers; to provide for definitions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state tort claims, so as to provide for designees of state government entities for service of process for civil actions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 563. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Martinez of the 111th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., the "Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978," so as to provide for hearing before an administrative law judge; to change provisions relating to the appointment of hearing officers; to provide for a definition; to provide the administrator of the Commission on Equal Opportunity with the power to order discovery; to change certain provisions relating to the filing, amending, and investigation of a complaint regarding an unlawful practice; to change provisions relating to an appeal seeking a review of a final order by a hearing officer and a review of a dismissal of a complaint by the administrator; to provide penalty for willful failure; to provide testimony or discovery; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 571. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 6 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan, so as to provide that the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan be updated every four years; to provide for a progress

report between updates; to revise provisions relating to membership on the advisory council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 10. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Albers of the 56th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an offense of knowingly attending and facilitating an illegal drag race or a laying drags exhibition; to provide for punishment; to provide for offenses which disqualify certain drivers from obtaining a Class C or D driver's license; to increase the punishment for the offenses of reckless stunt driving; to provide for minimum periods of imprisonment for such offenses in certain instances; to provide for motor vehicle forfeiture in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 28. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Merritt of the 9th, Butler of the 55th, Still of the 48th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act fixing the compensation of the board of commissioners of counties having a population in excess of 500,000, according to the 1970 United States Census, or any future census, and providing that the commissioners shall be authorized to fix the compensation of the chairman and commissioners within certain limitations, approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2369), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 17, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 1473); to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 34. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Ginn of the 47th, Albers of the 56th, Jones II of the 22nd and Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to food service establishments, so as to prohibit a third-party food delivery service from committing unfair, unsafe, and unhealthy practices in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal

conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 38. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-14-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and vehicle registration and transfer of title restrictions for failure to pay penalty, so as to authorize a local governing body to apply for a permit to operate a traffic enforcement safety device which enforces the speed limit in a school zone by recorded image; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 41. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft generally, so as to require completion of a boater education course for registration of a watercraft; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 43. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to provide that death by suicide of a public safety officer in certain instances be considered a death in the line of duty for purposes of indemnification; to provide clarification for instances of indemnification for heart attack, stroke, or vascular rupture; to revise and provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 52. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th, Lucas of the 26th, Harrell of the 40th and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Dual Enrollment Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and eligibility for payment, so as to require the Georgia Student Finance Commission to establish participation and performance targets for the program; to require the Georgia Student Finance Commission to annually measure and evaluate the program and report certain data analyses related to the program to the Governor and the General Assembly; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 78. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 17th, Dugan of the 30th and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to off-road vehicles, so as to authorize the civil forfeiture of any off-road vehicle operated while fleeing police or driving aggressively; to authorize the removal and impoundment of an off-road vehicle in certain instances; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 96. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th, Brass of the 28th, Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-984 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Professional Standards Commission's authority to create and implement standards and procedures for certifying educational personnel, recommending standards and procedures for certification, continuation of teaching certificates, and restrictions, so as to provide that the commission's standards and procedures for certification programs shall be neutral with respect to whether such programs are provided by for profit or not for profit entities and shall consider teacher programs outside of this state which meet certain requirements of the commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 98. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th, Echols of the 49th, Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local boards of education, so as to prohibit local board of education members from discussing individual personnel matters with school officials except under certain circumstances provided by law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 100. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to amend Code Section 17-6-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unsecured judicial release, requirement, and effect of failure of person charged to appear for trial, so as to provide for the limitation of unsecured judicial release in certain circumstances where the accused has a prior conviction for the offense of bail jumping or failure to appear; to provide for the requirement that an accused's criminal history be considered prior to issuing an unsecured judicial release; to provide for reconsideration of eligibility; to amend Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty regarding general provisions for registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to provide for a conforming cross reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 111. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Watson of the 1st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to enact the "Anesthesiologist Assistant Act"; to provide for an anesthesiologist assistant to be appointed in an advisory capacity to the Georgia Composite Medical Board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 113. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide for the transition of services and facilities from an existing municipality to a newly incorporated municipality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting

laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 117. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Hickman of the 4th, Walker III of the 20th, Mallow of the 2nd and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Employees' Assurance Department, so as to provide for the assignment of certain group term life insurance benefits to pay for funeral services of a deceased individual who was a member of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, Georgia Legislative Retirement System, or Georgia Judicial Retirement System; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 123. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Halpern of the 39th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to effectiveness of educational programs, so as to require the state funded administration of a nationally recognized career and college readiness assessment and an assessment leading to a nationally recognized workforce credential to public school students in grades 11 and 12 who choose to participate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 124. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county governing authorities, so as to restate constitutional limitations on the authority of county governing authorities to reapportion or redistrict their election districts; to address local laws relating to consolidated governments; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for construction; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

SB 147. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to permit student transfers between local school systems without contracts between the local school system where the student resides and the local school system where the student seeks to enroll; to require the State Board of Education to provide for procedures for such student transfers; to provide for caps on tuition that can be charged to a student by an enrolling local unit of administration that exclusively provides virtual instruction to such student; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 162. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Dolezal of the 27th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Brass of the 28th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health, so as to eliminate certificate of need requirements for all health care facilities except certain long-term care facilities and services; to amend Code Section 50-18-70 of the O.C.G.A., relating to legislative intent and definitions relative to open records laws, so as to revise definitions; to amend other provisions in various titles of the O.C.G.A., for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 171. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 42nd and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to development authorities, so as to limit the length of a director's hold-over period following expiration of term of office; to amend Code Section 36-62A-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to required training on development and redevelopment programs, so as to require directors to do yearly continuing education; to amend Part 3 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mechanics and materialmen liens, so as to provide that such liens may attach to the usufruct interest of properties owned by or titled in a development authority or downtown development authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 172. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Butler of the 55th, Beach of the 21st, Parent of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to authorize and provide for the regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; to provide for additional powers and duties of the Georgia Lottery Corporation; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt wagers placed as part of sports betting; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 176. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Strickland of the 17th, Butler of the 55th, Brass of the 28th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to protect the personal phone numbers, personal or governmental issued cell phone numbers, and home addresses of judges, law enforcement officers, prosecuting attorneys, and public defenders; to provide for injunctive relief; to provide for a misdemeanor; to provide for civil relief, attorney's fees, and costs of litigation; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 182. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Jones of the 10th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Georgia Code Annotated, relating to stalking, so as to provide for the offense of doxxing; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 183. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Beach of the 21st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Brass of the 28th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4B of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ticket brokers, so as to remove an exception permitting certain resale restrictions; to provide that resale restrictions are void and against public policy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 185. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th, Robertson of the 29th and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-18-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment of assistant district attorneys, qualifications, and compensation, so as to provide for the appointment of additional assistant district attorneys in judicial circuits with multiple detention facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 186. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Still of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liability of owners and occupiers of land generally, so as to limit landowner liability regarding invitees, licensees, and trespassers; to provide for no landowner liability due to alleged constructive notice of prior crimes or violent nature; to provide for apportionment of fault; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 191. By Senators Still of the 48th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to repeal provisions authorizing joinder of motor carriers and their insurance carriers in tort and contract causes of action; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 200. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Watson of the 1st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 9-11-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions governing discovery under the "Civil Practice Act," so as to provide for a party or current or former high ranking government or corporate officer of whom a deposition is sought to seek a protective order; to require a court to prohibit such deposition subject to exceptions; to provide such exceptions; to provide for modification or vacation of orders upon such motions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 201. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Strickland of the 17th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the revival of claims for damages available to victims of human trafficking; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 202. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Orrock of the 36th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 208. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Still of the 48th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for development impact fees for education; to provide for definitions; to provide for the manner of calculation, imposition, and collection of such fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 221. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Harbin of the 16th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to revise the language that must be used on absentee ballot applications distributed by persons or entities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 225. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Gooch of the 51st, Moore of the 53rd, Tillery of the 19th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-25-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act," so as to require an insurer to conduct a quarterly search of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' policy locator; to provide for annual reporting to the Commissioner of Insurance; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 235. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to create the HBCU Innovation and Economic Prosperity Planning Districts Commission; to provide for membership and operation; to provide for an executive director; to provide for advisory committees; to provide for powers and duties; to provide that the commission may accept outside funding from public or private grants, devises, and bequests; to provide for reporting; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 236. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Cobb County, approved June 19, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, Ex.

Sess., p. 2075), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3893), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

SB 260. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Ginn of the 47th, Still of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Economic Development, so as to authorize the establishment of a state-wide electric vehicle manufacturing program for the promotion of electric vehicle and component manufacturing in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 274. By Senators Harbin of the 16th and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 30 of the O.C.G.A., relating to handicapped persons, so as to create the Commission for the Blind and the Visually Impaired; to transfer the direction and supervision of Georgia Industries for the Blind from the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency to the commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SR 37. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Sims of the 12th and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Property Owners' Associations, Homeowners' Associations, and Condominium Associations Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 45. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deputy Marshall Samual Ervin, Jr., and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 46. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Lucas of the 26th, Anderson of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Rahman of the 5th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Governor to study whether the state can, either directly or indirectly, produce low-cost insulin products in the state; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 82. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Still of the 48th, Moore of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the tax commissioner, subject to local governing authority approval, to waive certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest for the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back to effective utilization status; to provide for procedures and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

SR 114. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Harbison of the 15th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Charlie Flemming on his outstanding service; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 121. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Helping Georgia Students Overcome COVID-19 Related Learning Loss Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 123. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Anderson of the 24th and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Attorney General to negotiate with the State of South Carolina terms of a reciprocal immunity agreement for officials of either state carrying out certain official duties in the territorial limits of the other state that can be adopted by the legislatures of each state; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 144. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Dixon of the 45th, Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Still of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Expanding Early Childhood Education Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 158. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th, Moore of the 53rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION designating the Northwest Georgia Logistics Corridor as an official logistics growth corridor in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 159. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Jones of the 10th and Dugan of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on the Parenting Time Deviation in Georgia's Child Support Guidelines Statute, O.C.G.A. Code Section 19-6-15; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 186. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Hodges of the 3rd, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the work of the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women and recognizing February 23, 2023, as the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women Women in Blue Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 189. By Senator Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law authorize local boards of education to impose, levy, and collect development impact fees and use the proceeds to pay for a share of the cost of additional educational facilities; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SR 203. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th, Rahman of the 5th, Merritt of the 9th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Safe Firearm Storage Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 221. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Beach of the 21st, Summers of the 13th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Run-off Elections; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 251. By Senator Davenport of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Rosenwald Schools Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 273. By Senators Albers of the 56th and Robertson of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate EMS Reform Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 286. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Halpern of the 39th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 43rd and Merritt of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Minority Business Enterprises, Women Owned Businesses, and Veteran Owned Businesses in State Contracting Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 293. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 6th, Merritt of the 9th and Jackson of the 41st:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on an Equity Impact Tool for Legislation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 296. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Still of the 48th, Harrell of the 40th and Jackson of the 41st:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Excessive Vehicle Noise and Related Crimes; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 314. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on the Benefits of Solar Energy in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 323. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st and Halpern of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 354. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Cowsert of the 46th, Beach of the 21st, Kennedy of the 18th, Watson of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on the Effects of Cannabis Use; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senator Beach of the 21st rose with a parliamentary inquiry, noting that a vacancy on the Conference Committee for HB 514 was created by the resignation of Senator Dugan of the 30th, who was a conferee.

HB 514. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Bazemore of the 69th, Reeves of the 99th, Lim of the 98th, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures, so as to provide for the length and renewal of moratoriums related to zoning decisions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide procedures for the levy, collection, use, and waiver of fees related to zoning decisions and related permits; to revise notice and hearing requirements for certain zoning decisions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The President acknowledged the vacancy and appointed Senator Brass of the 28th to fill the vacancy on the Conference Committee. Senators Beach of the 21st and Dixon of the 45th continued to serve on the Conference Committee.

Senator Hickman of the 4th asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the consideration of the Senate:

SB 126. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Gooch of the 51st, Goodman of the 8th, Halpern of the 39th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for a limitation on interchange fees charged by payment card networks for credit or debit card transactions at retailers; to provide requirements for payment card networks in relation to such interchange fees; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

On the motion, there was no objection; the consent was granted, and SB 126 was withdrawn from consideration of the Senate.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday,

January 9, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Second Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 333. By Senators Dixon of the 45th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry; to provide a charter; to provide effective dates and transitional provisions governing the transfer of various functions and responsibilities from Gwinnett County to the City of Mulberry; to provide for severability; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 334. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minimum requirements, equipment and clothing, and insurance relative to local fire departments generally, so as to revise qualifications for insurance coverage for firefighters diagnosed with cancer; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 335. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-22 of the Official

Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incest, so as to expressly include relationship by adoption; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 336. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th, Watson of the 1st, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the administration of mental health, so as to allow for certain officials on the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to be represented by a delegate or agent; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to licensing provisions relative to professional counselors, so as to authorize the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists to waive certain requirements for applicants licensed in other jurisdictions; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 337. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 38-2-111 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personal aides-de-camp, appointments, commissions, length of service, and duties, so as to authorize the Governor to appoint honorary Georgia Colonels for life; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 338. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Cobb County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3516), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 2, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5274), so as to change the description of the education districts of such board; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for the manner of election; to provide an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws;

and for other purposes.

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

SR 432. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION urging Governor Brian Kemp, Chancellor Sonny Perdue, and the Georgia General Assembly to swiftly create a long overdue state agency known as the Georgia Commission on Slavery, similar to the nearly 40-year-old Georgia Commission on the Holocaust; and other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 433. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Summers of the 13th and Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Sergiy Samchynskyy and Yuliya Basarab, who immigrated from Ukraine; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator McLaurin of the 14th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator McLaurin was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Parent
Anavitarte	Harbison	Payne
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Rahman
Beach	Hatchett	Rhett
Brass	Hickman	Robertson
Burns	Hodges	Setzler

Butler	Hufstetler	Sims
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Still
Dixon	Jackson	Strickland
Dolezal	Jones, E.	Summers
Echols	Jones, H.	Tillery
Esteves	Kennedy	Walker
Ginn	Kirkpatrick	Watson, B.
Gooch	Mallow	Watson, S.
Goodman	Merritt	Williams
Halpern	Moore	

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	James (Excused)	McLaurin (Excused)
Orrock (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Davenport
Lucas	Seay	

Senator Davenport of the 44th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th introduced the chaplain of the day, Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar of Macon, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Esteves of the 6th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Walter McClelland, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 434. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th and Esteves of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th anniversary of the first flight of the Lockheed Martin C-130 Hercules transport aircraft; and for other purposes.

SR 435. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Kennedy of the 18th, Esteves of the 6th, Parent of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ronald Acuña Jr.; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
Third Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 2:00 p.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 332. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hatchett of the 50th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-18-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 339. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

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

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 340. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to

exempt sales of firearm safes and firearm safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 341. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to revise committee names; to repeal provisions relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies and certain procedures of the General Assembly; to make conforming changes throughout the Code; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 342. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Albers of the 56th and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse records, so as to authorize the disclosure or use of information from child abuse and neglect registries by the Department of Human Services to locate, recover, or provide services to a child determined to be missing or a victim of sexual exploitation; to provide for access to records concerning reports of child abuse and missing or exploited children to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

SB 343. By Senators Robertson of the 29th and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia to be known as the West Georgia Judicial Circuit and to be composed of Carroll County and Heard County; to transfer certain judges from the Coweta Judicial Circuit to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, so as to revise the composition, terms of court, and number of judges of the Coweta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the composition, terms of court, and number of judges of the West Georgia Judicial Circuit; to provide for

related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 172 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that Senator Albers of the 56th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Albers was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Anavitarte	Harbison	Parent
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Payne
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Rahman
Beach	Hickman	Rhett
Brass	Hodges	Robertson
Burns	Hufstetler	Seay
Butler	Islam Parkes	Setzler
Cowsert	Jackson	Sims
Davenport	James	Still
Dixon	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Summers
Echols	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Mallow	Watson, B.
Gooch	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Goodman	Moore	Williams
Harbin	Orrock	

Not answering were Senators:

Albers (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Halpern
Lucas	Merritt	

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Merritt of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Merritt was excused.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Gooch of the 51st introduced the chaplain of the day, Mr. Doug Sherrill of Dawsonville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Harbin of the 16th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Chris Walsh, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Rahman of the 5th recognized Dilawar Syed, Deputy Administrator of the United States Small Business Administration. Mr. Syed addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 436. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Together Georgia; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, January 11, 2024
Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:

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January 9, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Cook,

As you know Senator Mike Dugan resigned from the Senate, effective January 4, 2024. Please accept this letter as a report of the Committee on Assignments and its actions taken today in regard to Senate committee assignments:

- Senator Chuck Payne will now serve as the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security. Senator Payne formerly served as Secretary of this Committee. Senator Josh McLaurin will now serve as Secretary.
- Senator Ed Setzler will now serve as Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology. Senator Payne formerly served as Chairperson of this Committee. He will now serve as Vice Chair.
- Senator Billy Hickman will now serve as Vice Chair of the Senate Committee

on Economic Development and Tourism.

- Senator Clint Dixon will now serve as a member of the Senate Rules Committee. His current seat on the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions will be vacant pending further action by the Committee on Assignments. Senator Dixon has consented to this change of assignments.
- Senator Sam Watson will now serve as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. His current seat on the Senate Committee on Science and Technology will be vacant pending further action by the Committee on Assignments. Senator Watson has consented to this change of assignments.
- Senator Shawn Still will now serve as an ex-officio member of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.
- Senator Shelly Echols will now serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. Her current seat on the Senate Committee on Education and Youth will be vacant pending further action by the Committee on Assignments. Senator Echols has consented to this change of assignments.

In summary, these changes have created vacancies on the following standing committees that will remain open until further action by the Committee on Assignments:

- Banking and Financial Institutions;
- Education and Youth;
- Science and Technology; and
- Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security

Please let me know if you need any additional information about these assignments and the adjustments to the Senate Committee rosters.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

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January 9, 2024

Senator Clint Dixon
301-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Dixon,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you to the Senate Rules Committee. In order to facilitate this change under the Senate Rules, you have been removed from the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions. These changes to your committee assignments are effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you in your new role.

Sincerely,

/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Senator John F. Kennedy
President Pro Tempore

/s/ Steve Gooch
Senator Steve Gooch
Majority Leader

/s/ Brandon L. Beach
Senator Brandon Beach
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/s/ Greg Dolezal
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Senator Josh McLaurin
323-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator McLaurin,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you as the new secretary of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security. This appointment is effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you in your new role.

Sincerely,

/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Senator John F. Kennedy
President Pro Tempore

/s/ Steve Gooch
Senator Steve Gooch
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/s/ Brandon L. Beach
Senator Brandon Beach
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/s/ Greg Dolezal
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Senator Billy Hickman
304-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Hickman,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you as the new vice chairperson of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. This appointment is effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you in your new role.

Sincerely,

/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Senator John F. Kennedy
President Pro Tempore

/s/ Steve Gooch
Senator Steve Gooch
Majority Leader

/s/ Brandon L. Beach
Senator Brandon Beach
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/s/ Greg Dolezal
Senator Greg Dolezal
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January 9, 2024

Senator Ed Setzler
322-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Setzler,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you as the new chairperson of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology. Senator Chuck Payne will serve as vice chair. These appointments are effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you in your new role.

Sincerely,

/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Senator John F. Kennedy
President Pro Tempore

/s/ Steve Gooch
Senator Steve Gooch
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/s/ Brandon L. Beach
Senator Brandon Beach
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/s/ Greg Dolezal
Senator Greg Dolezal
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January 9, 2024

Senator Chuck Payne
320-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Payne,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you as the new chairperson of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security. In light of this appointment, we have designated Senator Ed Setzler as the new chairperson of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology and have appointed you to serve as vice chair. These appointments are effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you in these new roles.

Sincerely,

/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Senator John F. Kennedy
President Pro Tempore

/s/ Steve Gooch
Senator Steve Gooch
Majority Leader

/s/ Brandon L. Beach
Senator Brandon Beach
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/s/ Greg Dolezal
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January 9, 2024

Senator Sam Watson
302-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Watson,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you to the Senate Appropriations Committee. In order to facilitate this change

under the Senate Rules, you have been removed from the Senate Committee on Science and Technology. These changes to your committee assignments are effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you in your new role.

Sincerely,

/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Senator John F. Kennedy
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/s/ Steve Gooch
Senator Steve Gooch
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/s/ Brandon L. Beach
Senator Brandon Beach
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/s/ Greg Dolezal
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Senator Shawn Still
305-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Still,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you as an ex-officio member of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security. This appointment is effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you in your new role.

Sincerely,

/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Senator John F.Kennedy
President Pro Tempore

/s/ Steve Gooch
Senator Steve Gooch
Majority Leader

/s/ Brandon L. Beach
Senator Brandon Beach
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/s/ Greg Dolezal
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Senator Shelly Echols
305-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Echols,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you as a member of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. In order to facilitate this change under the Senate Rules, you have been removed from the Senate Committee on Education and Youth. These changes to your committee assignments are effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you in your new role.

Sincerely,

/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Senator John F. Kennedy
President Pro Tempore

/s/ Steve Gooch
Senator Steve Gooch
Majority Leader

/s/ Brandon L. Beach
Senator Brandon Beach
Committee on Assignments

/s/ Greg Dolezal
Senator Greg Dolezal
Committee on Assignments

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to

committee:

SB 344. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories during an 11 day period each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 345. By Senator Walker III of the 20th:

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

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 346. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services, so as to prohibit companies owned or operated by Iran to bid on or submit a proposal for a state contract; to provide for definitions; to provide for certifications; to provide penalties for false certifications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 347. By Senator Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and

for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 348. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-16-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, court ordered medical examiner's inquiry, and written report of inquiry, so as to revise the period for which an individual had not been seen by a physician prior to death to be considered an unattended death; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 349. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Esteves of the 6th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise provisions related to the setting of millage rates; to limit the application of the freezing of the assessed value as a result of an appeal; to limit the application of a temporary reduction in the taxes owed when a taxpayer appeals to superior court and does not participate in the settlement conference; to provide for a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead is more than 3 percent from the adjusted base year value of such homestead; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, applicability, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 350. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Jackson of the 41st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to prohibit the sale of consumable hemp products to individuals under the age of 21 years; to prohibit the purchase or possession of consumable hemp products by individuals under the age of 21 years; to prohibit the misrepresentation of an individual's age or identification in order to purchase consumable hemp products; to require the postage of certain signs concerning

the legal age to purchase consumable hemp products; to provide penalties for violations; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 351. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20 and 39 of the O.C.G.A, relating to education and minors, respectively, so as to provide for social media platform access by minors; to require local boards of education to adopt, implement, and enforce social media policies; to authorize the Attorney General and the Department of Education to consult with and assist local boards of education in the development and implementation of such policies; to require social medial platforms to provide certain information to parents upon request; to provide for enforcement authority of the Attorney General; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for definitions; to provide for effective dates; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 571 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 333 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

Senator Goodman of the 8th asked unanimous consent that Senator Watson of the 11th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Watson was excused.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Harbison of the 15th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harbison was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Goodman	Orrock
Anavitarte	Harbin	Payne
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Rahman
Anderson, T.	Hickman	Rhett
Beach	Hodges	Robertson
Brass	Hufstetler	Seay
Burns	Islam Parkes	Setzler
Butler	Jackson	Sims
Cowsert	James	Still
Davenport	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dixon	Kennedy	Summers
Dolezal	Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Echols	Mallow	Walker
Esteves	McLaurin	Watson, B.
Ginn	Merritt	Williams
Gooch	Moore	

Not answering were Senators:

Halpern (Excused)	Harbison (Excused)	Hatchett (Excused)
Parent (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Watson, S. (Excused)
Jones, H.	Lucas	

Senator Lucas of the 26th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Butler of the 55th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Kevin Moore of Lithonia, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Lattisha Bilbrew, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolution of the House:

HR 779. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand in recess for the purpose of convening a Joint Session with the House of Representatives, pursuant to HR 763, to hear a message from His Excellency, Governor Brian P. Kemp, and, upon the dissolution of the Joint Session, that the Senate stand adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 12, 2024.

The President announced the motion prevailed at 10:42 a.m.

The hour for convening the Joint Session of the Senate and House having arrived, the President, accompanied by the Secretary and Senators, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and the Joint Session, called for the purpose of hearing a message by His Excellency, Governor Brian P. Kemp, was called to order by the Speaker of the House. HR 763, authorizing the Joint Session of the Senate and House, was read by the Clerk of the House.

His Excellency, Governor Brian P. Kemp, addressed the Joint Session of the Senate and

the House of Representatives as follows:

"Lt. Governor Jones, Speaker Burns, President Pro Tem Kennedy, Speaker Pro Tem Jones, members of the General Assembly, Constitutional Officers, members of the Public Service Commission, Mayor Dickens, members of the judiciary, members of the consular corps, and my fellow Georgians:

Later this year, the people of this state will once again fulfill their civic duty, they will choose who occupies these seats of service, and they will determine what course America takes in the years to come.

As they have in years past, when they go to the ballot box, they'll see a stark difference between Georgia and our nation's capital.

They will see what we've achieved together on the state level to make Georgia an even greater place to live, work, and raise a family, and they'll see the hardships Washington D.C. has brought into every home and placed on every kitchen table across our state.

Congress has become synonymous with runaway spending, bloated budgets, job-killing regulations, gridlock and partisanship, and elected representatives in both parties who are more interested in getting famous on cable news than delivering results for the American people.

All the while across the nation, over 60 percent of households are living paycheck to paycheck.

Over 8.4 million Americans are working two jobs to make ends meet.

Mortgage rates remain at highs not seen in a generation.

And while the rate of inflation may have fallen, high prices on everything from groceries to rent have not.

In fact, it costs Americans over 11,000 dollars more per year to maintain the same quality of life they had just a few short years ago.

For the hardworking men and women of this country, paying 11,000 dollars more a year is not a choice between the luxuries of life.

For too many people, that's a decision between putting food on the table for their family, making your car payment, buying clothes for their kids, or going further into debt.

For a recent graduate, it's about whether you can afford to get your own place and pay off

student loans.

For a single mom, it's a decision about taking that new job in a career that pays better, but it doesn't offer affordable childcare.

For a family of four, can they make ends meet when saving for their kids' college and paying their mortgage?

And for our seniors, are they able to stretch a fixed income to meet their basic needs?

These are the people that Washington D.C has left behind. Because for every challenge our nation faces, the federal response is to spend more, regulate more, tax more, and come up with yet another government program meant to cure every ill.

Instead of empowering hardworking Americans to innovate, create, and seek greater prosperity, their answer is more government.

But here in Georgia, we've chosen a different path.

Because we realize that the success of our state does not rely on the actions of government, but on the prosperity of our people.

Washington D.C forgot a long time ago that it's not the brilliance of politicians or the good intentions of a new program that make our nation great.

It's the resolve, ingenuity, and character of the American people.

Those were the hardworking Georgians we heard from on the campaign trail.

As a family, we heard their stories, their struggles, and their hopes for a brighter future.

And as you all know, that was truly a family affair. And I want to thank Marty, Jarrett, Lucy, and Amy Porter for being there every step of the way – including today!

My commitment to the people of our state was simple. I promised to put hardworking Georgians first, fund our priorities as a state like education, public safety, and healthcare, but also keep government efficient, responsible, and accountable.

The federal government may have abandoned those principles, but here in Georgia, thanks to the partnership between my administration and the General Assembly, we've delivered real results for the people of our state, ahead of schedule and under budget.

Thanks to a strong economy and conservative fiscal management of state revenues, we've

provided nearly 5 billion dollars of direct relief to taxpayers in tax refunds, gas tax suspensions, homestead tax exemptions, and more.

Despite unprecedented challenges, we have maintained a Triple-A bond rating while celebrating the creation of more than 171,000 new jobs and roughly 74.5 billion dollars of investment in every corner of the Peach State over the last 5 years!

And unlike a lot of blue states, these are private sector jobs – not growing the ranks of government!

And we're not done yet.

Last month, I joined Lt. Governor Jones, Speaker Burns, and others to announce our plan to speed up implementation of the largest tax cut in state history.

With your support, I look forward to signing legislation that decreases our state income tax to 5.39 percent starting this year.

That represents savings of 3 billion dollars for Georgia taxpayers over the next ten years.

Mr. Speaker and Lt. Governor, while President Biden hires tens of thousands of new IRS agents, my vote is we just keep cutting taxes here in Georgia!

The path Georgia has taken over the last five years has led to record job growth, historic investment in communities from Bainbridge to Blue Ridge, 5 billion dollars in tax relief, and enough funds saved to operate state government for months in an emergency, not days.

That's the choice before Georgians this November, and I feel confident they'll vote to keep Georgia moving in the right direction once again.

So, to answer the question, the state of our state is strong, growing, and prosperous because we trust our citizens more than we trust the government.

Georgia is succeeding because we've charted our own path, rejected the failed policies of Washington D.C, and worked together to put our citizens first.

But I believe the worst thing we could do is call it a day and coast through what is certain to be a contentious election year.

We have accomplished so much over the last five years – despite unprecedented times and challenges – because we haven't gotten distracted from doing the job we were all sent here to do.

Like I mentioned four years ago in my second state of the state address, we stayed true to the example of Nehemiah, committed to our great work, and now we're seeing the results.

It's no secret that Georgia is growing. As the top state for business for a record ten years in a row, new jobs are headed our way on a daily basis, existing businesses are looking to expand, and companies all over the world look to the Peach State to locate their next headquarters.

But with growth comes the need for more trained workers to fill these good-paying jobs in a rapidly changing labor environment.

That's why I was proud to unveil the Georgia MATCH program at last year's Workforce Summit.

The largest direct college admissions program in the nation, Georgia MATCH is already doing an incredible job linking the upcoming generation with the school that meets their needs.

As of today, over 10,000 students have already "met their match," and we will keep working to reach every high school senior in Georgia, so that they know there is a higher education path open to them right here in the Peach State, no matter their circumstances.

Speaking of education, my amended 2024 budget and fiscal year 2025 budget proposals double down on our continued and historic support of K thru 12 education with 1.4 billion dollars in additional funds allocated for a total of 12.8 billion dollars.

Republicans and Democrats alike have supported this record investment in our students, and I want to take a moment and thank all of you for that strong, bipartisan achievement.

It's also important for us to remember that increased funding does not always guarantee greater success.

As a small business owner for almost forty years now, I believe – like many of you – that competition and the free market drive innovation and, at the end of the day, result in a better product for the consumer.

When it comes to education, the same principles hold true.

Over the last few years, there has been a great deal of debate around different proposals to expand options for students and families when it comes to finding the education that best fits their individual needs.

Many members in both chambers have worked hard on this important issue and I want to

thank and applaud them for their efforts.

Some prefer the term school choice or educational freedom, some call them vouchers.

In my opinion, what each of those terms or slogans fail to mention is the child. At the end of the day, our first and foremost consideration should be the future of that student.

Our job is not to decide for each family, but to support them in making the best choice for their child.

This week, as we begin the second year of another biennial of the General Assembly, I believe we have run out of "next years."

I firmly believe we can take an all-of-the-above approach to education… whether it's public, private, homeschooling, charter, or otherwise.

It is time for all parties to get around a table and agree on the best path forward to provide our kids the best educational opportunities we can – because that's what we were elected to do.

To that end, my office and I look forward to working with the members and leadership of both chambers to get a bill passed and signed into law this session.

Finally, our students and teachers deserve to have a safe learning environment, no matter their zip code.

Since I took office, I have had the opportunity to hold more than 30 roundtable discussions with educators and superintendents from all over this state. We heard frequently that our schools were in need of additional resources to enhance this security.

That is why since 2019, we have provided more than 185 million dollars to all of our schools to help ensure the safety and well-being of our students and teachers.

This year, I am proposing we continue those efforts by making school security funding permanent. In my budget proposal, I have included a request for 104 million dollars that will go directly to school districts for school safety enhancements.

Schools will determine how best to use this money, whether for personnel like school resource officers or for physical and technology improvements that make our places of learning more secure.

This investment is more significant because it will enable schools and administrators to plan accordingly, knowing that this money is headed their way for this specific purpose.

I hope to see strong bipartisan support for this budget item to keep our kids and our schools safe.

Since being sworn in as your 83rd governor, a top priority of my administration has been ensuring the safety and security of our communities.

There's no doubt we have made great progress. From the GBI's Anti-Gang Taskforce and HEAT Unit, and the Department of Public Safety's Crime Suppression Unit, to the First Lady's GRACE Commission, the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, and the school security measures I just mentioned, we have not wavered in our commitment to strengthening public safety.

But the state can't do it alone. Thankfully, over the last two years, we have had strong partners at the local level who have worked alongside state law enforcement to make our capital city safer.

Two of those gentlemen are here with us today, and I want to take a moment to thank Mayor Dickens and Chief Schierbaum for their partnership.

While the mayor and I come from different political parties and don't agree on everything, we do agree on the importance of reducing crime and keeping our citizens safe.

Bipartisan majorities of both chambers, the mayor, and myself all agree on the critical need for the completion of the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center.

This facility will provide our law enforcement officers, firefighters and additional first responders the critical tools, knowledge, and skills needed to keep themselves and our communities safe.

One of our brave public safety officers is here with us this morning.

Exactly a year ago this week, this dedicated trooper was shot and severely wounded near the site of the future training center.

He spent weeks in the hospital fighting for his life, he endured multiple surgeries, and spent the better part of this year in recovery while his family stood strong beside him.

Marty and I were honored to spend time with him while he was in the hospital, and I was honored when he gave me one of my most prized possessions: his SWAT challenge coin bearing his badge number.

He had that coin on him when he was shot that horrible day, and it is a constant reminder of the price paid by men and women like him all over this state who keep our children, our

homes, our businesses, and our streets safe.

Trooper First Class Jerry Parrish, will you please stand with your wife Kelli and let us thank you for your great service.

Thank you to the entire Parrish family for your service, your bravery, and the sacrifices you've made over the past year for us.

We're also joined in the gallery by some brave men who rendered life-saving aid to Trooper Parrish on site and who helped get him to safety.

They represent some of our very finest from both the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Natural Resources. Will you all please stand and let us thank you for your inspiring actions?

I don't claim to speak for anyone else in this chamber today, but this decision is very simple for me and my family.

As long as I'm your governor, there will be no gray area or political double talk:

We support our law enforcement officers.

We support our firefighters and first responders.

And the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center should be built – period!

Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Georgia Constitution states: "Protection to person and property is the paramount duty of government and shall be impartial and complete."

To fulfill that paramount duty, we must do more than show our support for law enforcement in words. We have to show it through action.

That is why last year, thanks to the work of the General Assembly, I was proud to sign a budget that included a 6,000-dollar pay raise for state law enforcement officers. That pay raise was a recognition of the contributions these brave men and women make as they put their lives on the line, day in and day out.

And this year I look forward to working with each of you to, once again, provide another pay raise for state law enforcement.

Within my budget proposal are pay increases of an additional 3,000 dollars for State Patrol officers like Trooper Parrish, as well as our correctional officers and other state law enforcement agencies.

These investments will not only serve as a renewal of our commitment to these law enforcement officers, but will also support our ongoing recruitment and retention efforts.

I'm also urging the General Assembly to complete what we started last year and give final passage to the peace officer loan repayment program.

Because despite what some may say, we need more police officers, not fewer.

This year we will also be continuing our efforts to combat human trafficking in our state, thanks to the leadership of the greatest First Lady in the country, Marty Kemp!

Thanks to her work, and that of the GRACE Commission and members of both chambers, Georgia has gone from being known as a human trafficking destination to being known as the leader in going after traffickers and supporting victims.

Under the First Lady's leadership, and with overwhelming support from both chambers, we have passed and signed into law 8 pieces of legislation that go after those who work in this evil enterprise while also supporting the victims.

Our efforts have enabled the GBI's HEAT unit to investigate 369 cases of human trafficking since its creation and for Attorney General Carr's Human Trafficking Prosecution unit to secure 32 convictions while assisting in the rescue of over 129 victims since it launched.

But we still have work to do, and Marty and I are both looking forward to working with each of you this session to keep up this fight.

Five years into my administration, when it comes to healthcare, we have made enormous strides in lowering costs, expanding access, and incentivizing more healthcare providers to give care.

We began this work with the passage of the Patients First Act in 2019, and since then, we've seen strong results.

In 2019, no counties in Georgia had more than 2 health insurance carriers. Today, 87 percent of Georgia counties have three or more carriers.

And thanks to Georgia Access and the reinsurance program, enrollment in the private sector exchange over the past five years has grown from just under 460,000 to over 1.2 million Georgians.

Georgia Access is also saving hardworking families more and more in their wallets.

In all, we've reduced premiums by an average of 11 percent across the state. That represents an average annual premium reduction of almost 929 million dollars a year.

In rural counties, where premium prices were the least affordable when I took office, Georgia Access has reduced premiums by an average of 29 percent.

While some in the media refuse to acknowledge this significant progress, we'll continue to support policies that work for Georgians – not political narratives.

Because the fact is that for individuals and families struggling to make ends meet, lower insurance costs and more choices lead to better care that they can actually afford.

And because we have made sound policy choices, budgeted conservatively, and prioritized innovation and efficiency, we're able to make other important investments in the health and wellbeing of hardworking Georgians.

That includes our efforts in mental health.

Two years ago, I was proud to sign into law the Mental Health Parity Act, a fitting capstone to the late Speaker David Ralston's years of service in this chamber, and one that leaves a lasting legacy.

One of the most visible examples of that legacy was the 9-8-8 crisis hotline campaign, conducted by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities last year.

Thanks to Commissioner Kevin Tanner and his team, more Georgians than ever before are accessing services and the help they need to turn their lives around for the better.

To enhance this program further, my budget proposals call for a total increase of 205 million dollars for DBHDD and other entities that address mental health.

This new funding will enable DBHDD to expand services for those struggling with mental illness, it will increase the number of crisis beds throughout the state, it will further crisis intervention resources in all communities, and improve the quality of mental health services overall.

Once passed, we will be spending 1.6 billion dollars on mental health - more than ever before.

I'm proud of what these and other agencies are doing to help their fellow Georgians and to keep us the best state to live, work, and raise a family.

As we speak, all across Georgia, there are men and women working hard to keep our neighborhoods safe, attract new jobs and industries to communities in need, teaching a whole generation that will one day occupy these roles, and much more.

They have remained committed and hardworking during unprecedented challenges over the last five years and I'm proud of everything they have accomplished for our citizens.

It's no secret that most state government jobs pay less than private sector opportunities in the same line of work. But many of our employees do it because they feel a sense of public service and they want our state to succeed.

But for state government to stay efficient and stay ahead of Georgia's continued growth, we must be able to attract and then retain employees who perform vitally important jobs.

That's why my budget proposal provides a pay increase for all state employees, including our teachers.

This will build on the historic raises we've provided for educators over recent years and will increase every state worker's pay by 4 percent.

My proposal also rewards those who gave decades of their lives and careers to serving others by allocating 500 million dollars to shore up our state retiree fund, ensuring our state keeps its promises to our retirees and stays on solid financial footing.

Instead of expanding the size and scope of government, we're putting state dollars to work in targeted, efficient ways to recruit, retain, and thank employees in vital roles from corrections officers to case workers.

By doing so, we're continuing our efforts to wisely use every penny taxpayers send us, from state agency personnel, to our schools, public safety, and the healthcare marketplace.

As we look across America, there is no doubt we are at a crossroads.

From crushing inflation and dysfunction in Washington, to the crisis at our southern border and unrest overseas, these are indeed trying times.

But I believe we have an opportunity here in Georgia, an opportunity to highlight a different path.

One of the brilliant principles of America's founding is the role of the states, for them to be the laboratories of democracy, to protect the liberties and freedoms of their citizens, and to carry out the will of the people.

Our founders didn't believe the states should always look to the federal government for answers, and judging by the current comparison, I don't think we would have much to learn.

In Georgia, we balance our budget and spend less than we take in.

We cut taxes instead of raising them.

We return money back to the taxpayers rather than justifying new government programs. We back the blue, crack down on violent crime and gangs, and put the safety of our communities ahead of partisan political agendas.

We celebrate the free market, instead of using the heavy hand of government.

We work together across party lines on more issues than not.

And most importantly, we put our people first.

In an election year, I don't expect us all to agree on every issue. Every district represented under this Gold Dome is different and sends each of you here with a unique set of issues to address.

Over the next 36 legislative days, there will be passionate debate, there will be disagreements, there will be tough votes, there will be long nights, and maybe even some short tempers.

But in the middle of all that, I ask that we also remember Georgia is different for a reason.

That our success is not an accident, but the result of a resilient people who elected their leaders to keep state government efficient, responsive, and accountable.

In Georgia, we believe the American Dream will always provide our people greater prosperity than the government ever could.

The state of our state is strong, growing, and full of opportunity.

Let's use this session to keep it that way!

Thank you all, may God Bless you, and may God Bless the great state of Georgia!"

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the Joint Session be hereby dissolved.

The motion prevailed, and the Speaker of the House announced the Joint Session dissolved

at 12:04 p.m.

Pursuant to the provisions of a previously adopted motion, the Senate stood adjourned.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Friday, January 12, 2024
Fifth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 352. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle equipment and inspection, so as to provide for standards for the alteration and operation of motor vehicles with modified suspension systems; to revise definitions; to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle with broken suspension system springs; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 353. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries; to amend weight and dimension requirements for modular unit transporters; to amend Code Section 45-16-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of power by coroner or county medical examiner and qualifications of those authorized to perform examinations, so as to allow for delegation of duties when death results from an accident upon a highway in certain instances; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required by a state agency, so as to exempt certain records from public disclosure requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 443. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION appointing Rick Jeffares to the State Election Board; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2024

RE: JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

Georgia law provides for Senate confirmation of appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, I am notifying the Senate that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has timely submitted to the Senate the name of his appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission for confirmation by the Senate. The name of the appointee is attached for your review.

Pursuant to Senate rules, this appointment will be referred to the Committee on Assignments. The Committee on Assignments will report its recommendations on the

appointment to the Senate after which the Senate may proceed to consider confirmation.

Jon Burns
Speaker

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Office
404.656.5020

January 11, 2024

BY HAND DELIVERY

David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Cook:

I have included my letter appointing Mr. Stephen S. Green to the Judicial Qualifications Commission as a citizen member of the investigative panel. I respectfully request that the Senate confirm Mr. Green's appointment.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should any questions arise.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jon Burns
Jon Burns, Speaker
Georgia House of Representatives

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January 11, 2024

Ms. Amy Bottoms
Fiscal Officer
434 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Ms. Bottoms:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-1-21, on this date, I am appointing the following individual to serve on the Judicial Qualifications Commission,

Mr. Stephen S. Green

He will serve a four year term that will conclude June 30, 2027.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jon Burns
Jon Burns, Speaker
Georgia House of Representatives

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, the appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission was referred to the Committee on Assignments.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 290 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 455 Do Pass
SB 205 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Harbin of the 16th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harbin was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Harbison of the 15th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harbison was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Butler of the 55th moved that the call of the roll be dispensed with.

Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

Upon ordering a voice vote, the President announced that the motion prevailed, and the call of the roll was dispensed with.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Watson of the 1st introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Brian Cooper of Richmond Hill, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent to suspend the Senate Rules relating to the Order of Business, for the purposes of reading a resolution. The consent was granted.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Quratulain Syed, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

House Resolution 779
By: Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

Relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

PART I

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, except as otherwise provided by this resolution or by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, meetings of the 2024 regular session of the General Assembly during the period of Monday, January 8, 2024, through Thursday, March 28, 2024, shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday, January 8 ..... convene for legislative day 1
Tuesday, January 9 ..... convene for legislative day 2
Wednesday, January 10 ..... convene for legislative day 3
Thursday, January 11 ..... convene for legislative day 4
Friday, January 12 ..... convene for legislative day 5

Monday, January 22 ..... convene for legislative day 6
Tuesday, January 23 ..... convene for legislative day 7
Wednesday, January 24 ..... convene for legislative day 8
Thursday, January 25 ..... convene for legislative day 9
Friday, January 26 ..... convene for legislative day 10

Monday, January 29 ..... convene for legislative day 11
Tuesday, January 30 ..... convene for legislative day 12
Wednesday, January 31 ..... convene for legislative day 13
Thursday, February 1 ..... convene for legislative day 14

Monday, February 5 ..... convene for legislative day 15
Tuesday, February 6 ..... convene for legislative day 16
Wednesday, February 7 ..... convene for legislative day 17
Thursday, February 8 ..... convene for legislative day 18
Friday, February 9 ..... convene for legislative day 19

Monday, February 12 .....convene for legislative day 20
Tuesday, February 13 .....convene for legislative day 21
Thursday, February 15.....convene for legislative day 22

Tuesday, February 20 .....convene for legislative day 23
Wednesday, February 21 .....convene for legislative day 24
Thursday, February 22.....convene for legislative day 25

Monday, February 26 .....convene for legislative day 26
Tuesday, February 27 .....convene for legislative day 27
Wednesday, February 28 ..... committee work day
Thursday, February 29..... (Crossover) convene for legislative day 28

Monday, March 4 .....convene for legislative day 29
Tuesday, March 5 .....convene for legislative day 30
Wednesday, March 6 ..... committee work day
Thursday, March 7.....convene for legislative day 31
Friday, March 8 .....convene for legislative day 32

Monday, March 11 .....convene for legislative day 33
Tuesday, March 12 ..... committee work day
Wednesday, March 13 .....convene for legislative day 34
Thursday, March 14.....convene for legislative day 35

Monday, March 18 .....convene for legislative day 36
Tuesday, March 19 ..... committee work day
Wednesday, March 20 .....convene for legislative day 37
Thursday, March 21.....convene for legislative day 38

Monday, March 25 ..... committee work day
Tuesday, March 26 .....convene for legislative day 39
Thursday, March 28..... (Sine Die) convene for legislative day 40

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held as prescribed in Code Section 28-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, except as otherwise provided by this resolution. The hours for convening and adjourning the House of Representatives for each legislative day may be as ordered by the House; and the hours for convening and adjourning the Senate for each legislative day may be as ordered by the Senate. Each house, upon its own adjournment for a legislative day, shall remain in a period of adjournment until it convenes for the next legislative day.

PART II

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, and the Governor has by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with Code Section 38-3-52, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at such temporary location or locations in accordance with Code Sections 38-3-52 and 38-3-53 on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, but the Governor has not by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with the above, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice of the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate, respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and adjournments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as to any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the adoption of this resolution by the General Assembly shall constitute the consent of both the House of Representatives and the Senate for purposes of Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbison	Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne

Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
E Harbin	E Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 42, nays 0, and the resolution was adopted.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that HR 779 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HR 779 was immediately transmitted.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10 (b), Senator Robertson of the 29th served notice to consider House action on the following bill of the Senate:

SB 159. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding correctional institutions of states and counties, so as to prohibit wireless communications and stand-alone electronic devices behind guard lines; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SENATE CALENDAR
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024
FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 172 State Government; regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; authorize and provide (Substitute) (RI&U-46th)

HB 571 Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan; updated every four years; provide (H&HS-32nd) Silcox-53rd

The following legislation was read and put upon its passage:

SB 172. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Butler of the 55th, Beach of the 21st, Parent of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to authorize and provide for the regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; to provide for additional powers and duties of the Georgia Lottery Corporation; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt wagers placed as part of sports betting; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 172:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to authorize and provide for the regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; to provide for additional powers and duties of the Georgia Lottery Corporation; to provide for the Georgia Lottery Corporation to engage in certain activities related to sports betting; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to create a public corporation to regulate sports betting; to provide for such corporation to be governed by the Georgia Sports Betting Commission; to provide for the qualifications, appointment, removal, and powers of the commission and its members; to provide for the appointment and compensation of a chief executive officer; to provide for the procedures, limitations, requirements, and qualifications of the licensing of any person offering, operating, or managing sports betting in this state; to provide for criminal background checks; to regulate wagers and provide requirements for bettors; to provide for bettors to restrict themselves from placing certain wagers; to provide certain resources for individuals with problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder; to provide for a privilege tax; to require certain reports; to provide for the collection and disposition of fees and fines; to prohibit certain conduct by commissioners, employees of the corporation, licensees, and other persons; to provide for certain penalties; to provide for construction; to provide bettors with certain rights; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, so as to exclude any consideration paid to a sports betting licensee from the definition of "bet"; to provide for the exemption of persons licensed for sports betting from regulations and restrictions

regarding gambling information; to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt wagers placed as part of sports betting; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-27-9, relating to general powers of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, by revising paragraphs (18) and (19) of and adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(18) To act as a retailer, to conduct promotions which involve the dispensing of lottery tickets or shares, and to establish and operate a sales facility to sell lottery tickets or shares and any related merchandise; ~~and~~

(19) To perform any actions and carry out any responsibilities provided for in Article 4 of this chapter and Chapter 28 of this title; and

~~(19)~~(20) To adopt and amend such regulations, policies, and procedures as necessary to carry out and implement its powers and duties, organize and operate the corporation, regulate the conduct of lottery games in general, and any other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective operation of the lottery or the convenience of the public. The promulgation of any such regulations, policies, and procedures shall be exempt from the requirements of Chapter 13 of this title, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new article to Chapter 27, relating to lottery for education, to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 4

50-27-120.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Online sports betting' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 50-28-3.

(2) 'Online sports betting services provider' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 50-28-3.

(3) 'Type 1 sports betting licensee' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 50-28-3.

50-27-121.
The corporation, as a Type 1 sports betting licensee as provided in Code Section 50-28-43, may offer online sports betting; provided, however, that the corporation shall only offer online sports betting through an online sports betting services provider. If the corporation elects to offer online sports betting, it shall, through a public procurement process to be established by the corporation, select one online sports betting services provider to contract with to provide sports betting in this state as governed by Chapter 28 of this title. The board shall develop and adopt procedures for such public procurement process. The corporation may administer such public procurement process in accordance with the board's procedures on its own or it may choose to utilize the services of the Department of Administrative Services or any other state agency or subdivision thereof to administer such process."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended by revising Chapter 28, which was reserved, as follows:

"CHAPTER 28

ARTICLE 1
Part 1

50-28-1.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Sports Betting Integrity Act.'

50-28-2.
It is found and declared by the General Assembly that:
(1) Sports betting shall be overseen and regulated, and may also be offered, by the Georgia Sports Betting Commission in a manner that provides continuing entertainment to the public, maximizes revenues, and ensures that sports betting is operated in this state with integrity and dignity and free of political influence;
(2) The commission shall be accountable to the General Assembly and to the public for the management and oversight of sports betting in this state through a system of audits and reports;
(3) The ability to offer sports betting in this state under a license issued in accordance with this chapter constitutes a taxable privilege and not a right;
(4) Net proceeds of sports betting conducted pursuant to this chapter shall be used for the purposes authorized by Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution; and
(5) Sports betting shall be conducted in a manner so as to safeguard the fiscal soundness of the state, enhance public welfare, and support the funding authorized by Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution.

50-28-3.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Adjusted gross income' means the total of all moneys actually paid to a licensee as bets minus federal excise taxes and minus the total amount actually paid out to winning bettors over a specified period of time.

(2) 'Applicant' means any person that applies for a license under this chapter.

(3) 'Bettor' means an individual who is:

(A) Physically present in this state when placing a wager with a licensee;

(B) Twenty-one years of age or older; and

(C) Not prohibited from placing a wager or bet under Code Section 50-28-82.

(4) 'Bond' means a bond held in escrow for the purpose of maintaining adequate reserves to account for losses suffered by a licensee and owed to bettors.

(5) 'Cheating' means improving the chances of winning or altering the outcome through deception, interference, or manipulation of a sporting event or of any equipment, including software, pertaining to or used in relation to the equipment used for or in connection with the sporting event on which wagers are placed or invited. Such term shall include attempts and conspiracy to cheat.

(6) 'Collegiate sporting event' means a sporting or athletic event involving a sports or athletic team of a public or private institution of higher education.

(7) 'Commission' means the Georgia Sports Betting Commission created pursuant to Code Section 50-28-4.

(8) 'Commission vendor' means a contractor, subcontractor, or independent contractor that is hired by or that contracts with the commission or a licensee for the purpose of facilitating the business of the commission or licensee under this chapter.

(9) 'Commissioner' means a member of the Georgia Sports Betting Commission.

(10) 'Corporation' means the Georgia Gaming Corporation.

(11) 'Executive director' means the chief executive officer of the corporation and the executive director of the commission.

(12) 'Fantasy or simulated contest' means a game or event in which one or more players compete and winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge and skill of the player or players and are determined predominantly by accumulated statistical results of the performance of individuals, which may include, but shall not be limited to, athletes in sporting events.

(13) 'Fixed-odds betting' means bets made at predetermined odds or on the spread where the return to the bettor is unaffected by any later change in odds or the spread.

(14) 'Futures bet' means a wager made on the occurrence of an event in the future relating to a sporting event.

(15) 'License' means a license issued by the commission under this chapter.

(16) 'Licensee' means a person that holds a license issued by the commission under this chapter.

(17) 'Live betting' means a type of wager that is placed while the sporting event is in progress and for which the odds on sporting events occurring are adjusted in real time.

(18) 'Material nonpublic information' means information that has not been

disseminated publicly concerning an athlete, contestant, prospective contestant, or athletic team, including, without limitation, confidential information related to medical conditions or treatment, physical or mental health or conditioning, physical therapy or recovery, discipline, sanctions, academic status, education records, eligibility, playbooks, signals, schemes, techniques, game plans, practices, strategies, assessments, systems, drills, or recordings of practices or other athletic activities.

(19) 'Minor' means an individual who is less than 21 years of age.

(20) 'Money line' means the fixed odds in relation to a dollar amount that a team or person participating in a sporting event will win outright regardless of the spread.

(21) 'Official event data' means statistics, results, outcomes, and other data related to a sporting event obtained pursuant to an agreement with the relevant sporting events operator whose corporate headquarters is based in the United States or an entity expressly authorized by such sporting events operator to provide such information to licensees for purposes of determining the outcome of tier 2 sports wagers.

(22) 'Official league data' means statistics, results, outcomes, and other data related to a sporting event obtained pursuant to an agreement with the relevant sports governing body whose corporate headquarters is based in the United States or an entity expressly authorized by such sports governing body to provide such information to licensees for purposes of determining the outcome of tier 2 sports wagers.

(23) 'Online sports betting' means a wager on a sporting event that is placed via the internet through any electronic device other than a Type 2 sports betting machine and accepted through an online sports betting platform that is operated by a Type 1 sports betting licensee or such licensee's online sports betting services provider.

(24) 'Online sports betting platform' means the combination of hardware, software, and data networks used to manage, administer, or control online sports betting and any associated wagers accessible by any electronic means.

(25) 'Online sports betting services provider' means a person that contracts with a Type 1 sports betting licensee under Code Section 50-28-43 to operate online sports betting on behalf of the Type 1 sports betting licensee and that is licensed by the commission.

(26) 'Over-under bet' means a single wager that predicts whether the combined score of the two persons or teams engaged in a sporting event will be lower or higher than a predetermined number.

(27) 'Parlay bet' means a single wager that incorporates two or more individual bets for purposes of earning a higher payout if each bet incorporated within the wager wins.

(28) 'Person' means an individual or entity.

(29) 'Principal owner' means a person that owns an interest of 10 percent or more of an entity.

(30) 'Professional sports team' means a major league professional team that plays baseball, football, basketball, hockey, or soccer.

(31) 'Proposition bet' means a wager that does not depend on the final result of a sporting event but on some occurrence within it.

(32) 'Relative' means a spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather,

grandmother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister.

(33) 'Retail sports betting' means sports betting in which wagers, other than live betting wagers, are placed by the bettor through a Type 2 sports betting machine at a Type 2 sports betting retail licensee's place of business.

(34) 'Sporting event' means any:

(A) Professional sporting or professional athletic event, including motor sports sanctioned by a national or international organization or association;

(B) Collegiate sporting event;

(C) Olympic sporting or athletic event;

(D) Sporting or athletic event sanctioned by a national or international organization or association;

(E) Sporting or athletic event conducted or organized by a sporting events operator; or

(F) Other event authorized by the commission.

Such term shall not include a nonprofessional or non-Olympic sporting or athletic event if the majority of the participants are under 18 years of age.

(35) 'Sporting events operator' means a person that conducts or organizes a sporting event for athletes or other participants that is not held or sanctioned as an official sporting event of a sports governing body.

(36) 'Sports betting' means placing one or more wagers.

(37) 'Sports betting equipment' means any of the following that directly relate to or affect, or are used in, the operation of sports betting:

(A) Any mechanical, electronic, or other device, mechanism, or equipment, including Type 2 sports betting machines;

(B) Any software, application, components, or other goods; or

(C) Anything to be installed or used on a patron's personal electronic device.

(38) 'Sports betting license' means any of the licenses issued by the commission under this chapter.

(39) 'Sports betting licensee' means a person that holds a valid sports betting license issued by the commission under this chapter.

(40)(A) 'Sports betting supplier' means a person that provides sports betting equipment or services necessary for the creation of sports betting markets and the determination of bet outcomes, directly or indirectly, to any sports betting licensee involved in the acceptance of bets, including any of the following:

(i) Providers of data feeds and odds services;

(ii) Providers of Type 2 sports betting machines;

(iii) Internet platform providers;

(iv) Risk management providers:

(v) Integrity monitoring providers; and

(vi) Other providers of sports betting services as determined by the commission.

(B) Such term shall not include a sports governing body that:

(i) Provides official league data concerning its own sporting event to a sports betting licensee solely on that basis; or

(ii) Provides raw statistical match data to one or more designated and licensed suppliers of data feeds and odds services solely on that basis.

(41) 'Sports governing body' means the organization, league, or association that oversees a sport and prescribes final rules and enforces codes of conduct with respect to such sport and participants therein.

(42) 'Spread' means the predicted scoring differential between two persons or teams engaged in a sporting event.

(43) 'Supervisory employee' means a principal owner or employee having the authority to act on behalf of a licensee or whose judgment is relied upon to manage and advance the business operations of a licensee.

(44) 'Tier 1 sports wager' means a wager that is not a tier 2 sports wager.

(45) 'Tier 2 sports wager' means a wager that is placed on a sporting event while the sporting event is in progress that does not depend on the final results of the sporting event but on some occurrence within it.

(46) 'Type 1 sports betting licensee' means a person licensed or authorized by the commission to directly or indirectly offer online sports betting.

(47) 'Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee' means a person licensed or authorized by the commission to purchase and own Type 2 sports betting machines that permit individuals to engage in retail sports betting through a Type 2 sports betting platform licensee, and to place such machines at a Type 2 sports betting retail licensee's place of business.

(48) 'Type 2 sports betting machine' means a self-service or clerk operated electronic machine approved by the commission that is owned by a Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee and that permits individuals to engage in retail sports betting through a Type 2 sports betting platform licensee while on the premises of a Type 2 sports betting retail licensee's place of business; provided, however, that such machines shall not permit live betting wagers. Such term shall not include a bona fide coin operated amusement machine.

(49) 'Type 2 sports betting platform licensee' means a sports betting platform operator licensed or authorized by the commission to offer retail sports betting on behalf of the commission at a Type 2 sports betting retail licensee's place of business through Type 2 sports betting machines owned by Type 2 sports betting distributor licensees.

(50) 'Type 2 sports betting retail licensee' means a person licensed or authorized by the commission to allow the placement of Type 2 sports betting machines owned by Type 2 sports betting distributor licensees in their places of business that permit individuals to engage in retail sports betting through a Type 2 sports betting platform licensee.

(51) 'Wager' or 'bet' means a sum of money that is risked by a bettor on the unknown outcome of one or more sporting events. Such term shall be limited to fixed-odds betting, futures bets, live betting, a money line bet, an over-under bet, a parlay bet, a proposition bet, or a bet on the spread. Such term shall not include a pari-mutuel bet or wager and shall not include entry fees paid to participate in a fantasy or simulated

contest.

50-28-4.

(a) There is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the Georgia Gaming Corporation which shall be deemed to be an instrumentality of the state, and not a state agency, and a public corporation. Venue for the corporation shall be in Fulton County.

(b)(1) The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors.

(2) Until otherwise provided by law, the commissioners of the Georgia Sports Betting Commission appointed as provided in Code Section 50-28-5 shall, in addition to serving as members of the commission, serve as members of the board of directors of the corporation.

(3) The executive director of the Georgia Sports Betting Commission appointed as provided in Code Section 50-28-8 shall, in addition to serving as executive director of the commission, serve as chief executive officer of the corporation.

(c) The board of directors of the corporation shall:

(1) Oversee the chief executive officer and the operations of the corporation and any commissions thereof;

(2) Adopt bylaws of the corporation, not inconsistent with law, for the administration of its affairs;

(3) Approve or disapprove the employment of any person with the corporation by any commission thereof; and

(4) Perform such other duties as provided by law.

50-28-5.

(a) The commission shall be composed of seven members as follows:

(1) Three members appointed by the Governor;

(2) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(3) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) The terms of office of the members of the commission shall be four years, except that:

(1)(A) The initial term of office of the three gubernatorial appointees shall be one, two, and three years, respectively, and the Governor shall make such appointments on or before January 3, 2025, and shall specify the length of such initial term for each of the three appointments;

(B) The initial term of office of the two members appointed by the President of the Senate shall be two and four years, respectively, and the President of the Senate shall make such appointments on or before January 3, 2025, and shall specify the length of such initial term for each of the two appointments; and

(C) The initial term of office of the two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be one and three years, respectively, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make such appointments on or before January 3, 2025, and shall specify the length of such initial term for each of the two appointments;

(2) All successors shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointments;
(3) Vacancies in office shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term; and
(4) No member shall serve more than two full consecutive terms; provided, however, that an initial term of office provided for under paragraph (1) of this subsection that is less than three years shall not constitute a full term for purposes of this paragraph; and provided, further, that a member appointed to fill a vacancy as provided for under paragraph (3) of this subsection may serve two full terms following the expiration of the term related to the vacancy.

(c) The appointing authorities shall consider the following criteria when making appointments to the commission:
(1) At least one member shall have at least ten years of experience in law enforcement and criminal investigations;
(2) At least one member shall be a certified public accountant licensed in this state with at least ten years of experience in accounting and auditing; and
(3) At least one member shall be an attorney admitted and authorized to practice law in this state for at least ten years preceding such appointment.

(d) To be considered for appointment to the commission, the person shall have obtained a certificate of fitness for sports betting affiliation pursuant to Code Section 50-28-30.

(e) A person shall be ineligible for appointment to the commission if he or she:
(1) For a period of one year immediately preceding the date of appointment:
(A) Held a license issued under this chapter, Chapter 27 of this title, or a gaming license issued by any other jurisdiction;
(B) Was an officer, official, or employee of a licensee;
(C) Held 5 percent or more, whether directly or indirectly, of a beneficial ownership of a licensee;
(D) Was a registered lobbyist for the executive or legislative branch, except while a commissioner or employee of the corporation when officially representing the commission; or
(E) Was an employee or member of the Georgia Lottery Corporation;
(2) Had a license issued under this chapter, Chapter 27 of this title, or a gaming license issued by any other jurisdiction denied, suspended, or revoked;
(3) Acquired any direct or indirect interest in an applicant or a licensee;
(4) Had any direct or indirect business association, partnership, or financial relationship with an applicant or licensee; or
(5) Is a relative of any applicant or licensee.

50-28-6.

A member of the commission shall be removed from office by the appointing authority:
(1) For misconduct in office, willful neglect of duty, conduct evidencing unfitness for office, or incompetence; or
(2) Upon conviction of a felony offense, an offense under this chapter or Chapter 27 of this title, or an equivalent offense under federal law or the law of another jurisdiction.

50-28-7.
(a) The commission shall convene at the call of its chairperson, as selected by and from the members of the commission, or at the request of a majority of the members of the commission.
(b) Meetings of the commission may be held via teleconference or other electronic means or in any city or county of the state.
(c) Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of the majority of a quorum shall be required for any action or recommendation by the commission. The affirmative vote of at least three members is required to adopt a proposed rule or regulation, including an amendment to or repeal of an existing rule or regulation.

50-28-8.
(a) The commission shall appoint a person who is not a member of the commission to serve as the executive director of the commission and who shall be confirmed by the Senate. Such person shall also serve as the chief executive officer of the corporation. No person shall be appointed as executive director unless he or she has been issued a certificate of fitness for sports betting affiliation pursuant to Code Section 50-28-30.
(b) The executive director shall supervise, direct, coordinate, and administer all activities necessary to fulfill the commission's responsibilities. The commission shall appoint the executive director by April 1, 2025.
(c) The executive director shall be appointed for a term of five years or until his or her successor is appointed and confirmed.
(d) The compensation of the executive director shall be fixed by the commission, provided that such compensation shall not be less than 1 percent nor more than 5 percent of the total privilege taxes collected by the commission under Code Section 50-28-70 in any corresponding fiscal year.

50-28-9.
(a) The commission shall have all powers and duties necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter and to exercise the control of sports betting in this state as authorized by this chapter. Such powers and duties shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
(1) To have jurisdiction, supervision, and regulatory authority over sports betting;
(2) To have jurisdiction and supervision of all persons conducting, participating in, or attending any facility with sports betting;
(3) To appoint and employ such persons on behalf of the corporation as the commission deems essential to perform its duties under this chapter and to ensure that sports betting is conducted with order and the highest integrity. Such employees shall possess such authority and perform such duties as the commission shall prescribe or delegate to them. Such employees may include stewards, chemists, physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, therapists, inspectors, accountants, attorneys, security officers, and such other employees deemed by the commission to be necessary for the

supervision and proper conduct of the highest standard of sports betting. Such employees shall be compensated as provided by the commission;

(4) To enter upon, investigate, and have free access to all places of business of any licensee under this chapter and to compel the production of any books, ledgers, documents, records, memoranda, or other information of any licensee to ensure such licensee's compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the commission pursuant to this chapter;

(5) To promulgate any rules and regulations as the commission deems necessary and proper pursuant to Chapter 13 of this title, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' to administer the provisions of this chapter; provided, however, that the initial rules and regulations governing sports betting shall be promulgated and adopted by the commission within 90 days of the effective date of this chapter after an opportunity has been provided for public comment. The promulgation and adoption of such initial rules and regulations shall not be subject to Chapter 13 of this title;

(6) To issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses before the commission, administer oaths, and compel production of records or other documents and testimony of witnesses whenever, in the judgment of the commission, it is necessary to do so for the effectual discharge of the duties of the commission;

(7) To compel any person licensed by the commission to file with the commission such data, documents, and information as shall appear to the commission to be necessary for the performance of its duties, including, but not limited to, financial statements and information relative to stockholders and all others with a pecuniary interest in such person;

(8) To prescribe the manner in which books and records of persons licensed or permitted by the commission shall be kept;

(9) To enter into arrangements with any foreign or domestic government or governmental agency for the purposes of exchanging information or performing any other act to better ensure the proper conduct of sports betting under this chapter;

(10) To order such audits, in addition to those otherwise required by this chapter, as the commission deems necessary and desirable;

(11) Upon the receipt of a complaint of an alleged criminal violation of this chapter, to immediately report such complaint to the appropriate law enforcement agency with jurisdiction to investigate criminal activity;

(12) To provide for the reporting of the applicable amount of state and federal income taxes of persons claiming a prize or payoff for a winning wager;

(13) To establish and administer programs for providing assistance to compulsive or problem gamblers, including, but not limited to:

(A) Educating potential gamblers of methods and types of bets and fairly informing potential gamblers of the odds or likelihood of winning such bets;

(B) Establishing and administering programs for educating potential gamblers about responsible gambling, the warning signs of problem or compulsive gambling, and how to prevent and treat problem or compulsive gambling;

(C) Developing and funding responsible gaming education campaigns coupled with

prevention and education efforts within communities that raise awareness of potential signs or risk factors of problem or compulsive gambling;

(D) Encouraging the use of harm-minimizing measures by bettors, such as excluding or limiting oneself from obtaining credit extensions, making credit card or cashless payments, cashing checks, and making automated teller machine withdrawals, as well as utilizing limit-setting tools and personal data and information to make informed decisions about gambling;

(E) Promulgating rules and regulations that enable bettors to cool off, self-limit, and self-exclude from gaming activities state wide and across multiple jurisdictions;

(F) Adopting processes for individuals to express concerns related to problem or compulsive gambling to the commission;

(G) Developing state-wide advertising guidelines to ensure that the marketing of sports betting is not targeted to minors and does not include content, themes, and promotions that have special appeal to problem or compulsive gamblers;

(H) Requiring the electronic posting of signs or notifications on online sports betting platforms that bear a toll-free number for an organization that provides assistance to problem or compulsive gamblers; and

(I) Promulgating rules and regulations to limit the amount of bets a bettor can place when such bettor has exhibited signs of problem or compulsive gambling;

(14) To eject or exclude from a sports betting facility or any part thereof any individual, whether licensed or not, whose conduct or reputation is such that his or her presence may, in the opinion of the commission or the designated employees of the corporation, reflect adversely on the honesty and integrity of sports betting or interfere with the orderly conduct of sports betting;

(15) To keep a true and full record of all proceedings of the commission under this chapter and preserve at the commission's general office all books, documents, and papers of the commission; and

(16) To adopt rules and regulations specific to the manner in which a licensee may advertise its business operations as authorized by this chapter.

(b) The commission shall not have the power to prescribe a licensee's maximum or minimum payout or hold percentage.

(c) The commission shall not have the power to issue or award and shall not issue or award any licenses provided for in this chapter prior to September 1, 2025.

50-28-10.

(a) The commission shall not employ any person on behalf of the corporation if such person:

(1) For a period of one year immediately preceding the date of appointment:

(A) Held a license issued under this chapter, Chapter 27 of this title, or a gaming license issued by any other jurisdiction;

(B) Was an officer, official, or employee of a licensee;

(C) Held 5 percent or more, whether directly or indirectly, of a beneficial ownership of a licensee;

(D) Was a registered lobbyist for the executive or legislative branch, except while a commissioner or employee of the corporation when officially representing the commission; or

(E) Was an employee or member of the Georgia Lottery Corporation;

(2) Had a license issued under this chapter or Chapter 27 of this title or a gaming license issued by any other jurisdiction denied, suspended, or revoked;

(3) Acquired any direct or indirect interest in an applicant or a licensee;

(4) Had any direct or indirect business association, partnership, or financial relationship with an applicant or licensee;

(5) Is a relative of any applicant or licensee; or

(6) Was dismissed from prior employment for gross misconduct or incompetence.

(b) A person who is ineligible for employment under paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section may submit a waiver request to the corporation for consideration of employment eligibility. The corporation shall consider waiver requests on a case-by-case basis and shall issue the final approval or denial of each request. If the corporation approves the request, the person shall not be ineligible for employment based upon paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

50-28-11.

(a) If an employee of the corporation who was hired or appointed by the commission is charged with a felony while employed by the corporation, the commission shall suspend the employee, with or without pay, and terminate such individual's employment with the corporation upon conviction.

(b) If an employee of the corporation who was hired or appointed by the commission is charged with a misdemeanor while employed by the corporation, the commission shall suspend the employee, with or without pay, and may terminate such individual's employment with the corporation upon conviction if the commission determines that the offense bears a close relationship to the employment duties and responsibilities of the position held with the corporation by such individual.

Part 2

50-28-20.

(a) A commissioner or an employee of the corporation who was hired or appointed by the commission shall notify the commission within three calendar days after arrest for any offense.

(b) A commissioner or an employee of the corporation who was hired or appointed by the commission shall immediately provide to the commission detailed written notice of the circumstances if the member or employee is indicted, is charged with, is convicted of, pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or forfeits bail for:

(1) A misdemeanor involving gambling, dishonesty, theft, or fraud;

(2) A violation of any law in any state or a federal law or a law of any other jurisdiction involving gambling, dishonesty, theft, or fraud which would constitute a misdemeanor

under the laws of this state; or

(3) A felony under the laws of this or any other state, the United States, or any other jurisdiction.

50-28-21.

(a) A commissioner or employee of the corporation shall not accept gifts or similar items from any business entity that, directly or indirectly, owns or controls any person regulated by the commission or from any business entity that, directly or indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of any person regulated by the commission.

(b) A commissioner or an employee of the corporation may attend conferences, including partaking of associated meals and events that are generally available to all conference participants, without payment of any fees in addition to the conference fee. While attending a conference, a commissioner or an employee may attend meetings, meals, or events that are not sponsored, in whole or in part, by any representative of any person regulated by the commission and that are limited to commissioners or employees only, committee members, or speakers, if the commissioner or employee is a member of a committee of the association of regulatory agencies which organized the conference or is a speaker at the conference. It is not a violation of this subsection for a commissioner or an employee to attend a conference for which conference participants who are employed by a person regulated by the commission have paid a higher conference registration fee than the commissioner or employee, or to attend a meal or event that is generally available to all conference participants without payment of any fees in addition to the conference fee and that is sponsored, in whole or in part, by a person regulated by the commission.

(c) A commissioner or an employee of the corporation shall not accept anything of value from a party in a proceeding currently pending before the commission.

(d) A commissioner shall not:

(1) Serve as the representative of any political party or on any executive committee or other governing body of a political party;

(2) Serve as an executive officer or employee of any political party, committee, organization, or association;

(3) Receive remuneration for activities on behalf of any candidate for public office;

(4) Engage on behalf of any candidate for public office in the solicitation of votes or other activities on behalf of such candidacy; or

(5) Become a candidate for election to any public office without first resigning from office.

(e) A commissioner, during his or her term of office, shall not make any public comment regarding the merits of any proceeding currently pending before the commission.

(f) A commissioner or an employee of the corporation shall not act in an unprofessional manner at any time during the performance of his or her official duties.

(g) A commissioner or an employee of the corporation shall avoid impropriety in all activities and shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the commission.

(h) A commissioner or an employee of the corporation shall not, directly or indirectly,

through staff or other means, solicit anything of value from any person regulated by the commission, or from any business entity that, whether directly or indirectly, is an affiliate or a subsidiary of any person regulated by the commission, or from any party appearing in a proceeding considered by the commission in the preceding calendar year.

(i) A commissioner shall not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the executive or legislative branch or any county or municipal government or governmental agency except to represent the commission in an official capacity.

(j) The Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission shall accept and investigate any alleged violations of this Code section. For any investigation of alleged violations, the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission shall provide the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with a report of its findings and recommendations. The Governor is authorized to enforce recommendations of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission. A commissioner or an employee of the corporation may request an advisory opinion from the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission regarding the standards of conduct or prohibitions set forth in this Code section.

(k) If, during the course of an investigation by the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission into an alleged violation of this Code section, allegations are made as to the identity of the person giving or providing the prohibited thing, such identified person shall be given notice and an opportunity to participate in the investigation and relevant proceedings to present a defense. If the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission determines such identified person gave or provided a prohibited thing, such identified person shall not appear before the commission or otherwise represent anyone before the commission for a period of two years.

(l) A commissioner, an employee of the corporation, or a relative living in the same household as a commissioner or an employee shall not place a wager with any licensee.

50-28-22.

(a) A commissioner, the executive director, and an employee of the corporation shall not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the executive or legislative branch for a period of one year following the commissioner's or executive director's end of service or a period of one year following employment unless employed by another agency of state government.

(b) A commissioner shall not, for one year immediately following the date of resignation or termination from the commission:

(1) Hold a license issued under this chapter; be an officer, official, or employee of a licensee; or hold 5 percent or more, whether directly or indirectly, of the beneficial ownership of such licensee; or

(2) Accept employment by, or compensation from, a business entity that, directly or indirectly, owns or hold a license issued under this chapter;

(3) Be an officer, official, or employee of such licensee; or

(4) Hold 5 percent or more, whether directly or indirectly, of the beneficial ownership interest of:

(A) Any person regulated by the commission;

(B) A business entity which, directly or indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of a person regulated by the commission; or

(C) A business entity or trade association that has appeared before the commission within one year preceding the commissioner's resignation or termination of service on the commission.

(c) An employee of the corporation shall not, for one year immediately following the date of termination or resignation from employment with the corporation, hold a license issued under this chapter; be an officer, official or employee of a licensee; or hold 5 percent or more, whether directly or indirectly, of the beneficial ownership interest in any person regulated by the commission.

(d) Any person violating this Code section shall be subject to the penalties for violations of standards of conduct for public officers, employees of agencies, and local government attorneys and a civil penalty of an amount equal to the compensation that such person receives for the prohibited conduct.

ARTICLE 2

Part 1

50-28-30.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'department' means the Department of Revenue.

(b) Each person required under subsection (d) of Code Section 50-28-5, subsection (a) of Code Section 50-28-8, and paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 50-28-40 to have a certificate of fitness for sports betting affiliation shall submit to the department an application for such certification. Such application shall constitute express consent and authorization for the department to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the department for certification agrees to provide the department with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints as set forth in subsection (c) of this Code section. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check.

(c) An applicant who submits an application for a certificate of fitness for sports betting affiliation to the department shall submit, with the application, one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The department shall transmit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall perform technical searches of the fingerprints, as required by the National Fingerprint File Qualification Requirements, and, thereafter, submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of the bureau's records. After receiving results of the Georgia Crime Information Center's technical searches and the Federal

Bureau of Investigation's search of its records, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be issued a certificate in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section.

(d) The department shall not issue a certificate of fitness for sports betting affiliation to any person who has been convicted of, has been found guilty of, or has pled guilty to, regardless of adjudication and in any jurisdiction, any felony or any misdemeanor that is directly related to gambling, dishonesty, theft, or fraud.

50-28-31.

Any person who knowingly provides false information in submitting any application for licensure or employment under this chapter commits the offense of false swearing within the meaning of Code Section 16-10-71.

50-28-32.

(a) A commissioner shall not initiate or consider ex parte communication concerning the merits, threat, or offer of reward in any proceeding that is pending before the commission. No individual shall discuss ex parte with a commissioner the merits, threat, or offer of reward regarding any issue in a proceeding that is pending before the commission. This subsection shall not apply to employees of the corporation that were hired or appointed by the commission.

(b) If a commissioner knowingly receives an ex parte communication relative to a proceeding to which the commissioner is assigned, the commissioner shall place on the record of the proceeding copies of all written communications received, all written responses to the communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received and all oral responses made, and shall give written notice to all parties to the communication that such matters have been placed on the record. Any party that desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so and the response shall be received by the commission within ten days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record. The commissioner may, if deemed by such commissioner to be necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication, withdraw from the proceeding, in which case the chairperson shall substitute another commissioner for the proceeding.

(c) Any individual who makes an ex parte communication shall submit to the commission a written statement describing the nature of such communication, to include the name of the person making the communication, the name of the commissioner or commissioners receiving the communication, copies of all written communications made, all written responses to such communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received and all oral responses made. The commission shall place on the record of a proceeding all such communications.

(d) Any commissioner who knowingly fails to place on the record any such communications in violation of this Code section within 15 days after the date of such communication is subject to removal and may be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000.00.

(e)(1) It shall be the duty of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission to receive and investigate sworn complaints of violations of this Code section.
(2) The Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission shall accept and investigate any alleged violations of this Code section. For any investigation of alleged violations, the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission shall provide the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with a report of its findings and recommendations. The Governor is authorized to enforce recommendations of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, and to remove from office any commissioner who is found by the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission to have willfully and knowingly violated this Code section. The Governor shall remove from office any commissioner who is found by the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission to have willfully and knowingly violated this Code section after a previous finding by the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission that the commissioner willfully and knowingly violated this Code section in a separate matter.
(3) If a commissioner fails or refuses to pay to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission any civil penalty assessed pursuant to this subsection, the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission may bring an action in any state court to enforce such penalty.
(4) If, during the course of an investigation by the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission into an alleged violation of this Code section, allegations are made as to the identity of the person who participated in the ex parte communication, such identified person shall be given notice and an opportunity to participate in the investigation and relevant proceedings to present a defense. If the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission determines that such identified person participated in the ex parte communication, the person shall not appear before the commission or otherwise represent anyone before the commission for a period of two years.

Part 2

50-28-40.
(a) Any person offering, operating, or managing sports betting, including retail sports betting, in this state shall be licensed by the commission.
(b) The commission shall issue licenses to qualified applicants able to meet the duties of a license holder under this chapter and that the commission determines will be best able to maximize revenues for the state.
(c) An applicant for a license shall submit an application on a form in such manner and in accordance with such requirements as may be prescribed by rules and regulations of the commission. Such rules and regulations shall require, at a minimum, that the application include the following:

(1) If the applicant is an entity, identification of the applicant's principal owners, board of directors, officers, and supervisory employees;
(2) Evidence of the applicant's certificate of fitness for sports betting affiliation. If the applicant is an entity, such evidence shall be provided for every individual who is a principal owner;
(3) Information, documentation, and assurances as may be required by the commission to establish by clear and convincing evidence the applicant's good character, honesty, and integrity, including, but not limited to, information pertaining to family, habits, character, reputation, criminal and arrest records, business activities, financial affairs, and business, professional, and personal associates, covering at least the ten-year period immediately preceding the filing of the application;
(4) Notice and a description of civil judgments obtained against the applicant pertaining to antitrust or security regulation laws of the federal government, this state, or any other state, jurisdiction, province, or country;
(5) To the extent available, letters of reference or the equivalent from law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction of the applicant's place of residence and principal place of business. Each such letter of reference shall indicate that the law enforcement agency does not have any pertinent information concerning the applicant or, if such law enforcement agency does have information pertaining to the applicant, shall provide such information;
(6) If the applicant has conducted sports betting operations in another jurisdiction, a letter of reference from the regulatory body that governs sports betting that specifies the standing of the applicant with such regulatory body; provided, however, that, if no such letter is received within 60 days of the request therefor, the applicant may submit a statement under oath that the applicant is or was, during the period such activities were conducted, in good standing with the regulatory body;
(7) Information, documentation, and assurances concerning financial background and resources as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence the financial stability, integrity, and responsibility of the applicant, including, but not limited to, bank references, business and personal income and disbursement schedules, tax returns and other reports filed with governmental agencies, and business and personal accounting and check records and ledgers. Each applicant shall, in writing, authorize the examination of all bank accounts and records as may be deemed necessary by the commission. The commission may consider any relevant evidence of financial stability. The applicant shall be presumed to be financially stable if the applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence the ability to:
(A) Assure the financial integrity of sports betting operations by the maintenance of a reserve of not less than $500,000.00 or the amount required to cover the outstanding liabilities for wagers accepted by the licensee, whichever is greater. Such reserve may take the form of a bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, payment processor reserves and receivables, cash or cash equivalents segregated from operational funds, or a combination thereof. Such reserve shall be adequate to pay winning wagers to bettors when due. An applicant is presumed to have met this standard if the applicant

maintains, on a daily basis, a minimum reserve in an amount which is at least equal to the average daily minimum reserve, calculated on a monthly basis, for the corresponding month in the previous year;

(B) Meet ongoing operating expenses which are essential to the maintenance of continuous and stable sports betting operations; and

(C) Pay, as and when due, all state and federal taxes;

(8) Information, documentation, and assurances as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant has sufficient business ability and sports betting experience to establish the likelihood of the creation and maintenance of successful, efficient sports betting operations in this state;

(9) Information, as required by rules and regulations of the commission, regarding the financial standing of the applicant, including, without limitation, each person or entity that has provided loans or financing to the applicant;

(10) A nonrefundable application fee and licensing fee as follows:

(A) Applicants for a Type 1 sports betting license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of $100,000.00 and an annual licensing fee in the amount of $1 million;

(B) Applicants for a Type 2 sports betting distributor license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of $10,000.00 and an annual licensing fee of $100,000.00;

(C) Applicants for a Type 2 sports betting platform license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of $10,000.00 and an annual licensing fee of $100,000.00;

(D) Applicants for a Type 2 sports betting retail license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of $500.00 and an annual licensing fee of $1,000.00; and

(E) Applicants for an online sports betting services provider license and applicants for a sports betting supplier license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of $10,000.00 and an annual licensing fee of $100,000.00; and

(11) Any additional information, documents, or assurances required by rules and regulations of the commission.

(d) The commission shall review and approve or deny an application for a license not more than 90 days after receipt of an application.

50-28-41.

(a) A licensee may renew its license by submitting an application on a form in such manner and in accordance with such requirements as may be prescribed by rules and regulations of the commission. A licensee shall submit the nonrefundable application fee prescribed under paragraph (10) of subsection (c) of Code Section 50-28-40 with its application for license renewal.

(b) For each renewal of a license approved under this Code section, the amount of the application fee shall be credited toward the licensee's annual licensing fee and the licensee shall remit the balance of the annual fee to the commission upon renewal of its

license.
(c) Each licensee shall have a continuing duty to promptly inform the commission of any change in status relating to any information that may disqualify the licensee from holding a license.
(d) All licenses issued under this chapter shall be valid for a term of ten years, unless suspended or revoked as provided under this chapter.
(e) The commission may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the manner in which a license may be transferred and a fee for a license transfer.
(f) A licensee may maintain the bond, letter of credit, or cash reserve at any bank lawfully operating in this state and the licensee shall be the beneficiary of any interest accrued thereon.

50-28-42.
(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'corporation vendor' shall have the same meaning as provided for the term 'vendor' in Code Section 50-27-3.
(b) The following persons shall not be eligible to apply for or obtain a license under this chapter:
(1) A member of the board of directors or employee of the Georgia Lottery Corporation or an employee of a corporation vendor; provided, however, that a corporation vendor as an entity may be eligible to apply for or obtain a license;
(2) A commissioner, employee of the corporation, or an employee of a commission vendor; provided, however, that a commission vendor as an entity may be eligible to apply for or obtain a license;
(3) A professional sports team or an employee of a professional sports team;
(4) An individual or entity that has an ownership interest of 5 percent or more in a professional sports team or an employee of such individual or entity;
(5) A coach of or player for a collegiate, professional, or Olympic sports team or sport or an entity that has an affiliation or interest in such a sports team or sport;
(6) An individual who is a member or employee of any sports governing body or sporting events operator or an entity that has an affiliation with any sports governing body or sporting events operator;
(7) An individual or entity with an owner, officer, or director who has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude or similar degree as specified in rules and regulations promulgated by the commission;
(8) A person having the ability to directly affect the outcome of a sporting event upon which the applicant offers sports betting;
(9) A trustee or regent of a governing board of a public or private institution of higher education;
(10) An individual prohibited by the rules or regulations of a sports governing body or sporting events operator of a collegiate sports team, league, or association from participating in sports betting;
(11) A student or an employee of a public or private institution of higher education who has access to material nonpublic information concerning a student athlete or a

sports team; and

(12) Any other category of persons, established by rules and regulations of the commission, that, if licensed, would negatively affect the integrity of sports betting in this state.

(c) An individual listed in paragraphs (2) through (12) of subsection (b) of this Code section may hold an ownership interest in an applicant or licensee without disqualifying the applicant or licensee from obtaining or holding a license; provided, however, that such an ownership interest of 5 percent or more shall require approval from the commission. In determining whether such an ownership interest shall be the basis of disqualification, the commission shall consider whether such interest would negatively affect the integrity of sports betting in this state and any other factors the commission shall deem relevant.

50-28-43.

(a) A Type 1 sports betting license authorizes a Type 1 sports betting licensee, or its designated online sports betting services provider, to offer online sports betting.

(b)(1) The commission shall issue no fewer than six Type 1 sports betting licenses to qualified applicants able to meet the duties of a license holder under this chapter and that the commission determines will be best able to maximize tax revenue for the state; provided, however, that, if fewer than six qualified applicants seek Type 1 sports betting licenses, the commission shall issue as many Type 1 sports betting licenses as there are qualified applicants, and the absence of six issued Type 1 sports betting licenses shall not preclude Type 1 sports betting licensees from offering online sports betting. If a Type 1 sports betting license is revoked, expires, or otherwise becomes ineffective, such Type 1 sports betting license shall not be included in the number of Type 1 sports betting licenses issued.

(2) Although six is the minimum number of Type 1 sports betting licenses the commission shall issue, there is no maximum limitation.

(3) One of the Type 1 sports betting licenses issued by the commission shall be issued to the Georgia Lottery Corporation.

(c) A Type 1 sports betting licensee may contract with no more than one online sports betting services provider to operate online sports betting on behalf of the Type 1 sports betting licensee.

(d) Online sports betting may be offered under any brand that the Type 1 sports betting licensee or online sports betting services provider licensee chooses, consistent with state and federal law.

(e) No Type 1 sports betting licensee shall offer online sports betting until the commission has issued a license to at least one online sports betting services provider.

(f) All applicants for any of the Type 1 sports betting licenses under subsection (b) of this Code section that have submitted an application within 30 days of the date in which the commission begins to accept applications for Type 1 sports betting licenses shall be given an equal opportunity to first commence offering, conducting, or operating online sports betting in this state on the same day as such other applicants.

50-28-44.

(a) A Type 2 sports betting distributor license authorizes a Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee to place Type 2 sports betting machines in Type 2 sports betting retail licensees' places of business that offer retail sports betting on behalf of the commission through one or more Type 2 sports betting platform licensees; provided, however, that such retail sports betting shall not include live betting wagers.

(b) The commission shall license not less than five nor more than ten qualified applicants as Type 2 sports betting distributor licensees. The Type 2 sports betting distributor licenses shall be issued to the Type 2 eligible distributor entities upon meeting the qualification and suitability criteria applicable to such Type 2 eligible distributor entities established under rules and regulations of the commission.

(c) A Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee shall maintain at least one operational place of business in this state.

(d) Each Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee shall contract with the commission to operate retail sports betting on behalf of the commission, through one or more Type 2 sports betting platform licensees, in exchange for 80 percent of the proceeds generated from the retail sports betting conducted on the Type 2 sports betting machines owned by such Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee.

(e) A Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee may offer retail sports betting, through one or more Type 2 sports betting retail licensees, by using Type 2 sports betting machines approved by the commission. Such Type 2 sports betting machines shall only offer retail sports betting and shall not be bona fide coin operated amusement machines.

(f) A Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee shall not place more than two Type 2 sports betting machines at a Type 2 sports betting retail licensee's place of business.

(g) A Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee shall contract with one or more Type 2 sports betting platform licensees to offer retail sports betting on its Type 2 sports betting machines.

(h) A Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee may install sports betting equipment on its Type 2 sports betting machines that allows bettors to place wagers through such machines using their cellular telephones while on the premises of the Type 2 sports betting retail licensee.

(i) There shall be no limit on the number of Type 2 sports betting platform licenses or Type 2 sports betting retail licenses.

(j) The commission shall adopt rules and regulations that:

(1) Prescribe the ratios by which revenue from retail sports betting shall be divided among Type 2 sports betting distributor licensees, Type 2 sports betting platform licensees, and Type 2 sports betting retail licensees; and

(2) Are reasonable and necessary to effectuate the provisions of this chapter.

(k) The commission may adopt rules and regulations that limit sports betting within a Type 2 sports betting retail licensee's place of business to retail sports betting, so far as technically practical.

50-28-45.
(a) An online sports betting services provider shall offer online sports betting only in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations adopted by the commission under this chapter.
(b) An online sports betting services provider shall obtain a license under this chapter before offering online sports betting pursuant to a contract with a Type 1 sports betting licensee. An online sports betting services provider license shall entitle the holder to contract with no more than one Type 1 sports betting licensee.

50-28-46.
No licensee shall offer or accept any proposition bet on a collegiate sporting event.

50-28-47.
If this chapter becomes effective on January 1, 2025, following the ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia, any person offering or engaging in sports betting in this state after January 1, 2025, prior to being licensed by the commission to offer or engage in such activity shall be prohibited from obtaining a license under this chapter for a minimum period of two years. The prohibition and penalty provided in this Code section shall be in addition to any other civil or criminal prohibitions and penalties as may be provided in this chapter, Title 16, or other provisions of law.

Part 3

50-28-60.
The commission shall prescribe by rules and regulations:
(1) The reserves that must be kept by licensees to comply with subparagraph (c)(7)(A) of Code Section 50-28-40 to pay off bettors;
(2) Any insurance requirements for a licensee;
(3) Minimum requirements by which each licensee shall exercise effective control over its internal fiscal affairs, including, without limitation, requirements for:
(A) Safeguarding assets and revenues, including evidence of indebtedness;
(B) Maintaining reliable records relating to accounts, transactions, profits and losses, operations, and events; and
(C) Global risk management;
(4) Requirements for internal and independent audits of licensees;
(5) The manner in which periodic financial reports shall be submitted to the commission from each licensee, including the financial information to be included in the reports;
(6) The type of information deemed to be confidential financial or proprietary information that is not subject to any reporting requirements under this chapter;
(7) Policies, procedures, and processes designed to mitigate the risk of cheating and money laundering; and
(8) Any post-employment restrictions necessary to maintain the integrity of sports

betting in this state.

Part 4

50-28-70.

(a) In addition to any other taxes as may be provided by law and except as provided in paragraph (55) of Code Section 48-8-3, there shall be imposed an annual privilege tax on the adjusted gross income derived from online sports betting as follows:

(1) Twenty-five percent of the adjusted gross income derived from parlay bets, proposition bets, and live betting wagers; and

(2) Twenty percent of the adjusted gross income derived from all other sports betting wagers.

(b) The privilege tax described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be paid by the Type 1 sports betting licensee.

(c) The privilege tax imposed under this Code section shall be paid monthly by a Type 1 sports betting licensee based on its monthly adjusted gross income for the immediately preceding calendar month. The privilege tax shall be paid to the commission in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the commission. If the Type 1 sports betting licensee's adjusted gross income for a month is a negative number, such licensee may carry over such negative amount to subsequent months.

(d) All moneys from privilege taxes and fees collected under this Code section shall be distributed and used as provided under Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution.

50-28-71.

(a) Each licensee shall report to the commission, no later than January 15 of each year:

(1) The total amount of wagers received from bettors for the immediately preceding calendar year;

(2) The adjusted gross income of the licensee for the immediately preceding calendar year; and

(3) Any additional information required by rules and regulations of the commission deemed in the public interest or necessary to maintain the integrity of sports betting in this state.

(b) A licensee shall promptly report to the commission any information relating to:

(1) The name of any newly elected officer or director of the board of the licensed entity; and

(2) The acquisition by any person of 10 percent or more of any class of corporate stock.

(c) With respect to information reported under subsection (b) of this Code section, a licensee shall include with such report a statement of any conflict of interest that may exist as a result of such election or acquisition.

(d) Upon receiving a report under this Code section or subsection (b) of Code Section 50-28-111, the commission may conduct a hearing in accordance with Code Section 50-28-120 to determine whether the licensee remains in compliance with this chapter.

ARTICLE 3
Part 1

50-28-80.
(a) A licensee shall not knowingly:
(1) Allow a minor to place a wager;
(2) Offer, accept, or extend credit to a bettor; provided, however, that promotions and promotional credits shall be permitted to be offered and extended to bettors;
(3) Target minors in advertising or promotions for sports betting;
(4) Offer or accept a proposition bet on a collegiate sporting event;
(5) Offer or accept a wager on any event, outcome, or occurrence other than a sporting event, including, without limitation, a high school sporting event offered, sponsored, or played in connection with a public or private institution that offers education at the secondary level; or
(6) Accept a wager from an individual who is on the registry created and maintained by the commission under subsection (c) of Code Section 50-28-82.
(b) A person that knowingly violates this Code section:
(1) For a first offense, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and
(2) For a second or subsequent offense, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

50-28-81.
(a) Except for those individuals ineligible to place bets under Code Section 50-28-82, an individual who is 21 years of age or older and who is physically located in this state may place a wager in the manner authorized under this chapter and the rules and regulations of the commission.
(b) A licensee shall ensure that all wagers accepted in this state are from qualified bettors and in accordance with this chapter and the rules and regulations of the commission.

50-28-82.
(a) The following individuals and categories of individuals shall not, directly or indirectly, place a wager on sporting events or online sports betting platforms in this state:
(1) A commissioner or member, officer, or employee of the corporation shall not place a wager on any sporting event or platform;
(2) A member, officer, or employee of the Georgia Lottery Corporation shall not place a wager on any sporting event or platform;
(3) A commission vendor shall not place a wager on any sporting event or platform;
(4) A licensee or principal owner, partner, member of the board of directors, officer, or supervisory employee of a licensee shall not place a wager on the licensee's platform;
(5) A vendor of a licensee or any principal owner, partner, member of the board of directors, officer, or supervisory employee of a vendor shall not place a wager on the licensee's platform;
(6) A contractor, subcontractor, or consultant or any officer or employee of a

contractor, subcontractor, or consultant of a licensee shall not place a wager on the licensee's platform, if such individual is directly involved in the licensee's operation of sports betting or the processing of sports betting claims or payments through the licensee's platform;

(7) An individual subject to a contract with the commission shall not place a wager on any platform, if the contract contains a provision prohibiting the individual from participating in sports betting;

(8) An individual with access to material nonpublic information that is known exclusively by an individual who is prohibited from placing a wager in this state under this Code section shall not use any such information to place a wager on any sporting event or platform;

(9) An amateur or Olympic athlete shall not place a wager on any sporting event in which the athlete participates;

(10) A professional athlete shall not place a wager on any sporting event overseen by such athlete's sports governing body or sporting events operator;

(11) An owner or employee of a team, player, umpire, or sports union personnel, or employee, referee, coach, or official of a sports governing body or sporting events operator shall not place a wager on any sporting event, if the wager is based on a sporting event overseen by the individual's sports governing body or sporting events operator;

(12) An individual having the ability to directly affect the outcome of a sporting event shall not place a wager on such sporting event;

(13) A trustee or regent of a governing board of a public or private institution of higher education shall not place a wager on a collegiate sporting event;

(14) An individual prohibited by the rules or regulations of a sports governing body or sporting events operator of a collegiate sports team, league, or association from participating in sports betting shall not place a wager on any sporting event to which such prohibition applies; and

(15) A student or an employee of a public or private institution of higher education who has access to material nonpublic information concerning a student athlete or a sports team shall be prohibited from placing a wager on a collegiate sporting event if such information is relevant to the outcome of such event.

(b) The commission may prescribe by rules and regulations additional individuals and categories of individuals who are prohibited from placing a wager on specified sporting events or online sports betting platforms in this state.

(c) The commission shall issue rules and regulations that require periodic reports from licensees and the information to be contained therein so that the commission can develop and maintain a confidential registry of a consolidated list of individuals and categories of individuals who are ineligible to place a wager in this state and shall provide the registry to each licensee in this state. The commission shall provide each updated registry to the licensees as soon as practicable. Each licensee shall maintain the registry provided by the commission confidentially. Such registry shall not be considered a record open to the public pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of this title and shall be exempt from such

provisions.

(d) Any individual who places a wager in violation of this Code section:

(1) For a first offense, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor;

(2) For a second offense, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than $500.00 nor more than $1,000.00 or shall be imprisoned for not less than one month nor more than five months, or both; and

(3) For a third or subsequent offense, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be fined not less than $750.00 or shall be imprisoned for not less than three months, or both.

50-28-83.

(a) The commission shall by rules and regulations prohibit betting on injuries, penalties, or the outcome of player discipline rulings or replay reviews under this chapter that are contrary to public policy or unfair to bettors.

(b)(1) A sports governing body or sporting events operator may submit to the commission in writing, by providing notice in such form and manner as the commission may require, a request to restrict, limit, or prohibit a certain type, form, or category of sports betting with respect to its sporting events, if the sports governing body or sporting events operator believes that such type, form, or category of sports betting with respect to its sporting events may undermine the integrity or perceived integrity of such sports governing body or sporting events operator or its sporting events. The commission shall request comments from sports betting licensees on all such requests it receives.

(2) After giving due consideration to all comments received, the commission shall, upon demonstration of good cause from the requestor that such type, form, or category of sports betting is likely to undermine the integrity or perceived integrity of such sports governing body or sporting events operator or its sporting events, grant the request. The commission shall respond to a request concerning a particular event before the start of the event, or if it is not feasible to respond before then, no later than seven days after the request is made. If the commission determines that the requestor is more likely than not to prevail in successfully demonstrating good cause for its request, the commission may provisionally grant the request of the sports governing body or sporting events operator until the commission makes a final determination as to whether the requestor has demonstrated good cause. Absent such a provisional grant by the commission, sports betting licensees may continue to offer sports betting on sporting events that are the subject of such a request during the pendency of the commission's consideration of the applicable request.

Part 2

50-28-90.

(a) Prior to placing a wager with a licensee via online sports betting or retail sports betting, a bettor shall remotely register and establish a master account with the commission and a player account with the licensee that is linked to the master account

and attest that the bettor meets the requirements to place a wager with a licensee in this state. Prior to verifying a bettor's identity in accordance with this Code section and that the bettor has registered and established a master account with the commission, a Type 1 sports betting licensee, or its designated online sports betting services provider, a Type 2 sports betting platform licensee, or a Type 2 sports betting distributor licensee, as applicable, shall not allow the bettor to engage in sports betting, make a deposit, or process a withdrawal via the bettor's player account with such licensee. A licensee shall implement commercially and technologically reasonable procedures to prevent access to sports betting by minors on its online sports betting platforms or its Type 2 sports betting machines. A licensee may use information obtained from third parties to verify that an individual is authorized to open a player account, place wagers, and make deposits and withdrawals.

(b) Each licensee shall adopt a registration policy to ensure that all bettors utilizing online sports betting or retail sports betting are authorized to place a wager with a licensee within this state. Such policy shall include, without limitation, commercially reasonable mechanisms which shall:

(1) Verify the name and age of the registrant;

(2) Verify that the registrant is not knowingly prohibited from placing a wager under Code Section 50-28-82; and

(3) Obtain the following information from the registrant:

(A) Legal name;

(B) Date of birth;

(C) Physical address other than a post office box;

(D) Phone number;

(E) Social security number;

(F) A unique username; and

(G) An active email account.

(c) Each licensee may in its discretion require a bettor to provide the licensee with a signed and notarized document attesting that the bettor is qualified to engage in sports betting under this chapter as part of the registration policy of the licensee.

(d) A bettor shall not register more than one player account with a licensee, and each licensee shall use commercially and technologically reasonable means to ensure that each bettor is limited to one player account.

(e) Each licensee, in addition to complying with state and federal law pertaining to the protection of the private, personal information of registered bettors, shall use all other commercially and technologically reasonable means to protect such information consistent with industry standards.

(f) When a bettor's player account with a licensee is created, a bettor may fund the account through:

(1) Electronic bank transfer of funds, including such transfers through third parties;

(2) Cash;

(3) Debit cards;

(4) Online and mobile payment systems that support online money transfers; and

(5) Any other method approved by rules and regulations of the commission.

(g)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the total amount a bettor shall be permitted to deposit in any 30 day period into such bettor's player account or accounts with a licensee or licensees shall not exceed $2,000.00 in total, unless the bettor has self-imposed a restriction of a lesser amount as provided in Code Section 50-28-91 or the commission has imposed a restriction of a lessor amount pursuant to subparagraph (a)(13)(I) of Code Section 50-28-9.

(2) A bettor shall be permitted to deposit more than $2,000.00 into such bettor's player account or accounts with a licensee or licensees in any 30 day period if such bettor:

(A) Has the financial ability to deposit such higher amounts as determined by the commission pursuant to rules and regulations designed to protect bettors from the consequences of problem gambling;

(B) Has not self-imposed a restriction of a lesser amount as provided in Code Section 50-28-91; and

(C) Is not subject to a restriction of a lesser amount imposed by the commission pursuant to subparagraph (a)(13)(I) of Code Section 50-28-9.

(h)(1) Each financial transaction with respect to a player account between a bettor and a licensee shall be confirmed by email, telephone, text message, or other means agreed upon by the account holder. A licensee shall use commercially and technologically reasonable means to independently verify the identity of the bettor making a deposit or withdrawal.

(2) If a licensee determines that the information provided by a bettor to make a deposit or process a withdrawal is inaccurate or incapable of verification or violates the policies and procedures of the licensee, the licensee shall, within ten days, require the submission of additional information that can be used to verify the identity of such bettor.

(3) If such information is not provided or does not result in verification of the bettor's identity, the licensee shall:

(A) Immediately suspend the bettor's player account and shall not allow the bettor to place wagers;

(B) Retain any winnings attributable to the bettor;

(C) Refund the balance of deposits made to the player account to the source of such deposit or by issuance of a check; and

(D) Suspend the player account.

(i) A licensee shall utilize geolocation or geofencing technology to ensure that sports betting is available only to bettors who are physically located in this state. A licensee shall maintain in this state the servers it uses to transmit information for purposes of accepting wagers on a sporting event placed by bettors located in this state.

(j) Each licensee shall clearly and conspicuously display on its internet website a statement indicating that it is illegal for a person under 21 years of age to engage in sports betting in this state.

(k) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for purposes of regulating sports betting via online sports betting and retail sports betting.

50-28-91.
(a) Licensees shall allow bettors to restrict themselves from placing wagers with the licensee, including limits on the amounts wagered, and take reasonable steps to prevent those bettors from placing such wagers. At the request of a bettor, a licensee may share the request with the commission for the sole purpose of disseminating the request to other licensees.
(b) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations that require a licensee to implement responsible sports betting programs that include comprehensive training on responding to circumstances in which individuals present signs of problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder.
(c) The commission shall work with national and local organizations to provide services for individuals with problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder and to establish prevention initiatives to reduce the number of individuals with problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder, including, but not limited to, utilizing currently established programs for problem gambling or betting or gambling disorders.
(d) The commission shall annually generate a report outlining activities with respect to problem gambling and betting or gambling disorders, including, but not limited to, descriptions of programs, grants, and other resources made available; the number of individuals seeking assistance; the number of individuals who reported completing programs and therapies; and the rate of recidivism, if known to the commission. The commission shall file the annual report with the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and shall publish such report on its internet website no later than January 1 of each year.

50-28-92.
(a) Each licensee shall adopt and adhere to a written, comprehensive policy outlining its rules governing the acceptance of wagers and payouts. Such policy and rules shall be approved by the commission prior to the acceptance of a wager by a licensee. Such policy and rules shall be readily available to a bettor on the licensee's internet website.
(b) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding:
(1) The manner in which a licensee accepts wagers from and issues payouts to bettors, including payouts in excess of $10,000.00; and
(2) Requirements for reporting suspicious wagers.

Part 3

50-28-100.
(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a licensee may use any data source for determining the results of any tier 1 sports wager or tier 2 sports wager.
(b)(1) A sports governing body or sporting events operator with headquarters located in the United States may notify the commission that it desires licensees to use official league data or official event data, respectively, for determining the results of tier 2 sports wagers. A notification under this subsection shall be made in the form and

manner as the commission shall require through rules and regulations. The commission shall notify each licensee within five days after receipt of such notification from a sports governing body or sporting events operator. If a sports governing body or sporting events operator does not notify the commission of its desire to supply official league data or official event data, a licensee may use any data source for determining the results of any tier 2 wagers on sporting events of that sports governing body or sporting events operator.

(2) Within 60 days after the commission notifies each licensee of the desire of a sports governing body or sporting events operator to require official league data or official event data as provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection, each such licensee shall be required to use only official league data or official event data, as applicable, to determine the results of tier 2 sports wagers on sporting events sanctioned by such sports governing body or sporting events operator, except when:

(A) The licensee provides advance notice to all bettors placing tier 2 wagers on a particular sporting event that it will not use official league data or official event data, as applicable, to determine the results of such tier 2 wagers on the particular sporting event;

(B) The sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, is unable to provide a feed of official league data or official event data to determine the results of a particular type of tier 2 sports wager, in which case licensees may use any data source for determining the results of the applicable tier 2 sports wager until the data feed becomes available on commercially reasonable terms; or

(C) A licensee is able to demonstrate to the commission that the sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, will not provide a feed of official league data or official event data to the licensee on commercially reasonable terms.

(3) The commission may consider the following factors in evaluating whether official league data or official event data is being provided by the sports governing body or sporting events operator on commercially reasonable terms:

(A) The availability of official league data of a sports governing body or the official event data of a sporting events operator on tier 2 sports wagers to a licensee from more than one authorized source;

(B) Market information regarding the purchase of comparable data by licensees for the purpose of settling sports wagers, for use in this state or other jurisdictions;

(C) The nature and quantity of data, including the quality and complexity of the process used for collecting such data; and

(D) The extent to which sports governing bodies or sporting events operators, or designees thereof, have made available to licensees the data used to determine the results of tier 2 sports wagers.

(4) While the commission is determining whether a feed of official league data or official event data has been provided on commercially reasonable terms pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, a licensee may use any data source for determining the results of any tier 2 sports wagers.

(5) The commission shall make a determination under paragraph (3) of this subsection within 120 days after the licensee notifies the commission that it desires to demonstrate that the sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, will not provide a feed of official league data or official event data to such licensee on commercially reasonable terms.

ARTICLE 4
Part 1

50-28-110.
Members of the commission or designated employees of the corporation may, during normal business hours, enter the premises of any facility of a licensee, or a third party utilized by the licensee to operate and conduct business in accordance with this chapter, for the purpose of inspecting books and records kept as required by this chapter to ensure that the licensee is in compliance with this chapter or to make any other inspection of the premises necessary to protect the public interests of this state and its consumers.

50-28-111.
(a) The commission, licensees, commission vendors, and vendors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with investigations conducted by any sports governing body, any sporting events operator, and law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, using commercially reasonable efforts to provide or facilitate the provision of anonymized account level betting information and audio or video files relating to individuals placing wagers. All disclosures under this Code section shall be subject to the obligation of a sports betting licensee to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and rules and regulations relating to privacy and personally identifiable information.
(b) Licensees shall promptly report to the commission any information relating to:
(1) Criminal or disciplinary proceedings commenced against the licensee in connection with its operations;
(2) Abnormal betting activity or patterns that may indicate a concern with the integrity of a sporting event;
(3) Any potential breach of the internal rules and codes of conduct of a sports governing body or sporting events operator pertaining to sports betting to the extent that such rules or codes of conduct are provided to the licensee by the sports governing body or sporting events operator or are otherwise known to the licensee;
(4) Conduct that corrupts the betting outcome of a sporting event for purposes of financial gain, including match fixing; and
(5) Suspicious or illegal betting activities, including cheating, use of funds derived from illegal activity, wagers to conceal or launder funds derived from illegal activity, use of agents to place wagers, and use of false identification.
(c) Licensees shall as soon as is practicable report any information relating to conduct described in paragraphs (2) through (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section to the relevant sports governing body or sporting events operator.

(d) Licensees shall use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain, in real time and at the account level, anonymized information regarding a bettor; the amount and type of bet; the time the bet was placed; the location of the bet, including the internet protocol address if applicable; the outcome of the bet; and records of abnormal betting activity. The commission may request such information in the form and manner as required by rules and regulations of the commission. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'real time' means on a commercially reasonable periodic interval.

(e) All records, documents, and information received by the commission pursuant to this Code section shall be considered investigative records of a law enforcement agency, shall not be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of this title, and shall not be released under any condition without the permission of the person providing such records, documents, or information.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall require a sports betting licensee to provide any information that is prohibited by federal, state, or local laws or rules and regulations, including, without limitation, laws and rules and regulations relating to privacy and personally identifiable information.

(g) If a sports governing body or sporting events operator has notified the commission that real-time information sharing for wagers placed on its sporting events is necessary and desirable and the commission determines it is necessary so as to further the goals of this chapter, licensees shall share the same information with the sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, with respect to wagers on its sporting events. A sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, shall only use information received under this subsection for integrity-monitoring purposes and shall not use such information for any other purpose. Nothing in this subsection shall require a licensee to provide any information that is prohibited by federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations, including, but not limited to laws, rules, or regulations relating to privacy and personally identifiable information.

50-28-112.

The commission shall assist in any investigations by law enforcement to determine whether:

(1) A licensee is accepting wagers from minors or other persons ineligible to place wagers in this state; and

(2) An individual is unlawfully accepting wagers from another individual without a license or at a location in violation of this chapter.

Part 2

50-28-120.

(a) The commission may investigate and conduct a hearing with respect to a licensee upon information and belief that the licensee has violated this chapter or upon the receipt of a credible complaint from any person that a licensee has violated this chapter. The commission shall conduct investigations and hearings in accordance with rules and

regulations adopted by the commission.

(b) If the commission determines that a licensee has violated any provision of this chapter or any rules and regulations of the commission, the commission may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license; impose an administrative fine not to exceed $25,000.00 per violation; or both.

(c) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing a schedule of administrative fines that may be assessed in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section for each violation of this chapter; provided, however, that, if the commission finds that:

(1) A licensee is accepting wagers from minors or other persons ineligible to place wagers in this state, the commission shall impose a fine against the licensee as follows:

(A) For a first offense, $1,000.00;

(B) For a second offense, $2,000.00; and

(C) For a third or subsequent offense, $5,000.00; or

(2) An individual is unlawfully accepting wagers from another individual without a license, the commission shall impose a fine against the individual as follows:

(A) For a first offense, $10,000.00;

(B) For a second offense, $15,000.00; and

(C) For a third or subsequent offense, $25,000.00.

(d) The commission may refer conduct that it reasonably believes is a violation of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

50-28-121.

(a) Fines assessed under this chapter shall be accounted for separately for use by the commission in a manner consistent with rules and regulations of the commission.

(b) The commission may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books, accounts, records, and documents for purposes of carrying out its duties under this chapter.

50-28-122.

(a) A licensee or other individual aggrieved by a final decision or action of the commission may appeal such decision or action to the Superior Court of Fulton County.

(b) The Superior Court of Fulton County shall hear appeals from decisions or actions of the commission and, based upon the record of the proceedings before the commission, may reverse the decision or action of the commission only if the appellant proves the decision or action to be:

(1) Clearly erroneous;

(2) Arbitrary and capricious;

(3) Procured by fraud;

(4) A result of substantial misconduct by the commission; or

(5) Contrary to the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Georgia, or this chapter.

(c) The Superior Court of Fulton County may remand an appeal to the commission to

conduct further hearings.

Part 3

50-28-123.
(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to knowingly receive, supply, broadcast, display, or otherwise transmit material nonpublic information for the purpose of betting on a sporting event or influencing another individual's or entity's wager on a sporting event.
(b) This Code section shall not apply to the dissemination of public information as news, entertainment, or advertising.
(c) Any person in violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

50-28-124.
(a) Any person that violates any provisions of this chapter shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than $5,000.00 per violation, not to exceed $50,000.00 for violations arising out of the same transaction or occurrence, which shall accrue to the commission and may be recovered in a civil action brought by or on behalf the commission.
(b) The commission may seek and obtain an injunction in a court of competent jurisdiction for purposes of enforcing this chapter.
(c) Costs shall not be taxed against the commission or this state for actions brought under this chapter.

Part 4

50-28-130.
Bettors shall have certain rights as set forth in this part.

50-28-131.
Bettors shall have the right to access information necessary for making wagers, as well as information demonstrating that the licensee's offerings are administered legally and fairly in all respects. Such information includes but is not limited to:
(1) The handling of wagers;
(2) The odds and pertinent information used to calculate those odds;
(3) Payout amounts and schedule of payouts;
(4) Systems for reporting suspicions of fraud, such as internal reporting protocols and available legal actions;
(5) Prohibition of certain parties with an interest in or ability to affect the outcome of a sporting event from betting on such sporting events;
(6) The source of data utilized to determine outcomes of wagers;
(7) Contact information for the licensee;
(8) Resources for problem gambling, expressed in a clear and easily accessible manner; and

(9) How to limit amounts of individual or aggregate wagers within specified time periods and later deposits into accounts.

50-28-132.
Bettors shall have the right to privacy and protection of their personally identifiable information and to the security of their funds and financial activities on sports betting platforms.

50-28-133.
Licensees shall provide bettors with easy access to resources about the warning signs and treatment of gambling addictions and shall be proactive in preventing at-risk customers from becoming problem gamblers by implementing responsible gaming programs, trainings, and other practices to help bettors participate responsibly.

50-28-134.
A bettor shall have the right to recourse against a licensee in the event he or she believes a transaction or other interaction has been mishandled. Such recourse is essential to establish the credibility of sports betting and to maintain consumer trust. Bettors shall have the right to seek relief as may be provided in this chapter and by rules and regulations of the corporation. Licensees shall provide a clear, expeditious protocol to address concerns raised by bettors. ~~Reserved.~~"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 16-12-20, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(1) 'Bet' means an agreement that, dependent upon chance even though accompanied by some skill, one stands to win or lose something of value. A bet does not include:

(A) Contracts of indemnity or guaranty or life, health, property, or accident insurance; ~~or~~

(B) An offer of a prize, award, or compensation to the actual contestants in any bona fide contest for the determination of skill, speed, strength, or endurance or to the owners of animals, vehicles, watercraft, or aircraft entered in such contest; or

(C) Any consideration paid to a person licensed by the Georgia Sports Betting Commission under Chapter 28 of Title 50 or an employee, agent, or other person acting in furtherance of his or her employment by such licensee on the partial or final result of or performance during any professional or intercollegiate sporting event, contest, or exhibition that had not begun at the time the consideration was paid."

SECTION 3-2.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-27, relating to advertisement

or solicitation for participation in lotteries, as follows:

"16-12-27.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, firm, corporation, or other entity to sell, distribute, televise, broadcast, or disseminate any advertisement, television or radio commercial, or any book, magazine, periodical, newspaper, or other written or printed matter containing an advertisement or solicitation for participation in any lottery declared to be unlawful by the laws of this state unless such advertisement, commercial, or solicitation contains or includes the words 'void in Georgia' printed or spoken so as to be clearly legible or audible to persons viewing or hearing such advertisement, commercial, or solicitation.

(b) Any person, partnership, firm, corporation, or other entity violating subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) This Code section shall not apply to any advertisement or solicitation for participation in sports betting by any person licensed by the Georgia Sports Betting Commission under Chapter 28 of Title 50 that is concerning such licensee's lawful activities."

SECTION 3-3.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-28, relating to communicating gambling information, as follows:

"16-12-28.

(a) A person who knowingly communicates information as to bets, betting odds, or changes in betting odds or who knowingly installs or maintains equipment for the transmission or receipt of such information with the intent to further gambling commits the offense of communicating gambling information.

(b) A person who commits the offense of communicating gambling information, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine not to exceed $5,000.00, or both.

(c) This Code section shall not apply to the activities of a person licensed by the Georgia Sports Betting Commission under Chapter 28 of Title 50 or an employee, agent, or other person acting in furtherance of his or her employment by such licensee."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising paragraph (55) of Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from state sales and use tax, as follows:

"(55) The sale of lottery tickets authorized by Chapter 27 of Title 50 or wagers authorized by Chapter 28 of Title 50;"

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, following the ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia providing for lotteries, bingo games, raffles, sports betting, and other forms of betting and gambling; provided, however, to the extent that this Act conflicts with law in effect at the time of ratification, this Act and such amendment shall control, and to the extent such law is not in conflict, the law in effect at the time of ratification shall control and shall remain in full force and effect. If such amendment is not so ratified, then this Act shall stand automatically repealed.

SECTION 5-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th asked unanimous consent that SB 172 be placed on the Table. The consent was granted, and SB 172 was placed on the Table.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Watson of the 11th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Watson was excused.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Walker III of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Walker III was excused.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hufstetler was excused.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Echols of the 49th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Echols was excused.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 779 until 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 22, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Monday, January 22, 2024
Sixth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 354. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cosmetologists and barbers, so as to exempt from licensure persons performing certain limited responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters: to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 355. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Dolezal of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding elections and primaries, so as to prohibit the use of ranked-choice voting; to provide for certain exceptions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 356. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to provide for protections of homeowners in community associations; to revise provisions

concerning the foreclosure of liens by condominium associations and property owner's associations; to provide definitions; to provide for annual registration of community associations and related fees; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 357. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 31, 33, 43, and 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health, insurance, professions and businesses, and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to provide for a limb salvage protocol and treatment to prevent or delay limb amputation in whole or in part, due to diabetes, peripheral artery disease, or other medical conditions; to require hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to adopt policies to provide for a limb salvage protocol; to require the State Board of Podiatry Examiners to establish a limb salvage protocol and treatment; to mandate the state health benefit plan to cover healthcare services related to a limb salvage protocol or treatment; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 358. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Election Board, so as to remove the Secretary of State from the board; to authorize the board to investigate the Secretary of State; to require the Secretary of State to cooperate with certain investigations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 359. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-14-3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to definitions under the "Georgia RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act," so as to amend the definition of "pattern of racketeering activity" to include felonies and certain misdemeanors which meet criteria for the imposition of enhanced penalties; to amend Article 1 of Chapter

10 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition punishment, so as to include additional offenses under the definition of "designated misdemeanor"; to include political affiliation or belief as contributing factors for the imposition of enhanced penalties; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 360. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that capital outlay funds may be used for educational facilities for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided by the school system; to provide that student projection counts may include pre-kindergarten; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

The following communications were read by the Secretary:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2024

RE: JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

Georgia law provides for Senate confirmation of appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, I am notifying the Senate that the Governor has timely submitted to the Senate the name of his appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission for confirmation by the Senate. The name of the appointee is attached for your review.

Pursuant to Senate rules, this appointment will be referred to the Committee on Assignments. The Committee on Assignments will report its recommendations on the appointment to the Senate after which the Senate may proceed to consider confirmation.

STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ATLANTA 30334-0090

Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

January 12, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Cook:

The appointment included below requires Senate confirmation. This appointment is submitted pursuant to Senate Rules 3-3.1, *et seq*. If we can provide you with any additional information to assist your office in the confirmation process, please let us know.

Executive Order 06.13.23.01, regarding the reappointment of the Honorable Bob Barr of Cobb County as a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission for a term of office ending June 30, 2027.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Brian P. Kemp

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, the appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission was referred to the Committee on Assignments.

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 151	Do Pass	SR 122	Do Pass
SR 323	Do Pass by substitute	SR 344	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 338 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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SENATE MINORITY LEADER

January 22, 2024

Dear Secretary Cook,

Please accept this letter as timely notice of my intention to file a minority report for SB 338, which the Committee on State & Local Government passed out of committee on Friday, January 12th, 2024.

Thank you,
/s/ Gloria Butler
Senator Gloria Butler of the 55th District
Leader, Georgia Senate Democratic Caucus
Member, Committee on State & Local Government

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 205

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Harrell of the 40th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harrell was excused.

Senator Burns of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Kirkpatrick was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbin	Parent
Anderson, L.	Harbison	Payne
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Rahman
Beach	Hickman	Rhett
Brass	Hodges	Robertson
Burns	Hufstetler	Setzler
Butler	Islam Parkes	Sims
Cowsert	Jackson	Still
Davenport	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, H.	Summers
Dolezal	Kennedy	Tillery
Echols	Lucas	Walker
Esteves	Mallow	Watson, B.
Ginn	McLaurin	Watson, S.

Gooch	Merritt	Williams
Goodman		

Not answering were Senators:

Harrell (Excused)	James (Excused)	Kirkpatrick (Excused)
Seay (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Orrock

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend James "Major" Woodall of Marietta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. B. Rustin McAllister, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 449. By Senator Esteves of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlanta Vibe professional women's indoor volleyball team; and for other purposes.

Senator Esteves of the 6th introduced Colleen Craig, owner of the Atlanta Vibe professional women's indoor volleyball team, commended by SR 449. Mrs. Craig addressed the Senate briefly.

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, January 22, 2024
Sixth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 333 Dixon of the 45th
GWINNETT COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry; to provide a charter; to provide effective dates and transitional provisions governing the transfer of various functions and responsibilities from Gwinnett County to the City of Mulberry; to provide for severability; to provide for effective dates; to repeal

conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that SB 333 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) from the Local Consent Calendar. The consent was granted, and SB 333 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolutions of the House:

HR 805. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; inviting each other Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

HR 806. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION to call for the nomination and election of the chairperson of the State Election Board; and for other purposes.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

HR 805. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; inviting each other Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, there was no objection, and the resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

HR 806. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION to call for the nomination and election of the chairperson of the State Election Board; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 51, nays 0, and the resolution was adopted.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 437. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jeffery Scott "Scotty" Tillery; and for other purposes.

SR 438. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harrell of the 40th, Brass of the 28th, Parent of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta; and for other purposes.

SR 439. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Payne of the 54th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 25, 2024, as National Guard Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 440. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Brass of the 28th, Ginn of the 47th, Esteves of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Karen Bremer; and for other purposes.

SR 441. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marcus Woods; and for other purposes.

SR 442. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jamal Shears; and for other purposes.

SR 444. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Middle Georgia State University School of Aviation and recognizing January 16, 2024, as Georgia Aerospace Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 445. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Harrell of the 40th, Watson of the 1st and Hodges of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 27, 2024, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and for other purposes.

SR 446. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st and Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Malcolm Mitchell; and for other purposes.

SR 447. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th, Goodman of the 8th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7 to 14, 2024, as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 448. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium as part of the Georgia Department of Public Health, HPV Cancer Free GA, Cancer Pathway, and The Susan Jolley Awareness Program for their exceptional contributions to cervical cancer education and awareness in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024
SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 571 Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan; updated every four years; provide (H&HS-32nd) Silcox-53rd

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 571. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 6 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan, so as to provide that the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan be updated every four years; to provide for a progress report between updates; to revise provisions relating to membership on the advisory council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 571, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 159. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding correctional institutions of states and counties, so as to prohibit wireless communications and stand-alone electronic devices behind guard lines; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 159:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to revise punishment provisions relative to prohibited items in possession by inmates; to provide for enhanced punishment for violations committed by department employees or contractors; to revise punishment provisions relative to unauthorized photography or

recording of a place of incarceration using unmanned aircraft; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding correctional institutions of state and counties, is amended by revising Code Section 42-5-18, relating to items prohibited for possession by inmates, warden's authorization, penalty, and use of unmanned aircraft to accomplish violations, as follows:

"42-5-18.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Inmate' means a prisoner, detainee, criminal suspect, immigration detainee, or other person held, incarcerated, or detained in a place of incarceration, whether or not such person is inside or outside of such place of incarceration.

(2) 'Place of incarceration' means any prison, probation detention center, jail, or institution, including any state, federal, local, or privately operated facility, used for the purpose of incarcerating criminals or detainees.

(3) 'Telecommunications device' means a device, an apparatus associated with a device, or a component of a device that enables, or may be used to enable, communication with a person outside a place of incarceration, including a telephone, cellular telephone, personal digital assistant, transmitting radio, or computer connected or capable of being connected to a computer network, by wireless or other technology, or otherwise capable of communicating with a person or device outside of a place of incarceration.

(4) 'Warden or superintendent' means the commissioner or any warden, superintendent, sheriff, chief ~~jailor~~ jailer, or other person who is responsible for the overall management and operation of a place of incarceration.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain for, to procure for, or to give to an inmate a gun, pistol, or any other weapon; any intoxicating liquor; amphetamines, biphetamines, or any other hallucinogenic drugs or other drugs, regardless of the amount; any telecommunications device; or any other article or item without the authorization of the warden or superintendent or his or her designee.

(b.1) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain for, to procure for, or to give to an inmate tobacco or any product containing tobacco without the authorization of the warden or superintendent or his or her designee.

(c) It shall be unlawful for an inmate to possess a gun, pistol, or any other weapon; any intoxicating liquor; tobacco or any product containing tobacco; amphetamines, biphetamines, or any other hallucinogenic drugs or other drugs, regardless of the amount; a telecommunications device; or any other item without the authorization of the warden or superintendent or his or her designee.

(d)(1) An inmate who commits or attempts to commit a violation of subsection (c) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be

imprisoned for not less than one nor more than five years; provided, however, that, if an inmate violates this Code section while being held pursuant to an arrest or conviction for a misdemeanor offense, the possession of a telecommunications device in violation of this Code section shall be treated as a misdemeanor.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, any ~~A~~ person who commits or attempts to commit a violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a ~~mandatory minimum~~ term of imprisonment of ~~two~~ ten years ~~but not more than ten years, and no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court~~.

(3) Except as otherwise provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection, any ~~A~~ person who commits or attempts to commit a violation of subsection (b.1) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned for not less than one nor more than five years.

(4) An employee or contractor of the department who commits or attempts to commit a violation of subsection (b) or (b.1) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of ten years.

(e)(1) It shall be unlawful for an inmate to possess a stored value card, the account number of a stored value card, or the personal identification number of a stored value card.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain for, to procure for, or to give an inmate a stored value card, the account number of a stored value card, or the personal identification number of a stored value card.

(3) A person who commits a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than one nor more than ten years, unless the judge imposes a misdemeanor sentence pursuant to Code Section 17-10-5.

(f)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally use an unmanned aircraft system to violate the provisions of subsection (b) or (b.1) of this Code section.

(2)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally photograph or otherwise record images of a place of incarceration through the use of an unmanned aircraft system for purposes of committing a criminal offense.

(B) Any person may secure prior authorization from the warden or the superintendent, or his or her designated representative, of such place of incarceration for photographing or recording as evidence of a noncriminal intent; provided, however, that failure to secure such prior authorization shall not evidence a criminal intent.

(3) Any person who commits or attempts to commit a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced as follows:

(A) Any person convicted of a violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be imprisoned for not less than one nor more than ten years; and

(B) Any person convicted of paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be imprisoned for not less than ~~one~~ five nor more than ~~five~~ ten years.

(4) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'unmanned aircraft system' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 6-1-4."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Robertson of the 29th moved that the Senate recede from its disagreement to the House substitute to SB 159 and agree to the House substitute.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anavitarte	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 43, nays 7; the motion prevailed, and the Senate receded from its disagreement to the House substitute to SB 159 and agreed to the House substitute.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Seventh Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 35. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Harbison of the 15th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 361. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to increase the number of authorized

nonemergency teleconference meetings in which members of nonstatewide agencies can participate each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 362. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Still of the 48th, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for requirements relative to employee representation by a labor organization for employers to receive certain economic development incentives from the state; to provide for definitions; to provide for a penalty; to provide for applicability; to provide for oversight; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 363. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, so as to provide for establishment of a Georgia Public Safety Training Center law enforcement unit; to provide for jurisdiction, powers, and duties for peace officers appointed to such unit; to authorize the issuance of motor vehicles, uniforms, and weaponry to such peace officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 364. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Summers of the 13th, Still of the 48th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the lesser of 3 percent or the inflation rate from the adjusted base year value of such homestead; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 365. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for notification to parents and legal guardians of public school students of the right to receive email notification each time their child obtains school library materials; to identify materials that are subject to the complaint resolution policy for materials "harmful to minors," as set forth in Code Section 20-2-324.6; to provide for definitions; to repeal Code Section 20-2-720, relating to inspection of students' records by parents, for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 366. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th, Dolezal of the 27th, Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to revise provisions related to the adoption and contents of general appropriations bills; to revise provisions for certain economic analyses; to revise the legislative review of taxation; to provide a definition; to establish the Joint Committee on Taxation and Economic Development; to provide for membership, officers, meetings, authority, reports, cooperation, and expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 367. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Setzler of the 37th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to eliminate authorization for the use of ballot drop boxes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 368. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit foreign nationals from contributing to candidates or campaign committees; to prohibit candidates and campaign committees from accepting contributions from foreign nationals; to provide for definitions; to require agents of foreign principals to register with the State Ethics Commissioner; to provide for registration requirements; to require agents of foreign principals to disclose to government agencies and the General Assembly when such agents are advocating on behalf of a foreign principal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 369. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Parent of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, so as to provide for the issuance of license plates commemorating the United States of America's semiquincentennial; to provide for the selection of the design for such license plate; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 370. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet, so as to require certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information; to amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, so as to provide for human trafficking awareness training for board members; to provide for inspections of massage therapy practices; to require licensees to display a photograph along with their massage therapy practice licenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 371. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jones of the 10th, Robertson of the 29th,

Butler of the 55th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of workers' compensation; to provide for definitions; to amend Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers, firemen, prison guards, and publicly employed emergency medical technicians, so as to provide compensation to eligible peace officers from the State Indemnification Fund; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 372. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 41st, Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to exempt the sale or use of certain goods designed and customarily used for child-rearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SR 454. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to clarify that only citizens of the United States shall have a right to vote in elections in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SR 465. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Special Committee on Investigations; to provide for the issuance of compulsory process to secure the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents and materials; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

January 23, 2024

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Assignments has had under consideration the following appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission:

- Hon. Bob Barr appointed by the Governor
- Mr. Stephen S. Green appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Hon. Victoria S. Darrisaw appointed by the Supreme Court of Georgia

and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

That the appointments be confirmed as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Burt Jones
Hon. Burt Jones, Chairman

The confirmation of the appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission was set as a Special Order of Business for Thursday, January 25, 2024, prior to third reading of general bills and resolutions.

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 337 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Harbin of the 16th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 348 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 30 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 352 Do Pass
SR 443 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 524 Do Pass
SB 353 Do Pass
SR 158 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dolezal of the 27th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 359 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 151 SB 338 SR 122 SR 344

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Rhett of the 33rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rhett was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Setzler of the 37th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Setzler was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Harrell of the 40th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harrell was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Gooch	Merritt
Anavitarte	Goodman	Moore
Anderson, L.	Harbin	Parent
Anderson, T.	Harbison	Payne
Beach	Hatchett	Robertson
Brass	Hickman	Sims
Burns	Hodges	Still
Butler	Hufstetler	Strickland
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Summers
Davenport	Jackson	Tillery
Dixon	Jones, E.	Walker
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Watson, B.
Echols	Kennedy	Watson, S.
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Williams
Ginn	Mallow	

Not answering were Senators:

Halpern (Excused)	Harrell (Excused)	James (Excused)
Orrock (Excused)	Rahman (Excused)	Rhett (Excused)
Seay (Excused)	Setzler (Excused)	Tate (Excused)
Lucas	McLaurin	

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Esteves of the 6th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Catherine Boothe Olson of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. James Short, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th introduced Marcus Woods and Jamal Shears, commended respectively by SR 441 and SR 442, both adopted previously. Mr. Woods and Mr. Shears addressed the Senate briefly.

Senators Jones II of the 22nd and Burns of the 23rd introduced the CSRA Veterans of Augusta. Don Clark, a representative from the CSRA Veterans of Augusta, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 450. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Echols of the 49th and Jackson of the 41st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and for other purposes.

SR 451. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Rockmart Yellowjackets football team on their outstanding 2023 season; and for other purposes.

SR 452. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dixon of the 45th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7, 2024, as Lions Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 453. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia Military College and congratulating the preparatory school's JROTC team on being the 2023 Raider National Champions (Mixed Team); and for other purposes.

SR 455. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Brass of the 28th, Jackson of the 41st, Merritt of the 9th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7, 2024, as Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia Day in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 456. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Harbin of the 16th, Butler of the 55th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and its Georgia chapter; and for other purposes.

SR 457. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Burns of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Haley Lewis, the 2023

Employee of the Year for the Department of Community Supervision; and for other purposes.

SR 458. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Darryl Orlando Ledbetter, Esq.; and for other purposes.

SR 459. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kyle M. Jones; and for other purposes.

SR 460. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Julius G. Abraham; and for other purposes.

SR 461. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Charles M. McCord; and for other purposes.

SR 462. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Islam Parkes of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Judge Kellie Hill; and for other purposes.

SR 463. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th and Islam Parkes of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Makia Metzger on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 464. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th, Islam Parkes of the 7th and Setzler of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Judge Angela Brown on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd introduced Consul General of Japan, Mio Maeda. Consul General Maeda addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
Eighth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

Date: 1/23/2024

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SB 360.

Signed: /s/ Elena C. Parent District: 42

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Billy Hickman
(Primary Author)

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 373. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-10A-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy, so as to provide for the issuance of expedited licenses by endorsement for marriage and family therapists; to provide a definition; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal

conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 374. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th, Ginn of the 47th, Halpern of the 39th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021," so as to change provisions relating to land surveyor interns and professional land surveyors; to provide for educational requirements; to provide for apprenticeships; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 375. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jackson of the 41st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st and Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 37-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, membership, meetings, and obligations, so as to add the commissioner of veterans service as a member of such council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.

SB 376. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Burns of the 23rd, Payne of the 54th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to clarify requirements of parents, DFCS, and court in order to improve timely permanent placement of a child removed from their home; to provide for a hearing to be held prior to a dependent child's fifteenth month in foster care to review a determination of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services not to petition to terminate parental rights; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

SB 377. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Burns of the 23rd,

Payne of the 54th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 15 and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the courts and social services, respectively, so as to provide for the licensing of qualified residential treatment programs; to revise the definition of "qualified residential treatment program" to conform with federal law; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 378. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Dolezal of the 27th, Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude, so as to provide for increased sentences for persons convicted of trafficking a minor or a developmentally disabled person for sexual servitude; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 379. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-182 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program weights to reflect funds for payment of salaries and benefits, maximum class size, reporting requirements, and application to specific school years, so as to authorize local school systems and public schools to employ or accept as a volunteer school chaplains; to provide that school chaplains shall provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 380. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 17th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-7-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uninsured motorist coverage under motor vehicle liability policies, so as to increase the minimum uninsured motorist

coverage required under motor vehicle liability policies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 381. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 17th, Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state government, so as to provide that certain state offices provide callers with the opportunity to complete an automated satisfaction survey; to provide for the contents of such survey; to provide for certain reports and information; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 382. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Gilmer County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Children and Families has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 342 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following

recommendation:

HB 306	Do Pass by substitute	SB 147	Do Pass by substitute
SB 208	Do Pass	SR 189	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dixon of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 355	Do Pass
SB 358	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Burns of the 23rd District, Chairman

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

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State and Local Governmental Operations, Secretary

SENATE MINORITY LEADER

January 24, 2024

Secretary Cook:

I send this letter as timely notice of my intention to file a minority report for SB 358, which Ethics passed on Tuesday, January 23rd.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Gloria Butler
Senator Gloria Butler
District 55
Leader, Senate Democratic Caucus
Member of State & Local Government

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 498 Do Pass
SB 354 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 465 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 30 SB 337 SB 348 SB 353 SB 359 SR 352

SR 443

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th asked unanimous consent that Senator Robertson of the 29th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Robertson was excused.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Islam Parkes was excused.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	Merritt
Anavitarte	Harbin	Moore
Anderson, L.	Harbison	Payne
Anderson, T.	Harrell	Rhett
Beach	Hatchett	Robertson
Brass	Hickman	Setzler
Burns	Hodges	Sims
Cowsert	Hufstetler	Still
Davenport	Islam Parkes	Strickland
Dixon	Jackson	Summers
Dolezal	Jones, E.	Tillery
Echols	Jones, H.	Walker
Esteves	Kennedy	Watson, B.
Ginn	Kirkpatrick	Watson, S.
Gooch	Mallow	Williams
Goodman	McLaurin	

Not answering were Senators:

James (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)	Parent (Excused)
Rahman (Excused)	Seay (Excused)	Tate (Excused)
Butler	Orrock	

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Esteves of the 6th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Daniel Ogle of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Dale Peeples, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 466. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marvin Broadwater Sr.; and for other purposes.

SR 467. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Sgt. Marc Andrew McIntyre; and for other purposes.

SR 468. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Roy Cates on the occasion of his 44th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 469. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Hodges of the 3rd, Hickman of the 4th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Pierce County High School Bears football team on their 2023 State 2A football championship; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross SB 338, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	E Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
N Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 16; the motion prevailed, and SB 338 was engrossed.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Butler of the 55th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Butler was excused.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024
EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SR 344	Purebred Dog Day; recognize May 1, 2023 (Substitute) (RULES-45th)
SB 338	Board of Education of Cobb County; education districts; change the description (SLGO(G)-37th)
SR 323	Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services; create (Substitute) (RULES-22nd)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SR 344. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th and Goodman of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION commending the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs and recognizing May 1, 2023, as Purebred Dog Day in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to SR 344:

A RESOLUTION

Commending the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs and recognizing May 1, 2024, as Purebred Dog Day in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, dedicated individuals in Georgia breed dogs to develop unique predictable characteristics that enable dogs to excel in a wide range of beneficial areas; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and historically, these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship; and

WHEREAS, the service of these breeds continues as they work alongside humans and provide inestimable companionship as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earth dogs, police dogs, canine soldiers serving by the sides of our military men and women, and guardians of family, home, and hearth; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes, and benefitting pharmaceutical research and development; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are working dogs, serving as avalanche dogs, trackers and trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters, and bird dogs; and

WHEREAS, all dogs should be valued whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

WHEREAS, each breed is incredibly etched in the history of the culture that created it, just as surely as that culture's music, art, and language, making it abundantly fitting that we recognize purebred dogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body commend the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs and recognize May 1, 2024, as Purebred Dog Day in the State of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the press.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

SR 344, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

SB 338. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Cobb County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3516), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 2, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5274), so as to change the description of the education districts of such board; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for the manner of election;

to provide an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 338.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 32, nays 19.

SB 338, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Setzler of the 37th moved that SB 338 be immediately transmitted to the House.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett

Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 19; failing to receive the requisite two-thirds of those voting, the motion lost, and SB 338 was not immediately transmitted to the House.

The Calendar was resumed.

SR 323. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st and Halpern of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to SR 323:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Georgia senior population is rapidly growing and the need to assist family caregivers is growing; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1 million Georgians who are family caregivers, and they provide over 1 billion hours of care per year; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature understands the value of family caregivers, having passed the Georgia Caregiver Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, family caregiving is more than just an act of love and family responsibility but is a critical element that supports the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers handle difficult medical tasks including providing injections, managing medical equipment, and performing personal hygiene care tasks for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers must advocate for their loved ones, coordinate care through complex health insurance plans, contend with transportation obstacles, and address other care concerns; and

WHEREAS, many family caregivers are employed in the workforce, which can create difficulty for such caregivers as they care for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, employers of family caregivers face economic impacts as such employers may lose valued employees because of the family caregivers' care obligations; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers confront emotional, physical, and financial concerns as they care for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers deserve our support and assistance; and

WHEREAS, a study is needed to determine policy goals and identify legislative actions to improve family caregiving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

(1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds

appropriated to the Senate.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.

Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

SR 323, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, January 25, 2024
Ninth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2024

RE: CONSIDERATION OF JQC APPOINTMENTS

Consideration of the confirmation of the following appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission has been made a special order of business for today just prior to Third Reading and Consideration of General Bills and Resolutions:

- Hon. Bob Barr appointed by the Governor
- Mr. Stephen S. Green appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

- Hon. Victoria S. Darrisaw appointed by the Supreme Court of Georgia

A copy of the requests for confirmation of these appointments are attached.

Also, we expect to receive a message from the House of Representatives asking the Senate to confirm its election of the Chair of the State Elections Board. This matter will be taken upon receipt of the House message.

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240 STATE CAPITOL
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BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 25, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Greg Dolezal of the 27th District, Senator Chuck Payne of the 54th District, Senator Shelly Echols of the 49th District, and Senator Brandon Beach of the 21st District as ex-officio members of the Senate Ethics Committee for the committee meeting to be held on January 25, 2024. Such appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senators shall count as voting members of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to

committee:

SB 383. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to revise requirements for intergovernmental agreements between counties and qualified municipalities for collection of such tax; to provide for standards for disbursement of proceeds for municipalities absent from an intergovernmental agreement; to revise the maximum amount and time frame for the collection of such tax when an intergovernmental agreement has been entered into between a county and all qualified municipalities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 384. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Halpern of the 39th and Esteves of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor practices relative to public officers and employees, so as to provide for the development and administration of the State of Georgia as a Model Employer (GAME) Program for the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels and for all occupations; to establish state policy; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain duties of the State ADA Coordinator; to establish the elements of the GAME Program; to provide for the development of plans by state agencies; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 385. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to funding, donations, property, and scholarships with respect to Georgia Military College, so as to revise legislative intent language regarding certain postsecondary study beyond the second year level; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;

and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.

SB 386. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hatchett of the 50th, Butler of the 55th, Beach of the 21st, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to authorize and provide for the regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; to change certain provisions relating; to increase funding to the state's Pre-K programs; to provide for the corporation to engage in certain activities related to sports betting; to provide for a short title; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to gambling, so as to exclude any consideration paid to a sports betting licensee from the definition of "bet"; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt wagers placed as part of sports betting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 387. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to identification cards for persons without drivers' licenses, so as to provide that personal identification card applications of certain applicants who are either homeless or in the legal custody of the Division of Family and Children Services do not require signatures by the applicant's parent, guardian, or responsible adult; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to children and youth services, so as to authorize the Department of Human Services to establish programs that will provide a child or youth entering foster care with a photograph; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

SB 388. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62

years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, so as to provide for a full value exemption for senior and disabled residents; to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 389. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hodges of the 3rd, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, privileges, and prohibitions, so as to provide for the adjutant general to be the official sponsor of the state sponsored life insurance program for the Georgia National Guard; to provide a definition; to provide for duties for the adjutant general regarding the program; to provide for the National Guard Association of Georgia to select the insurer for the program; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 390. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Dolezal of the 27th, Setzler of the 37th, Watson of the 1st, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to libraries; to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 24, relating to librarians; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 391. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd and Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 31, 36, and 44 of the Official Code

of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, local government, and property, respectively, so as to provide regulations and protections of cemeteries and burial grounds; to revise procedures concerning the issuance of permits for the disinterment and reinterment of human remains; to provide for a civil action regarding the ability to enter upon land for the purpose of discovering ancestral grave sites and conducting genealogical research in connection with ancestral grave sites; to provide definitions; to provide statutory construction; to conform cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 392. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to establish the criminal offense of election interference with a deep fake and solicitation of such; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for punishment; to provide for the State Election Board to publish results of investigations into such offenses; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 393. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Lucas of the 26th and Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of health, so as to change the necessary experience requirements to qualify as a soil classifier to conduct soil investigations and prepare soil reports for an on-site sewage management system; to revise the definition of "soil classifier"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 394. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to miscellaneous provisions of the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to enact the "Restricting Explicit and Adult-designated

Educational Resources (READER) Act"; to provide for definitions, including definitions for the terms "harmful to minors," "restricted materials," and "sexually explicit materials"; to require the State Board of Education to establish standards for the designation of restricted materials by local boards of education, standards for the use and restriction of instructional materials, and standards for the use and restriction of public school library collection materials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 395. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Watson of the 11th, Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize the possession of opioid antagonists in schools; to define a term; to authorize schools to maintain a stock supply of opioid antagonists; to authorize trained school personnel to administer opioid antagonists and carry opioid antagonists on their person; to provide for immunity; to provide for activation of the emergency medical services system and notification of emergency contacts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 396. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Beach of the 21st, Goodman of the 8th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to enact the "Georgia State-wide Music Office Act"; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to create the Georgia State-wide Music Office; to provide for administration of the office; to provide for duties of the office; to create the Georgia Music Advisory Council; to provide for membership, terms, and filling of vacancies; to provide for administration of the council; to provide for duties of the council; to provide for the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SR 470. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th,

Anderson of the 24th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SR 471. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Access to Affordable Child Care; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

SR 474. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Mallow of the 2nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging partnership among the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children, the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, and the boards of commissioners for all Georgia counties to promote the provision of quality legal representation for parents, children and youth, and child welfare agencies at all stages of child welfare proceedings; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

SR 476. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 189 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Burns of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 340 Do Pass
SB 366 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 130 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hickman of the 4th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 63 Do Pass by substitute
HB 279 Do Pass by substitute
HB 362 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Walker III of the 20th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 41	Do Pass by substitute
SB 255	Do Pass
SB 352	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 342 SB 354 SB 355 SB 358 SR 465

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th asked unanimous consent that Senator Strickland of the 17th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Strickland was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Goodman	McLaurin
Anavitarte	Halpern	Merritt
Anderson, L.	Harbin	Moore

Beach	Hatchett	Payne
Brass	Hickman	Rhett
Burns	Hodges	Robertson
Butler	Hufstetler	Setzler
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Sims
Davenport	Jones, E.	Summers
Dixon	Jones, H.	Tillery
Dolezal	Kennedy	Walker
Echols	Kirkpatrick	Watson, B.
Esteves	Lucas	Watson, S.
Ginn	Mallow	Williams
Gooch		

Not answering were Senators:

Jackson (Excused)	James (Excused)	Parent (Excused)
Rahman (Excused)	Seay (Excused)	Strickland (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Anderson, T.	Harbison
Harrell	Orrock	Still

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd introduced the chaplain of the day, Captain Leland Jones of College Park, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. J. Michael Ware, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized former Senator Judson Hill.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd introduced the Georgia National Guard, commended by SR 439, adopted previously. Adjutant General Tom Carden addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized former Senator Fran Millar.

Senator Hickman of the 4th introduced Malcolm Mitchell and the Share the Magic Foundation, commended by SR 446, adopted previously. Mr. Mitchell addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 472. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st,

Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the efforts of Pulaski, Peach, Houston, and other middle Georgia counties in their efforts through ACT to give the local workforce a competitive advantage to support and grow existing businesses and attract new businesses by becoming a certified work ready community; and for other purposes.

SR 473. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Goodman of the 8th, Ginn of the 47th, Watson of the 11th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the University of Georgia 4-H Program, Thomas Holt, Melanie Biersmith, and the 2023-2024 4-H leadership teams and award winners and recognizing February 14, 2024, as 4-H Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 475. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 41st, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Easterseals and all its Georgia chapters; and for other purposes.

SR 477. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Rahman of the 5th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2024, as Gwinnett Chamber Day; and for other purposes.

SR 478. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Richard Weizenecker; and for other purposes.

SR 479. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Cedartown High School Game Day Cheerleaders for winning the GHSA 3A-4A Division State Game Day Cheerleaders 2023 Championship; and for other purposes.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that SB 359 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Judiciary from the General Calendar. The consent was granted, and

SB 359 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024
NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS
PRIOR TO THIRD READING AND CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

(1) Confirmation of the appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission

(2) Election of the Chair to State Election Board
Upon receipt of House Resolution of Election

THIRD READING AND CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

SR 443	State Election Board; appoint Rick Jeffares (RULES-18th)
HB 30	State government; definition of antisemitism; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-18th) Carson-46th
SR 158	Northwest Georgia Logistics Corridor; designate as an official logistics growth corridor in Georgia (TRANS-31st)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that one roll call suffice for the confirmation of the appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Senator Robertson of the 29th objected and requested that a separate vote be held on the confirmation of the Honorable Bob Barr. The request was granted, and a separate vote on the confirmation of the Honorable Bob Barr was ordered.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the appointments of Mr. Stephen S. Green and the Honorable Victoria S. Darrisaw to the Judicial Qualifications Commission be confirmed.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the appointments of Mr. Stephen S. Green and the Honorable Victoria S. Darrisaw were confirmed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the appointment of the Honorable Bob Barr to the Judicial Qualifications Commission be confirmed.

Senator Robertson of the 29th objected.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Harbison of the 15th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harbison was excused.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

On the motion to confirm the appointment of the Honorable Bob Barr, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbison	N Parent
N Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still

N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	N Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 20; the motion prevailed, and the appointment of the Honorable Bob Barr to the Judicial Qualifications Commission was confirmed.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SR 443. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION appointing Rick Jeffares to the State Election Board; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.

Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 32, nays 17.

SR 443, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

Pursuant to HR 806, previously adopted by the House and Senate, and O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-30, the name of the Honorable John Fervier, having received a majority vote of the membership of the House of Representatives for election of Chairman of State Election Board, is hereby transmitted to the Senate for confirmation.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate confirm the election of the Honorable John Fervier as Chairman of the State Election Board.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
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Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the election of the Honorable John Fervier as Chairman of the State Election Board was confirmed.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 30. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Efstration of the 104th, Panitch of the 51st, Evans of the 57th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to provide for the definition of antisemitism; to require state agencies and departments to consider such definition when determining whether an alleged act was motivated by discriminatory antisemitic intent; to provide for limitations and construction; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 30:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to require certain agencies to consider the definition of antisemitism provided for in this Act in the enforcement of laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin; to provide for limitations and construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for nonseverability; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-1-12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agency' means any agency, authority, department, board, bureau, commission, council, corporation, entity, or instrumentality of state government and all local political subdivisions of this state.

(2) 'Definition of antisemitism' has the same meaning as provided for in the working

definition of antisemitism and the contemporary examples of antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) on May 26, 2016, and incorporated by reference in Presidential Executive Order Number 13899, 84 F.R. 68779 December 11, 2019.

(b) An agency authorized or required to enforce any criminal or noncriminal law or regulation that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin shall consider the definition of antisemitism in the course of such enforcement.

(c) In determining whether to seek the enhanced penalty or penalties authorized by Code Section 17-10-17, the state shall consider the definition of antisemitism for the purpose of determining whether such penalty enhancement is authorized.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or the Georgia Constitution. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to diminish or infringe upon an individual's right to engage in legally protected conduct or expressive activity pertaining to any matter of United States foreign policy or international affairs. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to conflict with local, federal, or state discrimination laws.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to alter the evidentiary requirements pursuant to which an agency makes a determination that conduct, including harassment, amounts to actionable discrimination, or to diminish or infringe upon the rights protected under any other provision of law.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the authority granted by law to an agency.

(g) This Code section shall not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, or any cause of action, enforceable at law or in equity, by any party against the state or any agency."

SECTION 2.

In the event any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portions of this Act shall automatically be repealed upon the entry of such declaration or adjudication and shall not remain of full force and effect after such declaration or adjudication. The General Assembly declares that it would not have enacted the remaining parts of this Act if it had known that such portion of this Act would be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Merritt of the 9th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 30 by:

Inserting at the end of line 22 - "Criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic"

On the adoption of amendment #1, Senator Kennedy of the 18th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbison	N Parent
N Anavitarte	E Harrell	N Payne
N Anderson, L.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Anderson, T.	N Hickman	N Rhett
N Beach	N Hodges	N Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	E Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	N Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	N Strickland
N Dixon	Y Jones, H.	N Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
N Ginn	Y Mallow	N Walker
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, B.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	N Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	N Williams
N Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 15, nays 36, and the Merritt amendment #1 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
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Cowsert	E James	Y Still
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Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 6.

HB 30, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

1/25/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 30. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Cowsert of the 46th

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that HB 30 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 30 was immediately transmitted.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 26, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Friday, January 26, 2024
Tenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 863. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Bainbridge to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 864. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the State Court of Miller County, approved March 2, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 538), and all amendatory Acts thereto, so as to abolish the State Court of Miller County; to provide for cessation of elections for Judge of the State Court of Miller County and the Solicitor of the State Court of Miller County; to provide for the disposition of matters pending in the State Court of Miller County; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 865. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Knight of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide a

homestead exemption from Lamar County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $7,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead after a specified five-year phase-in period for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved April 24, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3702), so as to increase such homestead exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 866. By Representative Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Pike County Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by Pike County, the Pike County School District, any municipality or other political subdivision located in Pike County, for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 877. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from Chattooga County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 921. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Bell of the 75th and Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Forest Park to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 951. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Towns County, approved February 18, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3806), so as to revise provisions for the compensation of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 953. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Calhoun County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for the election supervisor; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for required training; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 954. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Emanuel County shall also serve as the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Emanuel County on and after January 1, 2025; to provide for the continuation in office and expiration of term of the current chief magistrate judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 979. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

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

SB 299. By Senator Mallow of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City

of Port Wentworth to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 30. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Efstration of the 104th, Panitch of the 51st, Evans of the 57th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to provide for the definition of antisemitism; to require state agencies and departments to consider such definition when determining whether an alleged act was motivated by discriminatory antisemitic intent; to provide for limitations and construction; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 397. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Strickland of the 17th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a new Charter for the City of Locust Grove, Georgia, in the county of Henry, approved April 7, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4426), as amended, to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 398. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, so as to revise the commission's operations; to expand the commission's membership; to revise the term lengths of commission members; to revise definitions; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to authorize the Department of Economic Development to assist the Georgia Joint Defense Commission in certain activities; to provide for related matters; to

repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.

SB 399. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Esteves of the 6th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to encourage and state expectations for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, units of the University System of Georgia, and local boards of education to enter into and amend existing agreements with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia for awarding postsecondary course credits that are transferrable between the university system and the technical college system and between units thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 400. By Senators Still of the 48th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, Harbin of the 16th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate supporting the advocacy and promotion of strict interpretation of the United States Constitution with a portion of funds collected to be disbursed to the Foundation for Moral Law, Inc.; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 401. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jackson of the 41st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the juvenile code, so as to implement the recommendations of the Senate Foster Care and Adoption Study Committee; to provide for annual reporting to the General Assembly of certain de-identified data from juvenile court clerks relating to foster children who are in need of services or delinquent; to remove the service of summons by publication requirement at the adjudication

phase in dependency proceedings; to repeal Code Section 15-11-163, relating to interlocutory order of disposition when summons served by publication; to provide that the petition to terminate parental rights be immediately filed and docketed without delay when presented to the juvenile court clerk; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

SB 402. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Williams of the 25th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to instruction permits, graduated licensing and related restrictions, and temporary licenses relative to the operation of a motor vehicle, so as to revise restrictions upon the operation of Class C motor vehicles by Class D license holders with certain passengers in the vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 403. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Dixon of the 45th, Echols of the 49th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 404. By Senators Moore of the 53rd and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to individual tax rates, credit for withholding and other payments, and applicability to estates and trusts, so as to revise provisions for the reduction of the state income tax over time; to remove certain conditions for such rate reduction; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 405. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31C of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to lower the age of eligibility from 18 to 16 for certain students to be enrolled in a completion special school; to revise definitions; to provide for reports of cohort graduation rates by local school system and by completion special school; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 406. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Brass of the 28th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide first responder building mapping information system, so as to establish a grant program to fund the creation of school mapping data for inclusion in the state-wide first responder building mapping information system; to provide for standards for school mapping data; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 407. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require the documenting of certain information in incidents of family violence; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 408. By Senator Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public water systems, so as to remove the Board of Natural Resources' authority to require the regulation of fluoridation of potable public water supplies in certain incorporated communities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

SR 480. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION ratifying a proposed Amendment to the United States Constitution; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 482. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Summers of the 13th, Brass of the 28th, Cowsert of the 46th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Sergiy Samchynskyy and Yuliya Basarab, who immigrated from Ukraine; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 486. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Strickland of the 17th and Williams of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jama Hedgecoth; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 487. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd and Brass of the 28th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 489. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, McLaurin of the 14th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Black maternal health statistics; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 863. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Bainbridge to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 864. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the State Court of Miller County, approved March 2, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 538), and all amendatory Acts thereto, so as to abolish the State Court of Miller County; to provide for cessation of elections for Judge of the State Court of Miller County and the Solicitor of the State Court of Miller County; to provide for the disposition of matters pending in the State Court of Miller County; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 865. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Knight of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lamar County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $7,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead after a specified five-year phase-in period for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved April 24, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3702), so as to increase such homestead exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Pike County Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by Pike County, the Pike County School District, any municipality or other political subdivision located in Pike County, for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 877. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from Chattooga County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 921. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Bell of the 75th and Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Forest Park to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 951. By Representative Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Towns County, approved February 18, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3806), so as to revise provisions for the compensation of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 953. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Calhoun County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions;

to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for the election supervisor; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for required training; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 954. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Emanuel County shall also serve as the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Emanuel County on and after January 1, 2025; to provide for the continuation in office and expiration of term of the current chief magistrate judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 979. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

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

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 500	Do Pass
SB 332	Do Pass by substitute
SB 335	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 370	Do Pass
SB 373	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 285	Do Pass	SB 85	Do Pass
SB 105	Do Pass	SB 143	Do Pass
SB 308	Do Pass	SB 328	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Williams of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 333	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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State and Local Governmental Operations, Secretary

SENATE MINORITY LEADER

January 26, 2024

Secretary Cook:

This letter serves as timely notice of my intention to file a minority report for SB 333, which State & Local Government passed on Thursday, January 25th.

Thank you,
/s/ Gloria S. Butler
Sen. Gloria S. Butler
Leader, Senate Democratic Caucus
Secretary of State & Local Government

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 189 SB 255 SB 340 SB 352 SB 366

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbin	Parent
Anderson, L.	Harbison	Payne
Anderson, T.	Harrell	Rahman
Beach	Hatchett	Rhett
Brass	Hickman	Robertson
Burns	Hodges	Setzler
Butler	Islam Parkes	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E.	Still
Davenport	Jones, H.	Strickland
Dixon	Kennedy	Summers
Dolezal	Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Echols	Lucas	Walker
Esteves	Mallow	Watson, B.
Ginn	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Gooch	Merritt	Williams
Goodman		

Not answering were Senators:

Jackson (Excused)	James (Excused)	Orrock (Excused)
Seay (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Hufstetler

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Dixon of the 45th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Stephen Fountain of Buford, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President recognized Hayden Dixon, wife of Senator Dixon of the 45th.

Senator Anderson of the 24th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Eric Lewkowiez, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hufstetler was excused.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 481. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Halpern of the 39th, Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the YMCAs of Georgia for the important work they do in communities across the state promoting a healthy spirit, mind, and body; and for other purposes.

SR 483. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Dixon of the 45th, Brass of the 28th, Williams of the 25th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sierra Pape; and for other purposes.

SR 484. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Esteves of the 6th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Cobb County Sheriff's Office; and for other purposes.

SR 485. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Echols of the 49th, Dolezal of the 27th, Cowsert of the 46th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the University of North Georgia women's softball team for winning the 2023 NCAA Division II Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 488. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Butler of the 55th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services; and for other purposes.

SR 490. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deputy Eric Anthony Minix; and for other purposes.

SR 491. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Harrell of the 40th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists; and for other purposes.

SR 492. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 15, 2024, as Self-Direction Day; and for other purposes.

SR 493. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Burns of the 23rd and Watson of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bobby "Blue" Smith; and for other purposes.

SR 494. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, McLaurin of the 14th, Harrell of the 40th, Merritt of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Amy Wald St. Pierre; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross SB 355 and SB 358, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Lucas of the 26th objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 18; the motion prevailed, and SB 355 and SB 358

were engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024
TENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SR 465	Senate Special Committee on Investigations; create (RULES-27th)
SB 358	State Election Board; remove the Secretary of State; authorize the board to investigate (Substitute) (ETHICS-23rd)
SB 355	Elections and Primaries; use of ranked-choice voting; prohibit (ETHICS-29th)
SR 158	Northwest Georgia Logistics Corridor; designate as an official logistics growth corridor in Georgia (TRANS-31st)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SR 465. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Special Committee on Investigations; to provide for the issuance of compulsory process to secure the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents and materials; and for other purposes.

Senators Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SR 465 by:

Striking 45-17-19 on line 50 and replacing with 45-15-19.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Still of the 48th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Still was excused.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved the previous question.

Senator Parent of the 42nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	E Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 30, nays 19; the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Dolezal amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to as amended.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	E Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland

Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 30, nays 19.

SR 465, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted as amended.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

January 26, 2024

Explanation of Vote

I voted no on SR 465, legislation designed to protect a former President who tried to steal a presidential election by throwing the votes of Georgians in a trash bin. Further, debate on this Resolution was shut down and silenced. I have grave doubts about the legitimacy of any investigation that begins by refusing to hear contradictory or conflicting evidence.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Gloria Butler Senator Gloria Butler Minority Leader District 55	/s/ Gail Davenport Sen. Gail Davenport	/s/ Nikki A. Merritt Nikki Merritt, SD 9 Georgia State Senator
/s/ Emanuel D. Jones Emanuel D. Jones, Senator District 10	/s/ Nan Orrock Nan G. Orrock State Senator, District 36	/s/ Sonya Halpern Senator Sonya M. Halpern Georgia State Senate, District 39
/s/ Sally R. Harrell State Senator Sally Harrell, District 40	/s/ Harold V. Jones, II Harold V. Jones, II Senator, District 22	/s/ Elena C. Parent Senator Elena Parent of the 42nd District
/s/ Sheikh Rahman Sheikh Rahman, Georgia State Senator District 5	/s/ Jason Esteves Jason Esteves Georgia State Senator District 6	/s/ Nabilah Islam Parkes Nabilah Islam Parkes State Senator, District 7

SB 358. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Election Board, so as to remove the Secretary of State from the board; to authorize the board to investigate the Secretary of State; to require the Secretary of State to cooperate with certain investigations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to SB 358:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Subpart 1 of Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Election Board, so as to remove the Secretary of State from the board; to authorize the board to investigate the Secretary of State; to provide for the hiring of investigators; to require the Secretary of State to cooperate with certain investigations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Subpart 1 of Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Election Board, is amended in Code Section 21-2-30, relating to creation, membership, terms of service, vacancies, quorum, bylaws, meetings, and executive director, by revising subsections (d) and (f) and paragraph (2) of subsection (k) as follows:

"(d) ~~The Secretary of State shall be an ex officio nonvoting member of the board.~~ Three voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and no vacancy on the board shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the board. The board shall adopt a seal for its use and bylaws for its own government and procedure."

"(f) If any member of the board~~, other than the Secretary of State,~~ shall qualify as a candidate for any public office which is to be voted upon in any primary or election regulated by the board, that member's position on the board shall be immediately vacated and such vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for filling other vacancies on the board."

"(2) With the approval of the board, employ and fix the compensation of personnel, including investigators, as determined necessary to assist the executive director in his or her duties;"

SECTION 2.

Said subpart is further amended in Code Section 21-2-31, relating to duties of the State Election Board, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) To investigate, or authorize the Secretary of State to investigate, when necessary or advisable the administration of primary and election laws by the Secretary of State and local election officials and frauds and irregularities in primaries and elections and to report violations of the primary and election laws either to the Attorney General or the appropriate district attorney who shall be responsible for further investigation and prosecution. Nothing in this paragraph shall be so construed as to require any complaining party to request an investigation by the board before such party might proceed to seek any other remedy available to that party under this chapter or any other provision of law;"

SECTION 3.

Said subpart is further amended in Code Section 21-2-33.1, relating to enforcement of chapter, suspension of election superintendents, and support and assistance from the Secretary of State, by revising subsection (h) as follows:

"(h) The Secretary of State shall, upon the request of the State Election Board, provide any and all necessary support, cooperation, and assistance that the State Election Board, in its sole discretion, determines is necessary to enforce this chapter or to carry out or conduct any of its duties."

SECTION 4.

Said subpart is further amended in Code Section 21-2-35, relating to emergency rules and regulations, imminent peril requirement, and procedures, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) Immediately upon the setting of the date and time of the meeting at which such emergency rule or regulation is to be considered give notice by email of its intended action to:

(A) The Governor;

(B) The Lieutenant Governor;

(C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(D) The chairpersons of the standing committees of each house of the General Assembly tasked with election matters;

(E) The Secretary of State;

~~(E)~~(F) Legislative counsel; and

~~(F)~~(G) The chief executive officer of each political party registered pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-110; and"

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 358.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	E Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 30, nays 19.

SB 358, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 355. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Dolezal of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding elections and primaries, so as to prohibit the use of ranked-choice voting; to provide for certain exceptions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 31, nays 19.

SB 355, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SR 158. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th, Moore of the 53rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION designating the Northwest Georgia Logistics Corridor as an official logistics growth corridor in Georgia; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still

Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SR 158, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 779 until 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 29, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Monday, January 29, 2024
Eleventh Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

The President recognized the mother of Senator Brass of the 28th.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:

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January 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael P. Boggs
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
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Re: Appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission

Dear Chief Justice Boggs:

I have the honor to report to you the actions taken by the Georgia Senate on the appointment submitted by the Supreme Court that requires confirmation by the Senate. The following

action was taken on January 25, 2024:

The Honorable Victoria S. Darrisaw of Dougherty County, as a judge member of the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, for the term of office ending 6/30/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 0, and the appointment was confirmed.

Respectfully,
/s/ David A. Cook
David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Cc: Hon. Burt Jones
Hon. John F. Kennedy

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January 26, 2024

Honorable Jon Burns
Speaker of the Georgia House
of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission

Dear Speaker Burns:

I have the honor to report to you the actions taken by the Georgia Senate on the appointment submitted by you that requires confirmation by the Senate. The following action was taken on January 25, 2024:

The Honorable Stephen S. Green, as a citizen member of the Investigative Panel of the

Judicial Qualifications Commission, for the term of office ending 6/30/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 0, and the appointment was confirmed.

Respectfully,
/s/ David A. Cook
David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Cc: Hon. Burt Jones
Hon. John F. Kennedy

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January 26, 2024

Honorable Brian Kemp
Governor of Georgia
201 State Capitol
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Re: Appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission

Dear Governor Kemp:

I have the honor to report to you the actions taken by the Georgia Senate on the appointments submitted by you that require confirmation by the Senate. The following actions were taken on January 25, 2024:

The Honorable Bob Barr of Cobb County, as a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, for the term of office ending 6/30/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 29, nays 20, and the appointment was confirmed.

Respectfully,

/s/ David A. Cook
David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Cc: Hon. Burt Jones
Hon. John F. Kennedy

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January 26, 2024

The Honorable Brad Raffensperger
Secretary of State
214 State Capitol
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Raffensperger:

I have the honor to report to you the actions taken by the Georgia Senate on January 25, 2024:

The Honorable Rick Jeffares of Henry County was elected to the State Election Board, for the term of office beginning the day following the adjournment of the 2024 regular session of the General Assembly, and ending two years from that date. The vote on SR 443 was yeas 32, nays 17, and Mr. Jeffares was elected.

Respectfully,
/s/ David A. Cook
David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Cc: Hon. Rick Jeffares

Hon. Brian Kemp
Hon. Burt Jones
Hon. John F. Kennedy

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January 26, 2024

Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Governor of Georgia
201 State Capitol
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Re: Election of Chair of the State Election Board

Dear Governor Kemp:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-30, I have the honor to report to you the actions taken by the Georgia General Assembly regarding the election of the Honorable John Fervier as Chairman of the State Election Board.

On January 25, 2024, the Senate received a message from the House of Representatives which stated that:

> Pursuant to HR 806, previously adopted by the House and Senate, and O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-30, the name of the Honorable John Fervier, having received a majority vote of the membership of the House of Representatives for election of Chairman of State Election Board, is hereby transmitted to the Senate for confirmation.

Whereupon, the Senate proceeded to a vote on the confirmation of the election of the Honorable John Fervier. The vote on the confirmation was yeas 48, nays 1, and the election of John Fervier as Chairman of the State Election Board was confirmed by the requisite

majority of the members of the Senate.

Respectfully,
/s/ David A. Cook
David A. Cook

Cc: Hon. Burt Jones
Hon. John F. Kennedy
Hon. Jon Burns
Hon. Bill Reilly
Hon. Brad Raffensperger

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 434. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Dempsey of the 13th, DeLoach of the 167th, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to provide for the licensing of radiologist assistants; to provide for definitions; to provide for powers and responsibilities of the board; to provide that radiologists may use the services of licensed radiologist assistants; to prohibit certain practices by radiologist assistants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 502. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Cosmetic Laser Services Act," so as to revise a definition; to revise a provision relating to requirements for applicants for assistant laser practitioner licenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 804. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Crowe of the 118th, Corbett of the 174th, McDonald of the 26th and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle license fees and classes, so as to provide for issuance of a distinctive license plate for owners of ambulances; to provide for design, display, and transfer of such license plates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 409. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th and Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 43 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medicare supplement insurance, so as to provide for medicare supplement policies to be issued and renewed for individuals under 65 years of age who are eligible by reason of disability under federal law; to provide for open enrollment periods; to prohibit an insurer from charging premium rates for such policies for such individuals that exceed premium rates charged for individuals who are 65 years of age; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 410. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians generally, so as to exempt certain sterilization services performed by out-of-state veterinarians from licensing requirements; to provide for temporary licenses for out-of-state veterinarians; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 411. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th and Harbin of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide for preferential treatment during advance voting to voters accompanied

by children five years of age or under; to remove requirements for voters to require assistance in casting absentee ballots; to provide for preferential treatment during certain hours on election day to voters accompanied by children five years of age or under; to remove requirements for voters to require assistance in voting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 412. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Summers of the 13th, Harbison of the 15th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to change certain provisions relating to administrative and civil sanctions against charitable organizations, paid solicitors, and solicitor agents for certain violations; to provide for suspension and revocation of registrations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 434. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Dempsey of the 13th, DeLoach of the 167th, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to provide for the licensing of radiologist assistants; to provide for definitions; to provide for powers and responsibilities of the board; to provide that radiologists may use the services of licensed radiologist assistants; to prohibit certain practices by radiologist assistants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 502. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Cosmetic Laser Services Act," so as to revise a definition; to revise a provision relating to requirements for

applicants for assistant laser practitioner licenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 804. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Crowe of the 118th, Corbett of the 174th, McDonald of the 26th and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle license fees and classes, so as to provide for issuance of a distinctive license plate for owners of ambulances; to provide for design, display, and transfer of such license plates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 363 Do Pass by substitute
SB 369 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 85	SB 105	SB 143	SB 308	SB 328	SB 332
SB 333	SB 335	SB 370	SB 373		

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbin	Parent
Anderson, L.	Harbison	Payne
Anderson, T.	Harrell	Rhett
Beach	Hatchett	Robertson
Brass	Hodges	Setzler
Burns	Hufstetler	Sims
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Still
Davenport	Jackson	Strickland
Dixon	James	Summers
Dolezal	Jones, E.	Tillery
Echols	Jones, H.	Walker
Esteves	Kennedy	Watson, B.
Ginn	Kirkpatrick	Watson, S.
Gooch	McLaurin	Williams
Goodman	Merritt	

Not answering were Senators:

Mallow (Excused)	Rahman (Excused)	Seay (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Butler	Hickman
Lucas	Orrock	

Senator Lucas of the 26th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced the chaplain of the day, Rabbi Ephraim Silverman of Marietta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Robertson of the 29th introduced the doctors of the day, Dr. Anna Kao and Dr. Ken Horlander, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Williams of the 25th introduced the Georgia Military College's JROTC team, commended by SR 453, adopted previously. Emma Kate Godin, a member of the JROTC team, addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 501. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Merritt of the 9th, Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its 111 years of service and recognizing January 29, 2024, as Delta Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Butler of the 55th introduced Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., commended by SR 501. Candace Delaine, State Social Action Coordinator for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 495. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st, Parent of the 42nd and Anderson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 31, 2024, as Police Chiefs and Heads of Law Enforcement Agencies Recognition Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 496. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Parent of the 42nd, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dunwoody Police Chief William J. "Billy" Grogan as Georgia's 2023-2024 Outstanding Police Chief of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 497. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Beach of the 21st, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rear Admiral Casey W. Coane, U.S. Navy (Ret.); and for other purposes.

SR 498. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Beach of the 21st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Mission: Readiness and its membership in

Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 499. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th and Williams of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 1, 2024, as Macon Day at the state capitol and commending and congratulating Leadership Macon; and for other purposes.

SR 500. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Merritt of the 9th, Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 1, 2024, as Wear Red Day; and for other purposes.

SR 503. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Clemmie C. Jenkins; and for other purposes.

SR 504. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bertha Mae Newkirt Darden; and for other purposes.

SR 505. By Senator Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce and recognizing January 30, 2024, as Albany-Dougherty County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 506. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Kennedy of the 18th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 29, 2024, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 507. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the memory of Mrs. Rosa Parks and recognizing February 5, 2024, as Rosa Parks Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 508. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Cashmere Favors; and for other purposes.

SR 509. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Diane Larché; and for other purposes.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 502. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Robert "Bob" Walter Gibeling Jr.; and for other purposes.

Senator Burns of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that SB 189 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Ethics from the General Calendar. The consent was granted, and SB 189 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Ethics.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 342	Child Abuse Records; child abuse and neglect registries; authorize the disclosure (C&F-29th)
SB 353	Highways, Bridges, and Ferries; duties when death results from an accident upon a highway in certain instances; allow for delegation (TRANS-27th)
SB 337	Georgia Colonel; appoint honorary title for life; authorize the Governor (GvtO-32nd)
SB 354	Cosmetologists and Barbers; persons performing certain limited responsibilities; exempt from licensure (RI&U-20th)
HB 455	Professions and businesses; professional programs to address career fatigue and wellness in healthcare professionals; provisions (RI&U-56th) LaHood-175th
HB 130	Georgia Student Finance Authority; student loan repayment for peace

officers; provide (Substitute) (H ED-50th) Gambill-15th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 342. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Albers of the 56th and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse records, so as to authorize the disclosure or use of information from child abuse and neglect registries by the Department of Human Services to locate, recover, or provide services to a child determined to be missing or a victim of sexual exploitation; to provide for access to records concerning reports of child abuse and missing or exploited children to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.

Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 342, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 353. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries; to amend weight and dimension requirements for modular unit transporters; to amend Code Section 45-16-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of power by coroner or county medical examiner and qualifications of those authorized to perform examinations, so as to allow for delegation of duties when death results from an accident upon a highway in certain instances; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required by a state agency, so as to exempt certain records from public disclosure requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that SB 353 be placed on the Table. The consent was granted, and SB 353 was placed on the Table.

SB 337. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 38-2-111 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personal aides-de-camp, appointments, commissions, length of service, and duties, so as to authorize the Governor to appoint honorary Georgia Colonels for life; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay

Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

SB 337, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 354. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cosmetologists and barbers, so as to exempt from licensure persons performing certain limited responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters: to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 38, nays 15.

SB 354, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 455. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd and Reese of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to professions and businesses, so as to provide that professional programs that are established to address career fatigue and wellness in healthcare professionals are not obligated to report to licensing boards except in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for immunity; to provide that certain documents and information of professional programs are not discoverable; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery

Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 455, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 130. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Collins of the 71st, Hitchens of the 161st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for student loan repayment for peace officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for continued eligibility requirements; to provide for student loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for maximum student loan repayment amounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to HB 130:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for student loan repayment for peace officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for continued eligibility requirements; to provide for student loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for maximum student loan repayment amounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, is amended by adding a new subpart to read as follows:

"Subpart 7B

20-3-465.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Course of study' means an undergraduate degree program.

(2) 'Eligible applicant' means a person who is a legal resident of this state as established by rules and regulations of the authority and:

(A) Became employed as a full-time peace officer in this state for the first time on or after January 1, 2024, is currently employed as a full-time peace officer in this state, and has completed a course of study; or

(B) Is currently employed as a full-time peace officer in this state, has been so employed for at least a year, and is enrolled in a course of study in the field of criminal justice.

(3) 'Peace officer' has the same meaning as provided in Code Section 35-8-2.

(4) 'Recipient' means an eligible applicant who applied for and was approved by the authority for student loan repayment under this Code section.

(5) 'Student loan' means debt incurred by a recipient that is:

(A) Evidenced by a promissory note which required the funds received to be used to pay for the cost of attendance for a course of study of the recipient;

(B) Not in default at the time of application for repayment under this Code section; and

(C) Not subject to an existing service obligation or to repayment through another student loan repayment or loan forgiveness program or to repayment as a condition of employment.

(b) The authority is authorized to approve the applications of eligible applicants submitted in accordance with rules and regulations established by the authority governing the student loan repayment application process.

(c) The authority is authorized to provide for the repayment of student loans held by a recipient in consideration of the recipient performing services as a full-time peace officer. A student loan repayment made pursuant to this Code section shall be paid in such manner as the authority shall establish by rules and regulations.

(d)(1) Each recipient, before being granted any student loan repayment, shall enter into a student loan repayment agreement with the authority agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which the student loan repayment is granted, including such terms and conditions set forth in this Code section.

(2) The authority shall have the power to terminate a student loan repayment agreement at any time for any cause deemed sufficient by the authority, provided that such power shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably exercised.

(e) Each student loan repayment agreement entered into with the authority pursuant to this Code section shall be signed by the director of the authority and by the recipient and shall:

(1) Provide for repayment of the recipient's student loans in a total amount as the authority shall determine, but not exceeding a maximum of $20,000.00 or the total student loan debt of the recipient, whichever is less, to be paid out over a term of not more than five years in installments made on an annual basis;

(2) Provide that any payment made by the authority under a student loan repayment agreement shall be made in consideration of services rendered by the recipient as a full-time peace officer; and

(3) Require that the recipient remain a legal resident of this state as established by rules and regulations of the authority and be employed as a full-time peace officer in this state at all times during the term of the agreement.

(f) The authority shall adopt such rules and regulations as are reasonable and necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section.

(g) Student loan repayment for recipients having entered into a student loan repayment agreement with the authority pursuant to this Code section shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the purposes of this Code section in annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims

Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 130, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on January 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 353. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries; to amend weight and dimension requirements for modular unit transporters; to amend Code Section 45-16-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of power by coroner or county medical examiner and qualifications of those authorized to perform examinations, so as to allow for delegation of duties when death results from an accident upon a highway in certain instances; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required by a state agency, so as to exempt certain records from public disclosure requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 353 was taken from the Table.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 6-3.5 (b), SB 353, having been taken from the Table, was placed at the foot of the Senate Rules Calendar.

The following legislation was read and put upon its passage:

SB 353. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to

highways, bridges, and ferries; to amend weight and dimension requirements for modular unit transporters; to amend Code Section 45-16-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of power by coroner or county medical examiner and qualifications of those authorized to perform examinations, so as to allow for delegation of duties when death results from an accident upon a highway in certain instances; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required by a state agency, so as to exempt certain records from public disclosure requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Dolezal of the 27th and McLaurin of the 14th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend LC 39 4070 SB 353

By replacing line 54 with "otherwise authorized by this article to competitively solicit"

and

striking "ten-year" and replacing with "100 year" on line 64.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Dolezal amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery

Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

SB 353, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
Twelfth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 881. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Gaines of the 120th, Burchett of the 176th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-18-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 950. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st, Thomas of the 65th and New of the 64th:

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

HB 952. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment, collection, and

distribution of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Habersham County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the maintenance of such technology fee funds; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 958. By Representatives Lott of the 131st, Leverett of the 123rd and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Magistrate Court of Columbia County to impose and collect county law library fees as part of the court costs in the magistrate court; to provide for practices and procedures connected therewith; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 961. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Menlo, approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4132), so as to provide that future mayors and councilmembers shall be elected to four-year terms of office; to provide for municipal general elections in odd-numbered years; to provide for interim terms of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 972. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Cameron of the 1st and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fort Oglethorpe to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 989. By Representatives Anulewicz of the 42nd, Stoner of the 40th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Cobb County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3516), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 2, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5274), so as to change the description of the education districts of such board; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for the

manner of election; to provide an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1007. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute and reestablish the board of elections and registration for Lincoln County, approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4161), so as to revise provisions relating to meetings of said board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1008. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of Tax Receiver and Tax Collector of Lincoln County into the office of Tax Commissioner of Lincoln County, approved December 17, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 2604), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 25, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4478), so as to remove provisions relating to the compensation of the tax commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 338. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Cobb County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3516), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 2, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5274), so as to change the description of the education districts of such board; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for the manner of election; to provide an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 413. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Dolezal of the 27th, Summers of the 13th, Harbin of the 16th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 21-2-540 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conduct of special primaries and special elections generally, so as to revise provisions relating to dates for certain special

elections related to sales and use taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 414. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to prohibit the collecting of certain personal information; to prohibit the release of certain personal information; to create exceptions; to exclude certain information from state open records laws; to create the crime of improper collection or disclosure of personal information; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 415. By Senators Robertson of the 29th and Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to authorize the use of automated recognition technology for the issuance of a civil monetary penalty for the ownership of a motor vehicle operated without proper insurance or with an expired, revoked, canceled, or suspended registration; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize prosecuting attorneys, district attorneys, and solicitors-general to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the issuance of a civil monetary penalty for the ownership of a motor vehicle operated without proper insurance or with an expired, revoked, canceled, or suspended registration; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 416. By Senators Moore of the 53rd and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-14-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited racketeering activities, so as to prohibit prosecution when the charging instrument alleges violation of certain offenses; to provide that pending prosecutions containing such offenses be discharged and dismissed; to provide for applicability; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 417. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-2-106 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of accidents relative to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, manlifts, and moving walks and removal from service of such equipment involved in accident; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses; to amend Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public employee hazardous chemical protection and right to know; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 418. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-8-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council generally, so as to establish basic and in-service training courses on animal fighting and recognition of animal abuse; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 419. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Esteves of the 6th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nurses, so as to revise a provision relating to the administration of anesthesia by certified registered nurse anesthetists; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 420. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Beach of the 21st, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, so as to prohibit the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for civil actions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for disclosures; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 421. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to enhance penalties for the offense of transmitting a false public alarm; to revise restitution provisions for such offense; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 422. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to modify the percentage limitation as to the amount of the investments an electric membership corporation may make and maintain in a gas affiliate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 423. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Jones II of the 22nd, Dixon of the 45th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide the maintenance and placement of one or more automated external defibrillators in certain public schools in accordance with such school's cardiac emergency response plan (CERP); to require such plans to incorporate evidence based core elements and standards; to provide for guidelines to be included in such plans; to provide for the involvement of local healthcare and emergency

management agencies; to provide for public schools to seek funding assistance for the purchase of automated external defibrillators; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 424. By Senators Robertson of the 29th and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia to be known as the West Georgia Judicial Circuit and to be composed of Carroll County and Heard County; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, so as to revise the composition, terms of court, and number of judges of the Coweta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the composition, terms of court, and number of judges of the West Georgia Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 425. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the regulation of the practice of law and general provisions regarding notaries public, respectively, so as to provide for the modernization of certain legal, notarial, and court services using electronic means; to provide for criminal penalties and civil liability, including compensatory and other damages; to provide for class action lawsuits; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 514. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Sims of the 12th, Anderson of the 43rd, Lucas of the 26th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Ruby Freeman and Wandrea "Shaye" Moss; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 386 Do Pass by substitute
SB 396 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 82 Do Pass by substitute
SB 344 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Nan Orrock
Re: Minority Report on SB 344
Date: January 30, 2024

Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 344.

/s/ Nan Orrock
Nan G. Orrock
State Senator, District 36

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 377 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 166 Do Pass
SB 378 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 363 SB 369

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that Senator Brass of the 28th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Brass was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Islam Parkes was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Walker III of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Walker III was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Kirkpatrick was excused.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that Senator Gooch of the 51st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Gooch was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbison	Parent
Anderson, L.	Hatchett	Payne
Anderson, T.	Hickman	Rahman
Beach	Hodges	Rhett
Burns	Hufstetler	Robertson
Cowsert	James	Sims

Davenport	Jones, E.	Still
Dixon	Jones, H.	Strickland
Dolezal	Kennedy	Summers
Echols	Lucas	Tillery
Esteves	Mallow	Watson, B.
Ginn	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Goodman	Merritt	Williams
Halpern		

Not answering were Senators:

Brass (Excused)	Gooch (Excused)	Islam Parkes (Excused)
Jackson (Excused)	Kirkpatrick (Excused)	Seay (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Walker (Excused)	Butler
Harrell	Orrock	Setzler

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Goodman of the 8th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Zack Corbett of Lake Park, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Harbison of the 15th and Senator Robertson of the 29th were recognized to honor the passing of Representative Richard Smith, the House Rules Chairman.

The President recognized former Senator Jason Carter, to honor the passing of former First Lady of the United States, Rosalynn Carter. Senator Carter addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator James of the 35th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Cassandra Barnette Donnelly, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Sims of the 12th introduced members of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, commended by SR 505, adopted previously. Bárbara Rivera Holmes, president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Gooch of the 51st introduced the University of North Georgia Women's Softball Team, commended by SR 485, adopted previously. Head Coach Mike Davenport addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 510. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd and Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Melody Michelle Coburn; and for other purposes.

SR 511. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Goodman of the 8th, Cowsert of the 46th, Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2024 as Georgia Wine Month; and for other purposes.

SR 512. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 11th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring several cities upon their designation as Georgia PlanFirst communities; and for other purposes.

SR 513. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 44th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Greenbriar Children's Center; and for other purposes.

SR 515. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 8, 2024, as Keep Georgia Beautiful Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 516. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Brass of the 28th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing Edwin Moses; and for other purposes.

SR 517. By Senator Dixon of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 31, 2024, as Licensed Professional Counselors Appreciation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 518. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Payne of the 54th and Williams of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Cathy Buescher; and for other purposes.

SR 519. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 13, 2024, as Georgia Farm Bureau Federation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

The President recognized United States Senator Raphael Warnock. Senator Warnock addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved to engross SB 366, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 31, nays 19; the motion prevailed, and SB 366 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 348 Notification of Suspicious or Unusual Deaths; individual had not been seen

by a physician prior to death; revise the period (H&HS-25th)

SB 366 "Tax Expenditures Transparency Act of 2024"; enact (Substitute) (FIN-52nd)

SB 85 "Speaker David Ralston Veterans' Retirement Act"; enact (RET-33rd)

SB 151 "First Responders Appreciation Day"; designate September 11 of each year (RULES-35th)

SB 352 Motor Vehicle Equipment and Inspection; standards for the alteration and operation of motor vehicles with modified suspension systems; provide (PUB SAF-24th)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

SB 348. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-16-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, court ordered medical examiner's inquiry, and written report of inquiry, so as to revise the period for which an individual had not been seen by a physician prior to death to be considered an unattended death; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Williams of the 25th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 348 (LC 33 9582) by inserting after "death;" *on line 4 the following:*
to provide that deaths in long-term care facilities under certain circumstances shall not be considered unattended deaths;

By striking line 39 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
individual's death. <u>For purposes of paragraph (11) of this subsection, no individual shall be deemed to have died unattended by a physician when the death occurred while he or she was a resident of a long-term care facility, as defined in Code Section 31-8-51, if the physician had seen or treated the resident within the 90 days prior to the individual's death.</u>"

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Williams amendment #1was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
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Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 348, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

SB 366. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th, Dolezal of the 27th, Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to revise provisions related to the adoption and contents of general appropriations bills; to revise provisions for certain economic analyses; to revise the legislative review of taxation; to provide a definition; to establish the Joint Committee on Taxation and Economic Development; to provide for membership, officers, meetings, authority, reports, cooperation, and expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to SB 366:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to revise provisions related to the adoption and contents of general appropriations bills; to revise provisions for certain economic analyses; to revise the legislative review of taxation; to provide a definition; to establish the Joint Committee on Taxation and Economic Development; to provide for membership, officers, meetings, authority, reports, cooperation, and expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tax Expenditures Transparency Act of 2024."

SECTION 2.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by revising Code Section 28-5-4, relating to consideration of general appropriations bill, as follows:

"28-5-4.

(a) The general appropriations bill shall be referred by the Speaker to the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. In the event such bill is reported out of the Appropriations Committee as 'do pass by substitute' or 'do pass as amended,' neither the committee of the whole nor the House of Representatives shall consider the bill until at least 24 hours after the substitute or the amendments, as the case may be, have been printed and placed on the desk of each member.

(b) The general appropriations bill, upon its first reading in the Senate, shall be referred by the President of the Senate to the Appropriations Committee of the Senate. In the event such bill is reported out of the Appropriations Committee as 'do pass by substitute' or 'do pass as amended,' neither the committee of the whole nor the Senate shall consider the bill until at least 24 hours after the substitute or the amendments, as the case may be, have been printed and placed on the desk of each member.

(c) In addition to making and providing for appropriations, the general appropriations bill shall contain the following information:

(1) A list of all then-existing revenue sources;

(2) The net amount of revenue expected to be generated by each such revenue source and available for appropriation by the General Assembly in the fiscal year; and

(3) A summary of the tax expenditure review provided to the General Assembly as part of the Governor's budget report pursuant to paragraph (8) of Code Section 45-12-75. Such summary shall include, for each tax expenditure item, a brief description of the

expenditure, the amount of tax revenue projected to be forgone in the fiscal year as a result of the expenditure, and a citation of the statutory or other legal authority for the expenditure."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 28-5-41.1, relating to economic analysis of certain tax benefits of law or proposed law and analysis on performance and outcomes of Code Section 33-1-25, as follows:

"28-5-41.1.

(a) An economic analysis shall include, but not be limited to, a good faith estimate as a result of the law or proposed law, on an annual basis for five years thereafter, of the following, on both a direct and indirect basis:

(1) Net change in state revenue;

(2) Net change in state expenditures, which shall include, but not be limited to, costs of administering the bill;

(3) Net change in economic activity; and

(4) If applicable, any net change in public benefit.

(b) On or before May 1 of each year, the chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee may each request up to ~~five~~ six economic analyses, which requests shall be transmitted to the Department of Audits and Accounts. Each such request shall be limited to one existing provision of law or proposed law and shall specify one particular exemption, exclusion, or deduction from the base of a tax; credit against a tax; deferral of a tax; rebate of taxes paid; tax abatement; or preferential tax rate to be analyzed. The Department of Audits and Accounts shall contract with one or more independent auditors to complete ~~all such analyses~~ a preliminary analysis in response to any such request within six months of the request. Upon the completion of a preliminary analysis, the Department of Audits and Accounts shall publish such analysis to its public website and afford to all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, regarding the preliminary analysis. The Department of Audits and Accounts shall compile such written and oral submissions and publish a final analysis which includes a summary of such submissions on or before December ~~1~~ 15 of the year in which such analysis was requested. ~~Each such request shall be limited to one existing provision of law or proposed law and shall specify one particular exemption, exclusion, or deduction from the base of a tax; credit against a tax; deferral of a tax; a rebate of taxes paid; tax abatement; or preferential tax rate to be analyzed.~~

(c) Copies of each completed economic analysis shall be provided to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office.

(d) If a fiscal note is requested pursuant to Code Section 28-5-42 and a relevant economic analysis has been conducted within one year of such request, the Office of Planning and Budget may prepare a summary of such economic analysis and attach it with the requested fiscal note.

~~(c) An economic analysis shall be conducted on the performance and outcomes of Code Section 33-1-25, which shall be completed by December 1, 2021.~~"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Chapter 12, relating to legislative review of taxation, as follows:

"CHAPTER 12

28-12-1.

~~On or before May 1, 2023, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Committee on Finance shall jointly undertake a thorough review of any and all state tax credits, deductions, and exemptions. No later than December 1, 2023, said committees shall submit a report of their findings and recommendations to the presiding officers of their respective chambers.~~

(a) As used in this chapter, the term 'joint committee' means the Joint Committee on Taxation and Economic Development created by subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) There is created the Joint Committee on Taxation and Economic Development to be composed of the following members of the General Assembly:

(1) The chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee;

(2) The chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means;

(3) The chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee;

(4) The chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations;

(5) The chairperson of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee;

(6) The chairperson of the House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism;

(7) One member of the majority party of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(8) One member of the majority party of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(9) One member of the minority party of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(10) One member of the minority party of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) The appointed members of the joint committee shall serve two-year terms concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly.

(d) The chairpersons of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means shall serve as co-chairpersons of the joint committee.

28-12-2.

(a) The joint committee shall meet from time to time between May 1 and December 1 in odd-numbered years at the call of the co-chairpersons.

(b) The joint committee shall have the authority to investigate and review the fiscal and economic impact of the exemptions, exclusions, deductions, credits, deferrals, rebates, abatements, or preferential tax rates that have been the subject of an economic analysis

requested pursuant to Code Section 28-5-41.1 in the prior calendar year and the year in which the joint committee meets.
(c) No later than December 1 of each odd-numbered year, the joint committee shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Such report shall summarize any testimony, data, or other information received by the joint committee as part of its investigation and review and outline any findings or recommendations of the joint committee.

28-12-3.
The Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Community Affairs, and the state auditor shall promptly furnish to the joint committee all information requested relative to state revenue, tax administration, economic analysis, or any other matter relevant to the work of the joint committee.

28-12-4.
For all meetings of the joint committee held when the General Assembly is not in session, the members of the joint committee shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim study committees. The funds necessary to carry out this chapter shall come from funds appropriated to and available to the legislative branch of government."

SECTION 5.
This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 6.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler

Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

SB 366, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

1/30/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on 366. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Harrell of the 40th

SB 85. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits, so as to provide for creditable service for certain military service; to provide for application and payment; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Fiscal Notes were read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department
of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

December 16, 2022

The Honorable Michael Rhett
State Senator
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 321-A
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 43 2487)

This bill would amend provisions relating to creditable service under the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. Specifically, this bill would allow members to obtain up to 60 months of creditable service for active military service in the armed forces of the United States performed on or after January 1, 1990. Members who have at least two years of membership service would be eligible to make an application to the Board of Trustees. Such members would be required to provide proof of qualifying active military service and pay an amount equal to the full actuarial cost of such creditable service.

Under the provisions of this bill, members who wish to obtain such creditable service would be authorized to make a one-time payment or have equal payments deducted from his or her earnable compensation over a specified period of time. The payment provisions outlined in O.C.G.A. §47-2-101 would be applied to any member electing a payment option. It should be noted that no member shall receive creditable service:

- If such member was not honorably discharged;
- For reserve duty;
- For any period of time in which he or she obtained membership service; or
- For any portion of such member's active military service that has been or will be used in the determination of eligibility for retirement benefits or allowances from any other state or federal retirement program, excluding social security.

If this bill is enacted the Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Speaker David Ralston Veterans' Retirement Act."

This is to certify that this bill is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

DOAA
Georgia Department
of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

October 30, 2023

The Honorable Rick Williams
Chairman, Senate Retirement Committee
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 327-B
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Actuarial Investigation
Senate Bill 85 (LC 43 2487)
Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Dear Chairman Williams:

This bill would amend provisions relating to creditable service under the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. Under the provisions of this bill, members with at least two years of membership service would be eligible to obtain up to 60 months of creditable service for active military service that occurred on or after January 1, 1990. Members wishing to purchase such service would be required to pay the full actuarial cost of the service granted. Members may elect to make a one-time payment or have equal payments deducted from his or her earnable compensation over a specified period of time. It should be noted that no member shall receive creditable service (1) if such member was not honorably discharged, (2) for reserve duty, (3) for any period of time in which he or she obtained membership service, or (4) for any portion of such member's active military service that has been or will be used in the determination of eligibility for retirement benefits or allowances from any other state or federal retirement program, excluding social security.

This legislation would not result in any additional cost to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia since any member wishing to purchase such creditable service would be required to pay the full actuarial cost of the service granted. There would be no increase in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability or the required employer contribution rate as a result of this legislation. The cost estimate is based on current member data, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. Changes to any of these variables could affect the cost of this legislation. Any future costs would be paid through State

appropriations.

The following is a summary of the relevant findings included in the actuarial investigation for this bill. The investigation was completed pursuant to a request from the Senate Retirement Committee. The investigation was to be conducted according to O.C.G.A. §47-20-36, which outlines the factors to be considered in an actuarial investigation.

(1)	The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 0
(2)	The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 0
(3)	The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by the bill would be amortized.	N/A
(4)	The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill.	$ 0
(5)	The employer contribution rate currently in effect for Non-GSEPS members.	29.20%*
(6)	The employer contribution rate recommended for non-GSEPS members (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in O.C.G.A. §47-20-10).	29.20%
(7)	The employer contribution rate currently in effect for GSEPS members.	25.51%*
(8)	The employer contribution rate recommended for GSEPS members (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in O.C.G.A. §47-20-10)	25.51%
(9)	The total dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition.	$ 0

**This rate represents the employer contribution rate that has been recommended by the actuary beginning July 1, 2024, for Non-GSEPS and GSEPS members, respectively, in order to meet the minimum funding standards.*

It should be noted that these cost estimates are based upon the current provisions of

the bill as outlined in Senate Bill 85 (LC 43 2487). Any subsequent changes in the retirement bill could invalidate the actuarial investigation and the findings included therein.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

SB 85, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 151. By Senators James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate September 11 of each year as "First Responders Appreciation Day" in Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 151, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

1/30/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 151. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

/s/ Lucas of the 26th

SB 352. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle equipment and inspection, so as to provide for

standards for the alteration and operation of motor vehicles with modified suspension systems; to revise definitions; to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle with broken suspension system springs; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Anderson of the 24th and Jackson of the 41st offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 352

by Inserting "public street or" on line 35 in lieu of "~~public street or highway, so as to exceed 27 inches as measured from the surface of the street to the lowest point on the frame of the truck~~"

Inserting "public street or" on line 42 in lieu of "~~public street or highway, so as to exceed 30 inches as measured from the surface of the street to the lowest point on the frame of the truck~~."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Anderson amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.

N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 41, nays 9.

SB 352, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Thirteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 884. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st, New of the 64th and Thomas of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fourth judge of the superior courts of the Douglas Judicial Circuit; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Douglas Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 906. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Houston of the 170th and Pirkle of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a third judge of the superior courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit; to provide for the

appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Tifton Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 426. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Setzler of the 37th, Burns of the 23rd, Walker III of the 20th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise requirements for joining of a motor carrier and motor carrier's insurer to a cause of action; to provide for subrogation for unpaid final judgments relative to causes of action involving motor carriers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 427. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Setzler of the 37th and Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10 and 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade and food, drugs, and cosmetics, respectively, so as to provide for disclosure requirements for advertisements for legal services and for drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 428. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Ginn of the 47th, Setzler of the 37th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for a cap on damages recoverable

against foster parents in personal injury actions involving the use of a motor vehicle by a child where the liability of the foster parent is based solely upon application of the family-purpose car doctrine or the negligent entrustment doctrine; to provide that such cap shall be the policy limits of the applicable motor vehicle liability insurance coverage, subject to conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 429. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 28, 31, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the General Assembly, health, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for procedures and processes concerning the enactment of legislation and the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide definitions; to provide for the preparation and submission of small business impact analyses for bills introduced during sessions of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 430. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to COVID-19 pandemic business safety, so as to revise provisions for rebuttable presumptions of risk by claimants in certain COVID-19 liability claims by repealing certain warning requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 431. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Ginn of the 47th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions and discovery under the Civil Practice Act, so as to remove certain factors from consideration in discovery determinations; to repeal Code Section 9-11-26.1, relating to deposition from officers and protective orders; to provide for related matters; to

repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 432. By Senators Harrell of the 40th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through eight; to provide a definition for "recess"; to provide for policies relating to recess; to require local boards of education and other public school governing bodies to submit such policies to the State Board of Education; to provide for statutory construction and to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 433. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for nonprofit corporations, so as to enact the "Donor Intent Protection Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to prohibit charitable organizations from violating the terms of charitable contributions made with donor imposed restrictions, subject to exceptions; to provide for a cause of action; to provide for a limitations period; to provide for venue; to provide for remedies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 434. By Senator Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Glascock County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for a supervisor of elections; to provide for vacancies; to provide for certification; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to allow for joint primaries; to provide for meetings; to authorize expenditure of public funds; to provide compensation for

board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 435. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Still of the 48th, Butler of the 55th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SR 527. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, McLaurin of the 14th, Kennedy of the 18th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Veterans' Mental Health and Housing; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 533. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Still of the 48th, Butler of the 55th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation and comprehensive regulation of community development districts; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 884. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st, New of the 64th and Thomas of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fourth judge of the superior courts of the Douglas Judicial

Circuit; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Douglas Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 906. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Houston of the 170th and Pirkle of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a third judge of the superior courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Tifton Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Children and Families has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 387	Do Pass
SR 471	Do Pass
SR 474	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 405 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dixon of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 189 Do Pass by substitute
SB 212 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Burns of the 23rd District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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State and Local Governmental Operations, Secretary

SENATE MINORITY LEADER

To: The Honorable David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Gloria S. Butler
Re: Minority Report on SB 189

January 31, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 189, which passed out of Ethics on January 30th, 2024.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Gloria Butler
Senator Gloria Butler
Member of Ethics
Leader, Senate Democratic Caucus

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 410 Do Pass by substitute
SB 412 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 344 SB 377 SB 378 SB 386 SB 396

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that Senator Payne of the 54th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Payne was excused.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator McLaurin of the 14th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator McLaurin was excused.

Senator Echols of the 49th asked unanimous consent that Senator Hatchett of the 50th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hatchett was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Goodman	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbin	Parent
Anderson, L.	Harbison	Rahman
Anderson, T.	Harrell	Rhett
Beach	Hickman	Robertson
Brass	Hodges	Setzler
Burns	Hufstetler	Sims
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Still
Davenport	Jackson	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, H.	Summers
Dolezal	Kennedy	Tillery
Echols	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Esteves	Lucas	Watson, B.
Ginn	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Gooch	Merritt	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Halpern (Excused)	Hatchett (Excused)	James (Excused)
Jones, E. (Excused)	Mallow (Excused)	Payne (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Butler	Orrock
Seay		

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Burns of the 23rd introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Dorsia Atkinson of Sylvania, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Tillery of the 19th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Champa Woodham, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, commended by SR 495, adopted previously. Americus Police Chief Mark Scott, president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harrell of the 40th introduced the 2023-2024 Police Chief of the Year, Dunwoody Police Chief Billy Grogan, commended by SR 496, adopted previously. Police Chief Grogan addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 520. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 12, 2024, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 521. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joseph Williams; and for other purposes.

SR 522. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Dixon of the 45th, Rhett of the 33rd, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mary Eloise Tymchuk; and for other purposes.

SR 523. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Empire Board of Realtists® Inc. upon its 85th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 524. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Orrock of the 36th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 31, 2024, as Dyslexia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 525. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Catherine Walker; and for other purposes.

SR 526. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Cowsert of the 46th and Harrell of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dell McGee; and for other purposes.

SR 528. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. Alan Harkness; and for other purposes.

SR 529. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Versandra Kennebrew; and for other purposes.

SR 530. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Walt Turner; and for other purposes.

SR 531. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mitchell Smith; and for other purposes.

SR 532. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Jones II of the 22nd, Mallow of the 2nd, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the winners of the 2024 Miss Atlanta Competition; and for other purposes.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 105 Public School Employees Retirement System; the minimum and maximum allowable benefit multiplier for current and future retirees; revise (RET-

20th)

SB 328 Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; provisions; revise (RET-56th)

SB 335 "Safeguarding Adopted Children from Sexual Violence Act"; enact (JUDY-56th)

SB 369 Motor Vehicles; issuance of license plates commemorating the United States of America's semiquincentennial; provide (Substitute) (PUB SAF-23rd)

SR 352 Atlanta Public Schools; commend (RULES-39th)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 105. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-4-101 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement benefits payable upon normal, early, or delayed retirement in the Public School Employees Retirement System, so as to revise the minimum and maximum allowable benefit multiplier for current and future retirees; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Fiscal Notes were read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 6, 2023

The Honorable Larry Walker, III
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 421-A
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 43 2600)

Dear Senator Walker:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement benefits payable to members of the Public School Employees Retirement System. Under the provisions governing this retirement system, the monthly benefit payable to beneficiaries is based on a set dollar amount multiplied by years of creditable service earned by the member. Currently, the set dollar amount cannot fall below $14.75, nor can it exceed $16.50. If this legislation is enacted, the minimum monthly benefit would be calculated based on $17 for each year of creditable service. This legislation would also remove the maximum benefit multiplier. Instead, the Board of Trustees would be authorized to grant a permanent or one-time benefit increase based on funds appropriated by the General Assembly for such purpose, with consideration for the actuarial soundness of the System.

Furthermore, this bill would eliminate a provision that sets the maximum monthly benefit for persons who retired prior to July 1, 2012 at $15 for each year of creditable service. If this legislation is enacted, the monthly benefits payable to these beneficiaries would increase to $17 for each year of creditable service and these beneficiaries would become eligible for any future benefit increases.

This is to certify that this bill is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

DOAA
Georgia Department
of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

October 30, 2023

The Honorable Rick Williams
Chairman, Senate Retirement Committee
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 327-B
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Actuarial Investigation
Senate Bill 105 (LC 43 2600)
Public School Employees Retirement System

Dear Chairman Williams:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement benefits payable to members of the Public School Employees Retirement System. Beneficiaries receive a monthly benefit based on a set dollar amount multiplied by the member's years of creditable service. Under current law, the set dollar amount must range from $14.75 to $16.50. If this legislation is enacted, the minimum monthly benefit would be calculated based on $17 for each year of creditable service. This legislation would also remove the maximum benefit multiplier. Instead, the Board of Trustees would be authorized to grant a permanent or one-time benefit increase based on funds appropriated by the General Assembly, for such purpose, based upon the actuarial soundness of the System.

Furthermore, this bill would eliminate a provision that sets the maximum monthly benefit for persons who retired prior to August 1, 2012 at $15 per month for each year of creditable service. If this legislation is enacted, the monthly benefits payable to these beneficiaries would increase to $17 for each year of creditable service and these beneficiaries would also become eligible for any future benefit increases.

As of July 1, 2023, the benefit multiplier is $16.50/month for each year of creditable service for members who retired on or after August 1, 2012, and $15/month for members who retired prior to that date. Since this bill sets the new minimum at $17/month, all retired members would be eligible for a benefit increase if this legislation is enacted. This benefit increase would impact approximately 19,800 retirees and beneficiaries.

The estimated first-year cost of this legislation would be $5,625,000 in order to meet the concurrent funding requirements of O.C.G.A. §47-20-50. The estimated cost represents an increase in the employer contribution of $176.73 per member based on 31,831 active members as of June 30, 2022. The first-year cost includes $5,236,000 each year for the next 20 years to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability and $389,000 per member to fund the normal cost. The cost estimate is based on current member data, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. Changes to any of these variables could affect the cost of this legislation. Any future costs would by paid through State Appropriations.

The following is a summary of the relevant findings included in the actuarial investigation for this bill. The investigation was completed pursuant to a request from the Senate Retirement Committee. The investigation was to be conducted according to O.C.G.A. §47-20-36, which outlines the factors to be considered in an actuarial investigation.

(1)	The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 54,624,000
(2)	The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 5,236,000
(3)	The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by the bill would be amortized.	20
(4)	The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill.	$ 389,000
(5)	The employer contribution rate currently in effect for members of the PSERS.	$983.94 per active member*
(6)	The employer contribution rate recommended for PSERS (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in O.C.G.A. §47-20-10).	$1,160.67 per active member
(7)	The total dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition.	$ 5,625,000

**This rate represents the employer contribution rate that has been recommended by the actuary beginning July 1, 2024, for active members of the PSERS in order to meet the minimum funding standards.*

It should be noted that these cost estimates are based upon the current provisions of the bill as outlined in Senate Bill 105 (LC 43 2600). Any subsequent changes in the retirement bill could invalidate the actuarial investigation and the findings included therein.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

SB 105, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

1/31/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 105. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Kennedy of the 18th

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

SB 328. By Senators Albers of the 56th and Robertson of the 29th:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise many provisions of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; to revise provisions related to eligibility and full-time employment; to revise provisions related to the appointment, terms of office, and duties of the board of trustees; to provide for related matters; to

provide for conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Fiscal Notes were read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 22, 2023

The Honorable John Albers
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 421-C
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill (LC 43 2834ER)

Dear Senator Albers:

This bill would amend several provisions within the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. Specifically, this bill would:

- Amend definitions to include a definition for 'full time employment' and to provide for a more concise definition of 'peace officer' without changing any of the eligibility requirements;
- Define the term of office for Board members;
- Change the title of Secretary-Treasurer to Executive Director and specify that the Board would set the compensation for the Executive Director;
- Update the duties of the Board;
- Revise provisions relating to the application for membership. Specifically, the employing agency would no longer be required to notify the Fund of each new hire. Instead, the employing agency would provide the new hire with an application and a certification of employment within 30 days of employment;
- Increase the minimum monthly dues to $35 and the maximum monthly dues to $70. Currently the minimum and maximum are $25 and $50 respectively;
- Clarify the process for delinquent payments and for the reinstatement of membership resulting from delinquencies;
- Change the requirements for remission of payments by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Board of Dentistry from monthly to annual;
- Increase the amount of creditable service that can be purchased from five years to seven years and specify that the member must pay full actuarial cost for the purchase

of such service;
- Change the eligibility requirements for benefits to include vested members who have reached the age of 55 and remain actively employed;
- Specify that retired members may not rejoin as an active member;
- Update the spousal benefit calculator;
- Increase the disability payment from $257 per month to $455 per month;
- Increase the death benefit to $5,000. Currently, the maximum death benefit is $3,500;
- Increase the death benefit paid to beneficiaries of members who were injured in the line of duty and passed away as a result of such injuries within 12 months. Currently the maximum death benefit is $5,500. If this legislation is enacted, the benefit would be increased to $10,000; and
- Revise the provisions relating to the refund of membership dues. Persons seeking refunds would be entitled to receive a refund for 100 percent of all dues paid. Currently, they receive a refund equivalent to 95 percent of all dues paid.

This is to certify that this bill is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

October 30, 2023

The Honorable Rick Williams
Chairman, Senate Retirement Committee
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 327-B
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Actuarial Investigation
Senate Bill 328 (LC 43 2834 ER)
Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Georgia

Dear Chairman Williams:

This bill would amend several provisions within the Peace Officers' Annuity and

Benefit Fund. The specific provisions of this bill that impact the funding include:

- Monthly dues for members would increase to a minimum of $35 and a maximum of $70. Currently, the minimum and maximum dues are $25 and $50 respectively;
- Members would be eligible to purchase up to seven years of creditable service. Currently, they may only purchase a maximum of five years. Members would still be required to pay the full actuarial cost for the purchase of such service;
- Vested members who attain age 55 may receive retirement benefits and remain actively employed;
- The methods for calculating spousal benefit would be updated;
- The disability payment would increase from $257 per month to $455 per month, excluding any cost-of-living adjustments;
- The maximum death benefit would increase from $3,500 to $5,000;
- The maximum death benefit paid to beneficiaries of members who were injured in the line of duty and passed away as a result of such injuries within 12 months would increase from $5,500 to $10,000; and
- The beneficiaries of members who die prior to vesting would receive the greater of the death benefit or the dues paid by the member.

This legislation is estimated to increase first-year costs to the Fund by $1,098,000. This first-year cost includes $798,000 each year for the next 30 years to amortize the increase in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability and $300,000 to fund the normal cost. However, this legislation also provides for an increase in member contributions that would approximate $1,727,000 in the first year. As a result, the Fund would recognize a surplus in the first-year of approximately $629,000 and the Fund would meet the concurrent funding requirements of O.C.G.A. §47-20-50. This cost estimate is based on current member data of 13,700 active members, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. It should be noted that changes in any of these variables could affect the cost estimate for this legislation. Any future costs would be paid through revenues generated from a portion of fines, fees, and bond forfeitures.

The following is a summary of the relevant findings included in the actuarial investigation for this bill. The investigation was completed pursuant to a request from the Senate Retirement Committee. The investigation was to be conducted according to O.C.G.A. §47-20-36, which outlines the factors to be considered in an actuarial investigation.

(1)	The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 10,749,000
(2)	The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 798,000
(3)	The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by the bill would be amortized.	30
(4)	The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill.	$ 300,000
(5)	The employer contribution rate currently in effect for the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund	A portion of fines, fees, and bond forfeitures
(6)	The employer contribution rate recommended for the Fund (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in O.C.G.A. §47-20-10).	A portion of fines, fees, and bond forfeitures
(7)	The total dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition.	$ 0

**This bill would increase first-year costs to the Fund by $1,098,000. However, the provisions of this bill would also increase revenues paid into the Fund by $1,727,000. This would result in a first-year surplus of $629,000. Based on the projected revenue from member contributions and revenues from fines, fees, and bond forfeitures, the Fund will have sufficient revenue to fund the immediate and future costs of the Fund.*

It should be noted that these cost estimates are based upon the current provisions of the bill as outlined in Senate Bill 328 (LC 43 2834ER). Any subsequent changes in the retirement bill could invalidate the actuarial investigation and the findings included therein.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 328, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 335. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incest, so as to expressly include relationship by adoption; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 335, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

01.31.2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 335. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Robertson of the 29th

At 11:46 a.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand at ease until 12:15 p.m.

At 12:23 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10 (b), Senator Dolezal of the 27th served notice of intent to consider House action on the following bill of the Senate:

SB 26. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to permit meetings and public hearings of development authorities and community improvement districts to be held by teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Lucas of the 26th asked unanimous consent to suspend the Senate Rules to first read legislation and assign to committee. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 442. By Senators Lucas of the 26th, Cowsert of the 46th, Butler of the 55th, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state health planning and development, so as to provide that after a certain date, certificate of need requirements shall not apply to institutional health services, health care facilities, clinical health services, or any other health care related service or expenditure in counties with a population of less than 35,000; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 369. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Parent of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, so as to provide for the issuance of license plates commemorating the United States of America's semiquincentennial; to provide for the selection of the design for such license plate; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 369:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, so as to provide for the issuance of license plates commemorating the United States of America's semiquincentennial; to provide for the selection of the design for such license plate; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal;

to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, is amended in Code Section 40-2-31, relating to license plate design and revalidation and county decals, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) License plates issued pursuant to this chapter shall be at least six inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length, except that motorcycle license plates shall be at least four inches wide and not less than seven inches in length and license plates for low-speed vehicles and multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall be a size determined by the commissioner. All license plates shall show in boldface characters the month and year of expiration, the serial number, and either the full name or the abbreviation of the name of the state, shall designate the county from which the license plate was issued unless specifically stated otherwise in this chapter, and shall show such other distinctive markings as in the judgment of the commissioner may be deemed advisable, so as to indicate the class of weight of the vehicle for which the license plate was issued. Any license plate for a low-speed vehicle or multipurpose off-highway vehicle shall designate the vehicle as such. Such plates may also bear such figures, characters, letters, or combinations thereof as in the judgment of the commissioner will to the best advantage advertise, popularize, and otherwise promote Georgia as the 'Peach State.' Plates issued during the years 2026 through 2030 shall include the design approved pursuant to Code Section 40-2-31.1. Except for license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, any license plate issued pursuant to this chapter shall be of such strength and quality that the plate shall provide a minimum service period of at least five years. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' for the design and issuance of new license plates and to implement the other provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-2-31.1.

In coordination with the Department of Education, the department shall establish parameters for the design of and a selection process for a license plate which commemorates the United States of America's semiquincentennial. The design of such plate shall be selected from designs submitted by students in grades six through eight as part of a civics education and engagement program which shall include feedback from the Georgia Commission on Civics Education, Georgia Center for Civic Engagement, Georgia Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the American Revolution."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

The provisions of this Act shall stand repealed by operation of law on January 1, 2032.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Mallow	N Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 3.

SB 369, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, February 1, 2024
Fourteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 878. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 138th, Hitchens of the 161st and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for proper procedure for passing a postal service vehicle; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 976. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Leverett of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that ballots used in optical scan voting systems shall use paper with a visible watermark security feature; to provide that ballots used in ballot marking devices shall use paper with a visible watermark security feature; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 436. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1B of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of farm use vehicles, so as to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 437. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 11th, Strickland of the 17th and Sims of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enforce certain criminal laws; to regulate consumable hemp products; to provide for definitions; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to prohibit the sale of consumable hemp products to individuals under the age of 21 years; to require the posting of certain signs concerning the legal age to purchase consumable hemp products; to provide penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 438. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to authorize Georgia public schools to operate or facilitate separate teams for members of each gender where selection for such teams is based upon competitive fairness or student safety; to repeal a grant of discretionary authority to athletic association executive oversight committees; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 439. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Atlanta independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $100,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 440. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Parent of the 42nd, Dixon of the 45th, Butler of the 55th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the Accelerated Career Diploma Program; to provide a short title; to establish and provide for the ACE Grants pilot program; to make conforming changes; to extend an automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 441. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Esteves of the 6th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of controlled substances, so as to revise notification requirements for prescribers prescribing opioids; to require prescribers to discuss with patients, their parent, or guardian the risks of addiction, dependence, and fatal overdose associated with opioid use and all available alternative treatments; to require prescribers to document the notification in the patient's file; to require prescribers to provide information regarding the safe disposal, if available, to patients, their parent, or guardian; to exclude prescribers for certain patient groups from this Code section; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 443. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abatement of nuisances generally, so as to provide for inclusion of claims against promoters and organizers for costs incurred by local governments due to unpermitted events in complaints filed on behalf of the public; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 444. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Ginn of the 47th, Albers of the 56th, Harbison of the 15th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to authorize retail dealers to offer discounts to consumers through premiums, coupons, or rebates on alcoholic beverages purchased for consumption off the premises; to provide a definition; to provide certain conditions and requirements for the offering of such discounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SR 535. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 41st, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Administration of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to publish without delay the Equal Rights Amendment as the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 538. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th, Beach of the 21st, Williams of the 25th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize and require that the Georgia General Assembly provide by law for sports betting and casino gambling in this state by July 2, 2025; to provide for the regulation and allocation of revenues of such sports betting and casino gambling; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for proper procedure for passing a postal service vehicle; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 198 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 307	Do Pass by substitute	SB 334	Do Pass
SB 362	Do Pass	SB 389	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Walker III of the 20th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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The State Senate

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate

From: Sen. Nikki Merritt

Re: Minority Report on SB 362

February 1, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 362, which passed Insurance and Labor on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

/s/ Nikki A. Merritt
Senator Nikki Merritt
Member of Insurance and Labor

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 406 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 375 Do Pass
SB 385 Do Pass
SB 398 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Payne of the 54th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 212 SB 387 SB 405 SB 410 SB 412 SR 471

SR 474

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Kirkpatrick was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Rhett of the 33rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rhett was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Harbin of the 16th asked unanimous consent that Senator Strickland of the 17th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Strickland was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Goodman	Merritt
Anavitarte	Halpern	Moore
Anderson, L.	Harbin	Orrock
Anderson, T.	Harbison	Parent
Beach	Harrell	Payne
Brass	Hatchett	Robertson
Burns	Hickman	Setzler
Butler	Hodges	Sims
Cowsert	Hufstetler	Still
Davenport	Islam Parkes	Summers
Dixon	Jackson	Tillery
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Walker
Echols	Kennedy	Watson, B.
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Watson, S.
Ginn	Mallow	Williams
Gooch	McLaurin	

Not answering were Senators:

James (Excused)	Jones, E. (Excused)	Rahman (Excused)
Rhett (Excused)	Seay (Excused)	Strickland (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Lucas	

Senator Lucas of the 26th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Harbin of the 16th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Joey Rodgers of Peachtree City, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. John Johnson, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd introduced Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc., commended by SR 513, adopted previously. Gena P. Taylor, Executive Director of the Greenbriar Children's Center, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th introduced the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Macon program, commended by SR 499, adopted previously. Lynn Farmer, Chief People Officer at the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, and David Danzie, Vice President of Synovus Bank, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Butler of the 55th introduced the American Heart Association for Wear Red Day, commended by SR 500, adopted previously.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 534. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Vickie Renee Johnston; and for other purposes.

SR 536. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Hodges of the 3rd, Echols of the 49th, Hickman of the 4th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2024, as Georgia Hearing Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 537. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Anderson of the 43rd, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and celebrating Perimeter College at Georgia State University on the grand occasion of its 60th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that the following resolution be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Rules and committed to the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security:

SR 527. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, McLaurin of the 14th, Kennedy of the 18th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Veterans' Mental Health and Housing; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SR 527 was committed to the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2024
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 377	Courts and Social Services; licensing of qualified residential treatment programs; provide (H&HS-19th)
SB 386	State Government; regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; authorize and provide (Substitute) (ED&T-45th)
SB 333	City of Mulberry; incorporate (Substitute) (SLGO(G)-45th)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 377. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Burns of the 23rd, Payne of the 54th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 15 and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the courts and social services, respectively, so as to provide for the licensing of qualified residential treatment programs; to revise the definition of "qualified residential treatment program" to conform with federal law; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims

Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 377, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 386. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hatchett of the 50th, Butler of the 55th, Beach of the 21st, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to authorize and provide for the regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; to change certain provisions relating; to increase funding to the state's Pre-K programs; to provide for the corporation to engage in certain activities related to sports betting; to provide for a short title; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to gambling, so as to exclude any consideration paid to a sports betting licensee from the definition of "bet"; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt wagers placed as part of sports betting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to SB 386:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to authorize and provide for the regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; to provide for additional powers and duties of the Georgia Lottery Corporation; to change certain provisions relating to the shortfall reserves maintained within the Lottery for Education Account; to increase funding to the state's Pre-K programs; to provide for the corporation to engage in certain activities related to sports betting; to provide for a short

title; to provide for legislative findings; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for the corporation's powers and duties relative to sports betting; to provide for the procedures, limitations, requirements, and qualifications of the licensing of any person offering, operating, or managing sports betting in this state; to provide for rules and regulations promulgated by the corporation; to provide for a privilege tax; to require certain reports; to regulate wagers and provide requirements for bettors; to provide for bettors to restrict themselves from placing certain wagers; to provide certain resources for individuals with problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder; to provide for the collection and disposition of fees and fines; to prohibit certain conduct by the corporation, employees of the corporation, licensees, and other persons; to provide for certain penalties; to provide for construction; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, so as to exclude any consideration paid to a sports betting licensee from the definition of "bet"; to provide for the exemption of persons licensed for online sports betting from regulations and restrictions regarding gambling information; to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt wagers placed as part of sports betting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-27-3, relating to definitions for the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," by revising paragraphs (13) and (20) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(13) 'Lottery,' 'lotteries,' 'lottery game,' or 'lottery games' means any game of chance approved by the board and operated pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, instant tickets, ~~on-line~~ online games, online sports betting, and games using mechanical or electronic devices but excluding pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling as defined in this Code section."

"(20) 'Pari-mutuel betting' means a method or system of wagering on actual races involving horses or dogs at tracks which involves the distribution of winnings by pools. Such term shall not mean lottery games which may be predicated on a horse racing or dog racing scheme that does not involve actual track events. Such term shall not mean the lottery game of sports betting or traditional lottery games which may involve the distribution of winnings by pools."

"(23.1) 'Sports betting' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 50-27-122."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-27-9, relating to general powers of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, by revising paragraphs (18) and (19) of subsection (a) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(18) To act as a retailer, to conduct promotions which involve the dispensing of lottery tickets or shares, and to establish and operate a sales facility to sell lottery tickets or shares and any related merchandise; ~~and~~

(19) To perform any actions and carry out any responsibilities provided for in Article 4 of this chapter; and

~~(19)~~(20) To adopt and amend such regulations, policies, and procedures as necessary to carry out and implement its powers and duties, organize and operate the corporation, regulate the conduct of lottery games in general, and any other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective operation of the lottery or the convenience of the public. The promulgation of any such regulations, policies, and procedures shall be exempt from the requirements of Chapter 13 of this title, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-27-13, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(3)(A) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025, a ~~A~~ shortfall reserve shall be maintained within the Lottery for Education Account in an amount equal to at least 50 percent ~~of net proceeds deposited into such account for the preceding fiscal year~~ of the average amount of net proceeds deposited into such account for the preceding three fiscal years, hereinafter referred to as the minimum reserve. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025 and for each fiscal year thereafter, if on the last day of the preceding fiscal year the total reserve fund balance exceeds the minimum reserve, an amount equal to 10 percent of the excess reserve funds, meaning the amount that the total reserve fund balance exceeds the minimum reserve, shall be appropriated for educational purposes and programs.

(B) If the net proceeds paid into the Lottery for Education Account in any year are not sufficient to meet the amount appropriated for ~~education~~ educational purposes and programs, the shortfall reserve may be drawn upon to meet the deficiency and any amount so drawn may count for purposes of appropriations in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(C) If ~~In the event~~ the shortfall reserve is drawn upon and falls below 50 percent of the average amount of net proceeds deposited into such account for the preceding three fiscal ~~year~~ years, the shortfall reserve shall be replenished to the level required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph in the next fiscal year and the ~~lottery-funded~~ lottery funded programs shall be reviewed and adjusted accordingly."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended by adding a new article to Chapter 27, relating to the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 4
Part 1

50-27-120.
This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Lottery Game of Sports Betting Act.'

50-27-121.
The General Assembly finds that:
(1) Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII(c) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for any matters relating to purposes or provisions of that subparagraph, which purposes and provisions include the operation and regulation of a lottery or lotteries and which purposes and provisions may encompass sports betting as a game or games offered by the Georgia Lottery Corporation;
(2) Sports betting shall be overseen and regulated, and may also be offered, by the Georgia Lottery Corporation in a manner that provides continuing entertainment to the public, maximizes revenues, protects consumers, and ensures that sports betting is operated in this state with integrity and dignity and free of political influence;
(3) The corporation shall be accountable to the General Assembly and to the public for the management and oversight of sports betting in this state through a system of audits and reports;
(4) The ability to offer sports betting in this state under a license issued in accordance with this article constitutes a taxable privilege and not a right;
(5) Net proceeds of sports betting conducted pursuant to this article shall be used for the purposes authorized by Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII(c) of the Constitution; and
(6) In accordance with Code Section 50-27-2, sports betting shall be conducted in a manner so as to safeguard the fiscal soundness of the state, to enhance public welfare, and to support the funding authorized by Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII(c) of the Constitution.

50-27-122.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Adjusted gross income' means a licensee's gross sports betting income minus federal excise taxes and minus the total amount paid out to winning bettors, including the cash value of merchandise awarded as winnings.

(2) 'Applicant' means any person that applies for a license under this article.
(3) 'Bettor' means an individual who is:
(A) Physically present in this state when placing a wager with a licensee;
(B) Twenty-one years of age or older; and
(C) Not prohibited from placing a wager or bet under Code Section 50-27-162.
(4) 'Bond' means a bond held in escrow for the purpose of maintaining adequate reserves to account for losses suffered by a licensee and owed to bettors.
(5) 'Cheating' means improving the chances of winning or altering the outcome through deception, interference, or manipulation of a sporting event or of any equipment, including software, pertaining to or used in relation to the equipment used for or in connection with the sporting event on which wagers are placed or invited. Such term shall include match fixing and attempts and conspiracy to cheat.
(6) 'Collegiate sporting event' means a sporting or athletic event involving a sports or athletic team of a public or private institution of higher education.
(7) 'Esports event' means an organized video game competition between players who play individually or as teams.
(8) 'Fantasy or simulated contest' means a game or event in which one or more players compete based on winning outcomes that reflect the relative knowledge and skill of the players and are determined predominately by accumulated statistical results of the performance of individuals, including, but not limited to, athletes in sporting events.
(9) 'Fixed-odds betting' means bets made at predetermined odds or on the spread where the return to the bettor is unaffected by any later change in odds or the spread.
(10) 'Futures wager' means a wager made on the occurrence of an event in the future relating to a sporting event.
(11) 'Gross sports betting income' means the total of all moneys paid by bettors to a licensee as wagers, but does not include the value of promotional credits used to place wagers.
(12) 'Institutional investor' means:
(A) A retirement fund administered by a public agency for the exclusive benefit of federal, state, or local public employees;
(B) An investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940;
(C) A chartered or licensed life insurance company or property and casualty insurance company;
(D) A banking and other chartered or licensed lending institution;
(E) An investment advisor registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; or
(F) A pension investment board.
(13) 'License' means any of the licenses issued by the corporation under this article.
(14) 'Licensee' means a person that holds a license issued by the corporation under this article.
(15) 'Master sports betting licensee' means the Georgia Lottery Corporation.
(16) 'Material nonpublic information' means information that has not been disseminated publicly concerning an athlete, contestant, prospective contestant, or athletic team, including, without limitation, confidential information related to medical

conditions or treatment, physical or mental health or conditioning, physical therapy or recovery, discipline, sanctions, academic status, education records, eligibility, playbooks, signals, schemes, techniques, game plans, practices, strategies, assessments, systems, drills, or recordings of practices or other athletic activities.

(17) 'Merchandise' means any goods or services provided to bettors free of charge, at a discounted rate, or in the form of a rebate or credit.

(18) 'Minor' means an individual who is less than 21 years of age.

(19) 'Moneyline wager' means the fixed odds in relation to a dollar amount that a team or person participating in a sporting event will win outright regardless of the spread.

(20) 'Official event data' means statistics, results, outcomes, and other data related to a sporting event obtained pursuant to an agreement with the relevant sporting events operator whose corporate headquarters is based in the United States or an entity expressly authorized by such sporting events operator to provide such information to licensees for purposes of determining the outcome of tier 2 sports wagers on such sporting event.

(21) 'Official league data' means statistics, results, outcomes, and other data related to a sporting event obtained pursuant to an agreement with the relevant professional sports governing body whose corporate headquarters is based in the United States or an entity expressly authorized by such professional sports governing body to provide such information to licensees for purposes of determining the outcome of tier 2 sports wagers.

(22) 'Online sports betting' means a wager on a sporting event that is placed via the internet through any electronic device and accepted through an online sports betting platform.

(23) 'Online sports betting platform' means the combination of hardware, software, and data networks used to manage, administer, or control online sports betting and any associated wagers accessible by any electronic means.

(24) 'Online sports betting services provider' means a person that contracts with the master sports betting licensee or a Type 1 sports betting licensee under Code Section 50-27-133 to operate online sports betting on behalf of such licensee and that is licensed by the corporation.

(25) 'Over/under wager' means a single wager that predicts whether the combined score of the two persons or teams engaged in a sporting event will be lower or higher than a predetermined number.

(26) 'Parlay wager' means a single wager that incorporates two or more individual bets for purposes of earning a higher payout if each bet incorporated within the wager wins.

(27) 'Person' means an individual or entity.

(28) 'Principal owner' means a person that owns an interest of 10 percent or more of the entity.

(29) 'Professional sporting event' means an athletic or sporting event involving at least two competitors who have the opportunity to receive compensation for participating in such event.

(30) 'Professional sports governing body' means the organization, league, or

association whose corporate headquarters is based in the United States that oversees a sport and prescribes final rules and enforces codes of conduct with respect to such sport and participants therein.

(31) 'Professional sports team' means a major league professional team:

(A) Based in this state;

(B) That plays baseball, football, men's basketball, soccer, or women's basketball; and

(C) Whose regular season games have had the highest attendance for its respective professional sport in the state during the past five years.

(32) 'Proposition wager' means a wager on a single specific action, statistic, occurrence, or nonoccurrence to be determined during a sporting event and includes any such action, statistic, occurrence, or nonoccurrence that does not directly affect the final outcome of the sporting event to which it relates.

(33) 'Relative' means a spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister.

(34) 'Sporting event' means any:

(A) Professional sporting or professional athletic event, including motor sports sanctioned by a national or international organization or association;

(B) Collegiate sporting event;

(C) Olympic sporting or athletic event;

(D) Sporting or athletic event sanctioned by a national or international organization or association;

(E) Sporting or athletic event conducted or organized by a sporting events operator;

(F) Esports event; or

(G) Other event authorized by the corporation.

Such term shall not include a nonprofessional, noncollegiate, or non-Olympic sporting or athletic event if the majority of the participants are under the age of 18 years and shall not include any Special Olympics sporting or athletic event.

(35) 'Sporting events operator' means a person that conducts or organizes a sporting event for athletes or other participants that is not held or sanctioned as an official sporting event of a professional sports governing body.

(36) 'Sports betting' means online sports betting.

(37) 'Sports betting equipment' means any of the following that is directly used in connection with the operation of sports betting:

(A) Any mechanical, electronic, or other device, mechanism, or equipment;

(B) Any software, application, components, or other goods; or

(C) Anything to be installed or used on a personal electronic device.

(38)(A) 'Sports betting supplier' means a person that provides sports betting equipment necessary for the creation of sports betting markets and the determination of bet outcomes, directly to any licensee involved in the acceptance of bets, including any of the following:

(i) Providers of data feeds and odds services;
(ii) Platform providers;
(iii) Risk management providers:
(iv) Integrity monitoring providers; and
(v) Other providers of sports betting supplier services as determined by the corporation.
(B) Such term shall not include a professional sports governing body that:
(i) Provides official league data concerning its own sporting event to a sports betting licensee solely on that basis; or
(ii) Provides raw statistical match data to one or more designated and licensed suppliers of data feeds and odds services solely on that basis.
(39) 'Spread' means the predicted scoring differential between two persons or teams engaged in a sporting event.
(40) 'Supervisory employee' means a principal owner or employee having the authority to act on behalf of a licensee whose judgment is relied upon to manage and advance the sports betting business operations of a licensee.
(41) 'Tier 1 sports wager' means a sports wager that is determined solely by the final score or final outcome of the sporting event and is placed before the sporting event has begun.
(42) 'Tier 2 sports wager' means a wager that is not a tier 1 sports wager.
(43) 'Type 1 eligible entity' means any of the following:
(A) Any professional sports team;
(B) A professional sports governing body that holds one or more sanctioned annual golf tournaments on a national tour of professional golf in this state, and has held one or more of the same or different sanctioned annual golf tournaments on a national tour of professional golf in this state for at least 30 years;
(C) The owner of a facility in this state that has held an annual invitational golf tournament for professional and amateur golfers for at least 30 years;
(D) The owner of a facility located in this state that hosts automobile races on a national association for stock car racing national tour or a wholly owned for-profit subsidiary of the owner of such a facility, if the owner is a nonprofit corporation or nonprofit organization; and
(E) The Georgia Lottery Corporation.
(44) 'Type 1 sports betting licensee' means the master sports betting licensee, an online sports betting services provider awarded a Type 1 license via the public procurement process by the master sports betting licensee, or a Type 1 eligible entity licensed or authorized by the corporation to directly or indirectly offer online sports betting.
(45) 'Wager' or 'bet' means a sum of money that is risked by a bettor on the unknown outcome of one or more sporting events or portions of sporting events. Such term shall include single-game wagers, futures wagers, tier 1 or tier 2 wagers, teaser wagers, parlay wagers, over/under wagers, moneyline wagers, pools, exchange wagering, in-game wagering, in-play wagers, proposition wagers, straight wagers, fixed-odds betting, and any other bet or wager approved by the corporation. Such term shall not

include a pari-mutuel bet or wager or an entry fee paid to participate in a fantasy or simulated contest.

50-27-123.

(a) The corporation shall have all powers and duties necessary to carry out the provisions of this article and to exercise the control of the lottery game of sports betting in this state as authorized by this article. Such powers and duties shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) To have jurisdiction, supervision, and regulatory authority over sports betting, including, but not limited to, regulation, licensure, and offering of sports betting on mobile applications available state wide via the internet and through a limited number of licenses to be awarded to Type 1 sports betting licensees;

(2) To appoint and employ such persons as the corporation deems essential to perform its duties under this article and to ensure that such sports betting is conducted with order and the highest integrity. Such employees shall possess such authority and perform such duties as the corporation shall prescribe or delegate to them. Such employees shall be compensated as provided by the corporation;

(3) To enter upon, investigate, and have free access to all places of business of any licensee under this article and to compel the production of any books, ledgers, documents, records, memoranda, or other information of any licensee to ensure such licensee's compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the corporation pursuant to this article;

(4) To promulgate any rules and regulations as the corporation deems necessary and proper to administer the provisions of this article; provided, however, that the initial rules and regulations governing sports betting shall be promulgated, provided for a period of public comment, and adopted by the corporation within 90 days of the effective date of this article. Such initial rules and regulations and all other rules and regulations of the corporation promulgated and adopted pursuant to this article shall not be subject to Chapter 13 of this title, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act';

(5) To issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses before the corporation, administer oaths, and compel production of records or other documents and testimony of witnesses whenever, in the judgment of the corporation, it is necessary to do so for the effectual discharge of the duties of the corporation under this article;

(6) To compel any person licensed by the corporation to file with the corporation such data, documents, and information as shall appear to the corporation to be necessary for the performance of the duties of the corporation under this article, including, but not limited to, financial statements and information relative to stockholders and all others with a pecuniary interest in such person;

(7) To prescribe the manner in which books and records of persons licensed or permitted by the corporation under this article shall be kept;

(8) To enter into arrangements with any foreign or domestic government or governmental agency for the purposes of exchanging information or performing any other act to better ensure the proper conduct of betting under this article;

(9) To order such audits, in addition to those otherwise required by this article, as the corporation deems necessary and desirable;

(10) Upon the receipt of a complaint of an alleged criminal violation of this article, to immediately report such complaint to the appropriate law enforcement agency with jurisdiction to investigate criminal activity;

(11) To provide for the reporting of the applicable amount of state and federal income tax of persons claiming a prize or payoff for a winning wager under this article;

(12) To establish and administer programs for providing assistance to individuals with problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder, including, but not limited to:

(A) Educating potential gamblers of methods and types of bets and fairly informing potential gamblers of the odds or likelihood of winning such bets;

(B) Establishing and administering programs for educating potential gamblers about responsible gambling, the warning signs of problem gambling or betting or gambling disorders and how to prevent and treat problem gambling or betting or gambling disorders;

(C) Developing and funding responsible gaming education campaigns coupled with prevention and education efforts within communities that raise awareness of potential signs or risk factors of problem gambling or betting or gambling disorders;

(D) Encouraging the use of harm-minimizing measures by bettors, such as utilizing limit-setting tools and reviewing personal data and information to make informed decisions about gambling;

(E) Promulgating rules and regulations that enable bettors to self-limit with a licensee and self-exclude from sports betting activities state wide. Any such rules or regulations related to self-exclusion shall require the individual seeking self-exclusion to provide identifying information, including, at a minimum, full name, address, date of birth, and social security number;

(F) Adopting processes for individuals to express concerns related to problem gambling or betting or gambling disorders to the corporation;

(G) Developing state-wide advertising guidelines to ensure that the marketing of sports betting is not targeted to minors and does not include content, themes, and promotions that have special appeal to individuals with problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder;

(H) Requiring the electronic posting of signs or notifications on online sports betting platforms that bear the 1-800-GAMBLER toll-free number, which provides or directs callers to assistance and resources for individuals with problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder; and

(I) To require licensees to implement systems to monitor their customers' betting and provide customers with guidance, information, and options when their betting may be problematic;

(13) To keep a true and full record of all proceedings of the corporation under this article and preserve at the corporation's general office all books, documents, and papers of the corporation;

(14) To adopt rules and regulations specific to the manner in which a licensee may

advertise its business operations as authorized by this article; and

(15) To comply with Code Section 50-27-14 as it relates to the lottery game of sports betting in order to encourage participation by minority businesses.

(b) The corporation shall not have the power to prescribe a licensee's maximum or minimum payout or hold percentage.

50-27-124.

(a) The corporation shall prescribe by rules and regulations:

(1) The reserves that must be kept by licensees to comply with subparagraph (c)(7)(A) of Code Section 50-27-130 to pay off bettors;

(2) Any insurance requirements for a licensee;

(3) Minimum requirements by which each licensee shall exercise effective control over its internal fiscal affairs, including, without limitation, requirements for:

(A) Safeguarding assets and revenues, including evidence of indebtedness;

(B) Maintaining reliable records relating to accounts, transactions, profits and losses, operations, and events; and

(C) Global risk management;

(4) Requirements for internal and independent audits of licensees;

(5) The manner in which periodic financial reports shall be submitted to the corporation from each licensee, including the financial information to be included in the reports;

(6) The type of information deemed to be confidential financial or proprietary information that is not subject to any reporting requirements under this article;

(7) Policies, procedures, and processes designed to mitigate the risk of cheating and money laundering; and

(8) Any post-employment restrictions necessary to maintain the integrity of sports betting in this state.

Part 2

50-27-130.

(a) Any person offering, operating, or managing sports betting in this state shall be licensed by the corporation.

(b) The corporation shall issue licenses to qualified applicants able to meet the duties of a license holder under this article and that the corporation determines will best satisfy the following criteria:

(1) Expertise in the business of online sports betting;

(2) Integrity, sustainability, and safety of the online sports betting platform;

(3) Past relevant experience of the applicant;

(4) Advertising and promotional plans to increase and sustain revenue;

(5) The amount of adjusted gross income and associated tax revenue that an applicant is projected to generate;

(6) Demonstrated commitment to and plans for the promotion of responsible gaming; and

(7) Capacity to increase the number of bettors on the applicant's platform.

(c) An applicant for a license shall submit an application on a form in such manner and in accordance with such requirements as may be prescribed by rules and regulations of the corporation. Such rules and regulations shall require, at a minimum, that the application include the following:

(1) If the applicant is an entity, identification of the applicant's principal owners, board of directors, officers, and supervisory employees;

(2) Evidence of the applicant's certificate of fitness for sports betting affiliation. If the applicant is an entity, such evidence shall be provided for every individual who is a principal owner;

(3) Information, documentation, and assurances as may be required by the corporation to establish by clear and convincing evidence the applicant's good character, honesty, and integrity, including, but not limited to, information pertaining to family, habits, character, reputation, criminal and arrest records, business activities, financial affairs, and business, professional, and personal associates, covering at least the ten-year period immediately preceding the filing of the application;

(4) Notice and a description of civil judgments obtained against the applicant pertaining to antitrust or security regulation laws of the federal government, this state, or any other state, jurisdiction, province, or country;

(5) To the extent available, letters of reference or the equivalent from law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction of the applicant's place of residence and principal place of business. Each such letter of reference shall indicate that the law enforcement agency does not have any pertinent information concerning the applicant or, if such law enforcement agency does have information pertaining to the applicant, shall provide such information, to the extent permitted by law;

(6) If the applicant has conducted sports betting operations in another jurisdiction, a letter of reference from the regulatory body that governs sports betting that specifies the standing of the applicant with such regulatory body; provided, however, that, if no such letter is received within 60 days of the request therefor, the applicant may submit a statement under oath that the applicant is or was, during the period such activities were conducted, in good standing with the regulatory body;

(7) Information, documentation, and assurances concerning financial background and resources as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence the financial stability, integrity, and responsibility of the applicant, including, but not limited to, bank references, business and personal income and disbursement schedules, tax returns and other reports filed with governmental agencies, and business and personal accounting and check records and ledgers. Each applicant shall, in writing, authorize the examination of all bank accounts and records as may be deemed necessary by the corporation. The corporation may consider any relevant evidence of financial stability. In addition, the applicant shall:

(A) Maintain a reserve of not less than $500,000.00 or the amount required to cover the outstanding liabilities for wagers accepted by the licensee, whichever is greater. Outstanding liabilities for wagers shall mean the sum of patron account balances, the

amount paid by patrons for wagers that have not yet been determined, and the amount owed but unpaid by licensees to patrons for wagers whose results have been determined. The reserve may take the form of a bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, payment processor reserves and receivables, cash or cash equivalents segregated from operational funds, guaranty letter, or a combination thereof. Such reserve shall be adequate to pay winning wagers to bettors when due. An applicant is presumed to have met this standard if the applicant maintains, on a daily basis, subject to when banks are open, a minimum reserve in an amount which is at least equal to the average daily minimum reserve, calculated on a monthly basis, for the corresponding month in the previous year;

(B) Meet ongoing operating expenses which are essential to the maintenance of continuous and stable sports betting operations; and

(C) Pay, as and when due, all state and federal taxes;

(8) Information, documentation, and assurances as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant has sufficient business ability and sports betting experience to establish the likelihood of the creation and maintenance of successful, efficient sports betting operations in this state;

(9) Information, as required by rules and regulations of the corporation, regarding the financial standing of the applicant;

(10) A nonrefundable application fee and annual licensing fee as follows:

(A) Applicants for a Type 1 sports betting license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of $100,000.00 and an annual licensing fee in the amount of $1 million;

(B) Applicants for an online sports betting services provider license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of $10,000.00 and an annual licensing fee of $100,000.00; provided, however, that an online sports betting services provider that applies for and obtains a Type 1 sports betting license pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-27-133 shall only be required to pay the nonrefundable application fee and annual licensing fee applicable to the applicant's Type 1 sports betting license; and

(C) Applicants for a sports betting supplier license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of $2,000.00 and an annual licensing fee of $20,000.00; and

(11) Any additional information, documents, or assurances required by rules and regulations of the corporation.

(d) The corporation shall review and approve or deny an application for a license not more than 90 days after receipt of an application.

50-27-131.

(a) A licensee may renew its license by submitting an application on a form in such manner and in accordance with such requirements as may be prescribed by rules and regulations of the corporation. A licensee shall submit the nonrefundable application fee prescribed under paragraph (10) of subsection (c) of Code Section 50-27-130 with its

application for license renewal.
(b) For each application for licensure or renewal of a license approved under this Code section, the amount of the application fee shall be credited toward the licensee's annual licensing fee and the licensee shall remit the balance of the annual license fee to the corporation upon approval of a license.
(c) Each licensee shall have a continuing duty to promptly inform the corporation of any change in status relating to any information that may disqualify the licensee from holding a license under Code Section 50-27-132.
(d) A professional sports governing body and a Type 1 eligible entity may enter into commercial agreements with an online sports betting services provider or other entities that provide for such professional sports governing body and Type 1 eligible entity to share in the amounts wagered or revenue derived from wagers on the sporting events of such professional sports governing body and Type 1 eligible entity. A professional sports governing body and a Type 1 eligible entity shall not be required to obtain any approval or other form of authorization from the corporation to enter into such commercial agreements or to lawfully accept such amounts or revenues. The corporation shall not prescribe any terms or conditions that are required to be included in such commercial agreements.
(e) A person that holds a license or permit to engage in sports betting issued by another jurisdiction, either directly or through a parent company or affiliated subsidiary, may submit a request to the corporation for a temporary license for such person to immediately commence engagement in this state in sports betting. Such request shall include the application fee and annual licensing fee required under paragraph (10) of subsection (c) of Code Section 50-27-130.
(f) Upon receiving a request for a temporary license, the chief executive officer shall review the request. If the chief executive officer reviews the request and determines that the person requesting the temporary license holds a license or permit issued by another jurisdiction to engage in sports betting and has paid the required application fee and annual licensing fee, the chief executive officer may authorize such person to engage in sports betting pursuant to this article under a temporary license for up to one year or until a final determination on such person's application is made, whichever is later.
(g) All licenses issued under this article shall be valid for a term of five years, unless suspended or revoked as provided under this article.
(h) The corporation may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the manner in which a license may be transferred and a fee for a license transfer.
(i) A licensee may maintain the bond, letter of credit, or cash reserve at any bank lawfully operating in this state and the licensee shall be the beneficiary of any interest accrued thereon.

50-27-132.
(a) The following persons shall not be eligible to apply for or obtain a license under this article:
(1) A member of the board of directors or employee of the corporation or an employee

of a corporation vendor; provided, however, that a corporation vendor as an entity may be eligible to apply for or obtain a license;

(2) An employee of a professional sports team on which the applicant offers sports betting;

(3) A coach of or player for a collegiate, professional, or Olympic sports team or sport for which the applicant offers sports betting, or an entity that has an affiliation or interest in such a sports team or sport;

(4) An individual who is a member or employee of any professional sports governing body or sporting events operator for which the applicant offers sports betting;

(5) An individual or entity with an owner, officer, or director who has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude or similar degree as specified in rules and regulations promulgated by the corporation pursuant to this article;

(6) A person having the ability to directly affect the outcome of a sporting event upon which the applicant offers sports betting;

(7) A trustee or regent of a governing board of a public or private institution of higher education;

(8) An individual prohibited by the rules or regulations of a professional sports governing body or sporting events operator of a collegiate sports team, league, or association from participating in sports betting;

(9) A student or an employee of a public or private institution of higher education who has access to material nonpublic information concerning a student athlete or a sports team, unless such access to information is deemed incidental; and

(10) Any other category of persons, established by rules and regulations of the corporation, that, if licensed, would negatively affect the integrity of sports betting in this state.

(b) An individual listed in paragraphs (2) through (10) of subsection (a) of this Code section may hold an ownership interest in an applicant or licensee without disqualifying the applicant or licensee from obtaining or holding a license; provided, however, that such an ownership interest of 25 percent or more shall require approval from the corporation. In determining whether such an ownership interest shall be the basis of disqualification, the corporation shall consider whether such interest would negatively affect the integrity of sports betting in this state and any other factors the corporation shall deem relevant.

50-27-133.

(a) A Type 1 sports betting license authorizes the licensee, or its designated online sports betting services provider, to offer online sports betting. If a Type 1 eligible entity designates an online sports betting services provider, the designated online sports betting services provider shall instead fulfill the application and operational requirements for sports betting offered pursuant to this article. The corporation shall establish a procedure for a Type 1 eligible entity to designate an online sports betting provider.

(b) The corporation shall issue not more than 16 Type 1 sports betting licenses as follows:

(1) Five Type 1 sports betting licenses shall be reserved for the Type 1 eligible entities

defined in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (43) of Code Section 50-27-122; provided, however, that more than one license may be issued to an owner of multiple professional sports teams;

(2) One Type 1 sports betting license shall be reserved for each of the Type 1 eligible entities defined in subparagraphs (B) through (E) of paragraph (43) of Code Section 50-27-122; and

(3) The corporation shall award the remaining seven Type 1 sports betting licenses to separate online sports betting services providers via a public procurement process;

(c) The master sports betting license shall be deemed a Type 1 licensee and shall not be required to apply for a license; provided, however, that an online sports betting services provider engaged by the master sports betting licensee shall be required to apply for an online sports betting services provider license to operate online sports betting on behalf of the master sports betting licensee.

(d) A Type 1 eligible entity may contract with no more than one online sports betting services provider to operate online sports betting on behalf of the Type 1 eligible entity.

(e) A Type 1 eligible entity shall provide written notice to the corporation of its intention to apply for a Type 1 sports betting license within 60 days of the effective date of this article. The failure of a Type 1 eligible entity to provide such written notice shall result in the permanent disqualification and prohibition of such Type 1 eligible entity from obtaining a Type 1 sports betting license.

(f) A Type 1 sports betting licensee shall not offer online sports betting until the corporation has issued a Type 1 sports betting license to at least one online sports betting services provider via the public procurement process as determined by the corporation.

(g) The corporation shall begin to accept applications for all 16 Type 1 sports betting licenses under subsection (b) of this Code section on the same date.

(h) All applicants for the 16 Type 1 sports betting licenses under subsection (b) of this Code section that have submitted an application within 30 days of the date in which the corporation began to accept applications for Type 1 sports betting licenses shall be given an equal opportunity to first commence offering, conducting, or operating online sports betting in this state on the same day, and in any event not later than January 31, 2025.

(i) A Type 1 eligible entity described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (43) of Code Section 50-27-122 that becomes a Type 1 sports betting licensee or designates an online sports betting services provider shall establish and maintain procedures with respect to sporting events which the Type 1 eligible entity participates in or administers to ensure avoidance of conflicts of interest in the operation of sports betting in this state.

50-27-134.

(a) An online sports betting services provider shall offer online sports betting only in accordance with the provisions of this article and the rules and regulations adopted by the corporation under this article.

(b) An online sports betting services provider shall obtain a license under this article before offering online sports betting pursuant to a contract with a Type 1 sports betting

licensee or master sports betting licensee. An online sports betting services provider license shall entitle the holder to contract with no more than one Type 1 sports betting licensee.

(c) If the holder of a Type 1 sports betting license is a Type 1 eligible entity and is a member of a league, association, or organization that prevents the holder from being subject to the regulatory control of the corporation or from otherwise operating under the license, such a Type 1 eligible entity may contractually appoint an online sports betting services provider for all aspects of corporation oversight and operations under the Type 1 sports betting license.

(d) Institutional investors shall be exempt from any and all qualification and disclosure requirements under this article or required under the rules and regulations promulgated by the corporation pursuant to this article. Such exemption shall extend to the owners, directors, and officers of such institutional investors.

50-27-135.

Proposition wagers shall only be offered on online sports betting platforms by the master sports betting licensee, an online sports betting services provider that contracts with the master sports betting licensee, or a Type 1 sports betting licensee.

Part 3

50-27-150.

(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, there shall be imposed an annual privilege tax of 20 percent of the adjusted gross income derived from online sports betting in accordance with this Code section.

(b) The privilege tax described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be paid by the online sports betting services provider; provided, however, that, if a Type 1 sports betting licensee does not contract with an online sports betting services provider, such privilege tax shall be paid by such Type 1 sports betting licensee as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section. This subsection shall not apply to the master sports betting licensee.

(c) The privilege tax imposed under this Code section shall be paid monthly by the online sports betting services provider based on its monthly adjusted gross income for the immediately preceding calendar month. The privilege tax shall be paid to the corporation in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the corporation. If the online sports betting services provider's adjusted gross income for a month is a negative number, such online sports betting services provider may carry over such negative amount to subsequent months.

(d) All moneys from privilege taxes and fees collected under this Code section shall be distributed and used as provided under Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII(c) of the Constitution.

(e) With the exception of application fees and annual licensing fees imposed by paragraph (10) of subsection (c) of Code Section 50-27-130, this privilege tax is in lieu of all other state and local sales and income taxes and fees imposed on the operation of

sports betting or on the proceeds from the operation of sports betting in this state. This subsection shall not exempt goods and services purchased by licensees in the ordinary course of business from the imposition of state or local sales taxes that would otherwise apply, nor shall it exempt licensees from the payment of taxes on real property owned by the licensee.

50-27-151.

(a) Each Type 1 licensee or its sports betting services provider shall report to the corporation, no later than January 15 of each year:

(1) The total amount of wagers received from bettors for the immediately preceding calendar year;

(2) The adjusted gross income of the licensee for the immediately preceding calendar year; and

(3) Any additional information required by rules and regulations of the corporation deemed in the public interest or necessary to maintain the integrity of sports betting in this state.

(b) A licensee shall promptly report to the corporation any information relating to:

(1) The name of any newly elected officer or director of the board of the licensed entity; and

(2) The acquisition by any person of 10 percent or more of any class of corporate stock.

(c) With respect to information reported under subsection (b) of this Code section, a licensee shall include with such report a statement of any conflict of interest that may exist as a result of such election or acquisition.

(d) Upon receiving a report under this Code section or subsection (b) of Code Section 50-27-191, the corporation may conduct a hearing in accordance with Code Section 50-27-193 to determine whether the licensee remains in compliance with this article.

Part 4

50-27-160.

(a) No person shall knowingly:

(1) Allow a minor to place a wager;

(2) Offer, accept, or extend credit to a bettor in the form of a marker; provided, however, that promotions and promotional credits shall be permitted to be offered and extended to bettors;

(3) Target minors in advertising or promotions for sports betting;

(4) Offer or accept a wager on any event, outcome, or occurrence other than a sporting event, including, without limitation, a high school sporting event offered, sponsored, or played in connection with a public or private institution that offers education at the secondary level; or

(5) Accept a wager from an individual who is prohibited from placing a wager or bet under Code Section 50-27-162, if such person has notice or actual knowledge that such individual is prohibited from placing such a wager or bet.

(b) If the corporation determines that a person has violated any provision of this Code section, the corporation may impose an administrative fine not to exceed $25,000.00 per violation, or a total of $50,000.00 for violations arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.

50-27-161.
Except for those individuals ineligible to place bets under Code Section 50-27-162, an individual who is 21 years of age or older and who is physically located in this state may place a wager in the manner authorized under this article and the rules and regulations of the corporation.

50-27-162.
(a) The following individuals and categories of individuals shall not, directly or indirectly, place a wager on sporting events or online sports betting platforms in this state:
(1) A member, officer, or employee of the corporation shall not place a wager on any sporting event or platform;
(2) A corporation vendor employee shall not place a wager on a sporting event using their employer's platform;
(3) A licensee or principal owner, partner, member of the board of directors, officer, or supervisory employee of a licensee shall not place a wager on the licensee's platform;
(4) A person that provides goods or services to a licensee or any principal owner, partner, member of the board of directors, officer, or supervisory employee of a person that provides such goods or services shall not place a wager on the licensee's platform;
(5) A contractor, subcontractor, or consultant or any officer or employee of a contractor, subcontractor, or consultant of a licensee shall not place a wager on the licensee's platform, if such individual is directly involved in the licensee's operation of sports betting or the processing of sports betting claims or payments through the licensee's platform;
(6) An individual subject to a contract with the corporation shall not place a wager on any platform, if the contract contains a provision prohibiting the individual from participating in sports betting;
(7) An individual with access to material nonpublic information that is known exclusively by an individual who is prohibited from placing a wager in this state under this Code section shall not use any such information to place a wager on any sporting event or platform;
(8) An amateur or Olympic athlete shall not place a wager on any sporting event in which the athlete participates;
(9) A professional athlete shall not place a wager on any sporting event overseen by such athlete's professional sports governing body or sporting events operator;
(10) A principal owner of a team, employee of a team, player, umpire, or sports union personnel, or employee, referee, coach, or official of a professional sports governing body or sporting events operator shall not place a wager on any sporting event, if the wager is based on a sporting event overseen by the individual's professional sports

governing body or sporting events operator;

(11) An individual having the ability to directly affect the outcome of a sporting event shall not place a wager on such sporting event;

(12) A trustee or regent of a governing board of a public or private institution of higher education shall not place a wager on a collegiate sporting event;

(13) An individual prohibited by the rules or regulations of a professional sports governing body or sporting events operator of a collegiate sports team, league, or association from participating in sports betting shall not place a wager on any sporting event to which such prohibition applies; and

(14) A student or an employee of a public or private institution of higher education who has access to material nonpublic information concerning a student athlete or a sports team shall be prohibited from placing a wager on a collegiate sporting event if such information is relevant to the outcome of such event.

(b) The corporation may prescribe by rules and regulations additional individuals and categories of individuals who are prohibited from placing a wager on specified sporting events or online sports betting platforms in this state.

(c) The corporation shall prescribe by rules and regulations any measures necessary to ensure individuals who are prohibited from placing a wager on specified sporting events or online sports betting platforms in this state shall not be permitted to collude with individuals not specifically enumerated in subsection (a) of this Code section to directly affect the outcome of a sporting event.

(d) Any individual who places a wager in violation of this Code section:

(1) For a first offense, shall be indefinitely prohibited from placing a wager, be required to forfeit the proceeds of any illegal wager, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined not less than $500.00 nor more than $1,000.00;

(2) For a second offense, shall be:

(A) Required to forfeit the proceeds of any illegal wager;

(B) Guilty of a misdemeanor; and

(C) Fined not less than $5,000.00 or imprisoned for not less than one month nor more than five months, or both; and

(3) For a third or subsequent offense, shall be:

(A) Required to forfeit the proceeds of any illegal wager;

(B) Guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature; and

(C) Fined not less than $7,500.00 or imprisoned for not less than three months, or both.

50-27-163.

(a) The corporation shall by rules and regulations prohibit betting on injuries, penalties, the outcome of player discipline rulings or replay reviews, and any other type or form of betting under this article that is contrary to public policy or unfair to bettors.

(b)(1) A professional sports governing body or sporting events operator may submit to the corporation in writing, by providing notice in such form and manner as the corporation may require, a request to restrict, limit, or prohibit a certain type, form, or

category of sports betting with respect to its sporting events, if the professional sports governing body or sporting events operator believes that such type, form, or category of sports betting with respect to its sporting events may undermine the integrity or perceived integrity of such professional sports governing body or sporting events operator or its sporting events. The corporation shall request comments from sports betting licensees and sports betting services provider licensees on all such requests it receives.

(2) After giving due consideration to all comments received, the corporation shall, upon demonstration of good cause from the requestor that such type, form, or category of sports betting is likely to undermine the integrity or perceived integrity of such professional sports governing body or sporting events operator or its sporting events, grant the request. The corporation shall respond to a request concerning a particular sporting event before the start of the event, or if it is not feasible to respond before then, no later than seven days after the request is made. If the corporation determines that the requestor is more likely than not to prevail in successfully demonstrating good cause for its request, the corporation may provisionally grant the request of the professional sports governing body or sporting events operator until the corporation makes a final determination as to whether the requestor has demonstrated good cause. Absent such a provisional grant by the corporation, sports betting licensees may continue to offer sports betting on sporting events that are the subject of such a request during the pendency of the corporation's consideration of the applicable request.

Part 5

50-27-170.

(a) Prior to placing a wager with a licensee via online sports betting, a bettor shall register and establish a player account with the licensee remotely during which the bettor shall attest that he or she meets the requirements to place a wager with a licensee in this state. Prior to verification of a bettor's identity in accordance with this Code section, a licensee shall not allow the bettor to place a wager, make a deposit, or process a withdrawal via online sports betting. A licensee shall implement commercially and technologically reasonable procedures to prevent access to sports betting by minors on its online sports betting platforms. A licensee may use information obtained from third parties to verify that an individual is authorized to open an account, place wagers, and make deposits and withdrawals.

(b) Each licensee shall adopt a registration policy to ensure that all bettors utilizing online sports betting are authorized to place a wager with a licensee within this state. Such policy shall include, without limitation, commercially reasonable mechanisms to:

(1) Verify the identity and age of the registrant;

(2) Verify that the registrant is not knowingly prohibited from placing a wager under Code Section 50-27-162; and

(3) Obtain the following information from the registrant:

(A) Legal name;

(B) Date of birth;
(C) Physical address other than a post office box;
(D) Phone number;
(E) A unique username; and
(F) An active email account.

(c) Each licensee may in its discretion require a bettor to provide the licensee with a signed and notarized document attesting that the bettor is qualified to engage in sports betting under this article as part of the registration policy of the licensee.

(d) A bettor shall not register more than one account with a licensee, and each licensee shall use commercially and technologically reasonable means to ensure that each bettor is limited to one account.

(e) Each licensee, in addition to complying with state and federal law pertaining to the protection of the private, personal information of registered bettors, shall use all other commercially and technologically reasonable means to protect such information consistent with industry standards.

(f) A bettor may fund an account through:
(1) Electronic bank transfer of funds, including such transfers through third parties;
(2) Debit cards;
(3) Online and mobile payment systems that support online money transfers; and
(4) Any other method approved by rules and regulations of the corporation.

(g)(1) Licensees shall not allow bets to be placed until first verifying the identity of the bettor pursuant to this Code section and by rules promulgated by the corporation. Further, and pursuant to rules promulgated by the corporation, licensees shall establish safeguards, including, but not limited to, access notifications and similar security safeguards, to protect each bettor's account.

(2) If a licensee determines that the information provided by a bettor to make a deposit or process a withdrawal is inaccurate or incapable of verification or violates the policies and procedures of the licensee, the licensee shall, within ten days, require the submission of additional information that can be used to verify the identity of such bettor.

(3) If such information is not provided or does not result in verification of the bettor's identity, the licensee shall:
(A) Immediately suspend the bettor's account and shall not allow the bettor to place wagers;
(B) Retain any winnings attributable to the bettor; and
(C) Refund the affected balance of deposits made to the account to the source of such deposit or by issuance of a check.

(h) A licensee shall utilize geofencing technology to ensure that online sports betting is available only to bettors who are physically located in this state. Servers, including the use of backup servers, may be located outside of this state, consistent with federal law. To the extent required by federal law, a licensee shall maintain in this state the servers it uses to accept wagers on a sporting event placed by bettors located in this state.

(i) Each licensee shall clearly and conspicuously display on its website a statement

indicating that it is illegal for a person under 21 years of age to engage in sports betting in this state.

(j) The corporation shall promulgate rules and regulations for purposes of regulating sports betting via online sports betting.

50-27-171.

(a) Licensees shall allow bettors to limit their betting activity with the licensee by, at a minimum, giving bettors the opportunity to place limits on the amounts deposited, the amounts wagered, and the amount of time spent wagering. Licensees shall take reasonable steps to prevent bettors from overriding their self-imposed responsible gambling limits.

(b) The corporation shall promulgate rules and regulations that require a licensee to implement responsible sports betting programs that include comprehensive training on responding to circumstances in which individuals present signs of problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder.

(c) The corporation shall work with national and local organizations to provide services for individuals with problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder and to establish prevention initiatives to reduce the number of individuals with problem gambling or a betting or gambling disorder, including, but not limited to, utilizing currently established programs for problem gambling or betting or gambling disorders.

(d) All sports betting advertisements shall prominently display messaging designed to prevent problem gambling and provide information about how to access resources related to problem gambling, including the National Council on Problem Gambling's helpline or other similar toll-free helpline.

(e) The corporation shall annually generate a report outlining activities with respect to problem gambling and betting or gambling disorders, including, but not limited to, descriptions of programs, grants, and other resources made available; the number of individuals seeking assistance; the number of individuals who reported completing programs and therapies; and the rate of recidivism, if known to the corporation. The corporation shall file the annual report with the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and shall publish such report on its website no later than January 30 of each year.

50-27-172.

(a) Each licensee shall adopt and adhere to a written, comprehensive policy outlining its rules governing the acceptance of wagers and payouts. Such policy and rules must be approved by the corporation prior to the acceptance of a wager by a licensee. Such policy and rules must be readily available to a bettor on the licensee's website.

(b) The corporation shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding:

(1) The manner in which a licensee accepts wagers from and issues payouts to bettors, including payouts in excess of $10,000.00; and

(2) Requirements for reporting suspicious wagers.

Part 6

50-27-180.

(a) Licensees are not required to use official league data or official event data for determining the results of:

(1) Tier 1 sports wagers on events of any organization, whether headquartered in the United States or elsewhere; or

(2) Tier 2 sports wagers on events of organizations that are not headquartered in the United States.

(b)(1) A professional sports governing body or sporting events operator headquartered in the United States may notify the corporation that it desires licensees to use official league data or official event data for determining the results of tier 2 sports wagers on its sporting events. A notification under this subsection shall be made in the form and manner as the corporation shall require. The corporation shall notify each licensee within five days after receipt of such notification from a professional sports governing body or sporting events operator. If a professional sports governing body or sporting events operator does not notify the corporation of its desire to supply official league data or official event data, licensees are not required to use official league data or official event data for determining the results of any tier 2 wagers on sporting events of that professional sports governing body or sporting events operator.

(2) Within 60 days after the corporation notifies each licensee as provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection, or within a longer period as may be agreed between such professional sports governing body or sporting events operator and the applicable licensee, each such licensee shall be required to use only official league data or official event data, as applicable, to determine the results of tier 2 sports wagers on sporting events sanctioned by such professional sports governing body or sporting events operator, except when:

(A) The professional sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, is unable to provide a feed of official league data or official event data to determine the results of a particular type of tier 2 sports wager, in which case licensees are not required to use official league data for determining the results of the applicable tier 2 sports wager until the data feed becomes available on commercially reasonable terms and conditions; or

(B) A licensee is able to demonstrate to the corporation that the professional sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, will not provide a feed of official league data or official event data to the licensee on commercially reasonable terms and conditions.

(3) The following is a nonexclusive list of factors the corporation may consider in evaluating whether official league data or official event data is being offered on commercially reasonable terms and conditions for purposes of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection:

(A) The extent to which licensees have purchased the same or similar official league data or official event data on the same or similar terms, particularly in jurisdictions

where such purchase was not required by law or was required by law but only if offered on commercially reasonable terms;

(B) The nature and quantity of the official league data or official event data, including, without limitation, its speed, accuracy, reliability, and overall quality as compared to comparable nonofficial data;

(C) The quality and complexity of the process used to collect and distribute the official league data or official event data as compared to comparable nonofficial data;

(D) The availability of tier 2 official league data of a professional sports governing body or tier 2 official event data of a sporting events operator to a licensee from more than one authorized source;

(E) Market information, including, without limitation, price and other terms and conditions, regarding the purchase of comparable data by licensees for the purpose of settling sports wagers, for use in this state or other jurisdictions; and

(F) The extent to which professional sports governing bodies or sporting events operators, or designees thereof, have made available to licensees the data used to settle the results of tier 2 sports wagers and any terms and conditions relating to the use of such data.

(4) Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this Code section, including, without limitation, paragraph (2) of this subsection, while the corporation is evaluating whether a professional sports governing body or a sporting events operator, or the designee thereof, will provide a feed of official league data or official event data on commercially reasonable terms and conditions pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, licensees are not required to use official league data or official event data for determining the results of tier 2 sports wagers.

(5) The corporation shall make a determination under paragraph (3) of this subsection within 60 days after the licensee notifies the corporation that it desires to demonstrate that the professional sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, will not provide a feed of official league data or official event data to such licensee on commercially reasonable terms and conditions.

Part 7

50-27-190.

Members of the corporation or designated employees thereof may, during normal business hours, enter the premises of any facility of a licensee, or a third party utilized by the licensee to operate and conduct business in accordance with this article, for the purpose of inspecting books and records kept as required by this article to ensure that the licensee is in compliance with this article or to make any other inspection of the premises necessary to protect the public interests of this state and its consumers.

50-27-191.

(a) The corporation, licensees, corporation vendors, and vendors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with investigations conducted by any professional sports

governing body, any sporting events operator, and law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, using commercially reasonable efforts to provide or facilitate the provision of betting information.

(b) Licensees shall promptly report to the corporation any information relating to:

(1) Abnormal betting activity or patterns that may indicate a concern with the integrity of a sporting event; and

(2) Conduct that corrupts the betting outcome of a sporting event for purposes of financial gain, including match fixing.

(c) Licensees shall as soon as is practicable report any information relating to conduct described in subsection (b) of this Code section to the professional sports governing body or sporting events operator.

(d) Licensees shall use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain, in real time and at the account level, anonymized information regarding a bettor; the amount and type of bet; the time the bet was placed; the location of the bet, including the internet protocol address if applicable; the outcome of the bet; and records of abnormal betting activity for three years after the sporting event occurs. The corporation may request such information in the form and manner required by rules and regulations of the corporation. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'real time' means on a commercially reasonable periodic interval.

(e) All records, documents, and information received by the corporation pursuant to this Code section shall be considered investigative records of a law enforcement agency, shall not be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of this title, and shall not be released under any condition without the permission of the person providing such records, documents, or information.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall require a sports betting licensee to provide any information that is prohibited by federal, state, or local laws or rules and regulations, including, without limitation, laws and rules and regulations relating to privacy and personally identifiable information.

(g) If a professional sports governing body or sporting events operator has notified the corporation that access to the information described in subsection (d) of this Code section for wagers placed on its sporting events is necessary to monitor the integrity of its sporting events and represents to the corporation that it specifically uses such data for the purpose of monitoring the integrity of sporting events of such professional sports governing body or sporting events operator, then licensees shall share, in a commercially reasonable frequency, form, and manner, with the professional sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, the same information the licensee is required to maintain under subsection (d) of this Code section with respect to sports wagers on such a body's or operator's sporting events. A professional sports governing body or sporting events operator, or a designee thereof, shall use information received under this subsection for integrity-monitoring purposes only and shall not use such information for commercial or any other purposes. Nothing in this subsection shall require a licensee to provide any information that is prohibited by federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations, including, but not limited to, laws, rules, or regulations

relating to privacy and personally identifiable information.

50-27-192.
The corporation shall assist in any investigations by law enforcement to determine whether:
(1) A licensee is accepting wagers from minors or other persons ineligible to place wagers in this state; and
(2) An individual is unlawfully accepting wagers from another individual without a license or at a location in violation of this article.

50-27-193.
(a) The corporation may investigate and conduct a hearing with respect to a licensee upon information and belief that the licensee has violated this article or upon the receipt of a credible complaint from any person that a licensee has violated this article. The corporation shall conduct investigations and hearings in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the corporation.
(b) If the corporation determines that a licensee has violated any provision of this article or any rules and regulations of the corporation, the corporation may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license; impose an administrative fine not to exceed $25,000.00 per violation or a total of $50,000.00 for violations arising out of the same transaction or occurrence; or both.
(c) The corporation shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing a schedule of administrative fines that may be assessed in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section for each violation of this article; provided, however, that, if the corporation finds that:
(1) A licensee is knowingly accepting wagers from minors or other persons ineligible to place wagers in this state, the corporation shall impose a fine against the licensee as follows:
(A) For a first offense, $1,000.00;
(B) For a second offense, $2,000.00; and
(C) For a third or subsequent offense, $5,000.00; or
(2) An individual is unlawfully accepting wagers from another individual without a license, the corporation shall impose a fine against the individual as follows:
(A) For a first offense, $10,000.00;
(B) For a second offense, $15,000.00; and
(C) For a third or subsequent offense, $25,000.00.
(d) The corporation may refer conduct that it reasonably believes is a violation of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

50-27-194.
(a) Any person that violates any provisions of this article shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than $5,000.00 per violation, not to exceed $50,000.00 for violations arising out of the same transaction or occurrence, which shall accrue to the corporation and may

be recovered in a civil action brought by or on behalf of the corporation.
(b) The corporation may seek and obtain an injunction in a court of competent jurisdiction for purposes of enforcing this article.
(c) Costs shall not be taxed against the corporation or this state for actions brought under this article.

50-27-195.
(a) Fines assessed under this article shall be accounted for separately for use by the corporation in a manner consistent with rules and regulations of the corporation.
(b) The corporation may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books, accounts, records, and documents for purposes of carrying out its duties under this article.

50-27-196.
(a) A licensee or other individual aggrieved by a final decision or action of the corporation may appeal such decision or action to the Superior Court of Fulton County.
(b) The Superior Court of Fulton County shall hear appeals from decisions or actions of the corporation and, based upon the record of the proceedings before the corporation, may reverse the decision or action of the corporation only if the appellant proves the decision or action to be:
(1) Clearly erroneous;
(2) Arbitrary and capricious;
(3) Procured by fraud;
(4) A result of substantial misconduct by the corporation; or
(5) Contrary to the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Georgia, or this article.
(c) The Superior Court of Fulton County may remand an appeal to the corporation to conduct further hearings.

50-27-197.
(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to knowingly receive, supply, broadcast, display, or otherwise transmit material nonpublic information for the purpose of betting on a sporting event or influencing another individual's or entity's wager on a sporting event.
(b) This Code section shall not apply to the dissemination of public information as news, entertainment, or advertising.
(c) Any person in violation of this Code section shall be indefinitely prohibited from placing a wager, be required to forfeit the proceeds of any illegal wager, and be guilty of a misdemeanor."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 16-12-20, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(1) 'Bet' means an agreement that, dependent upon chance even though accompanied by some skill, one stands to win or lose something of value. A bet does not include:

(A) Contracts of indemnity or guaranty or life, health, property, or accident insurance; ~~or~~

(B) An offer of a prize, award, or compensation to the actual contestants in any bona fide contest for the determination of skill, speed, strength, or endurance or to the owners of animals, vehicles, watercraft, or aircraft entered in such contest; or

(C) Any consideration paid to participate in a lottery game of online sports betting offered pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 27 of Title 50."

SECTION 3-2.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-27, relating to advertisement or solicitation for participation in lotteries, as follows:

"16-12-27.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, firm, corporation, or other entity to sell, distribute, televise, broadcast, or disseminate any advertisement, television or radio commercial, or any book, magazine, periodical, newspaper, or other written or printed matter containing an advertisement or solicitation for participation in any lottery declared to be unlawful by the laws of this state unless such advertisement, commercial, or solicitation contains or includes the words 'void in Georgia' printed or spoken so as to be clearly legible or audible to persons viewing or hearing such advertisement, commercial, or solicitation.

(b) Any person, partnership, firm, corporation, or other entity violating subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) This Code section shall not apply to any advertisement or solicitation for participation in a lottery game of online sports betting by any person licensed by the Georgia Lottery Corporation under Article 4 of Chapter 27 of Title 50 that is concerning such licensee's lawful activities."

SECTION 3-3.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-28, relating to communicating gambling information, as follows:

"16-12-28.

(a) A person who knowingly communicates information as to bets, betting odds, or changes in betting odds or who knowingly installs or maintains equipment for the transmission or receipt of such information with the intent to further gambling commits the offense of communicating gambling information.

(b) A person who commits the offense of communicating gambling information, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine not to exceed $5,000.00, or both.
(c) This Code section shall not apply to the activities of a person licensed by the Georgia Lottery Corporation under Article 4 of Chapter 27 of Title 50 or an employee, agent, or other person acting in furtherance of his or her employment by such licensee."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising paragraph (55) of Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from state sales and use tax, as follows:

"(55) The sale of lottery tickets authorized by Chapter 27 of Title 50 or wagers authorized by Article 4 of Chapter 27 of Title 50;"

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, and Burns of the 23rd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism substitute to SB 386 (LC 36 5693S) by replacing "to provide for an effective date" *on line 23 with* "to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal".

By deleting lines 93 through 97 and redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6) on lines 98 through 109 as paragraphs (1) through (5), respectively.

By replacing "VIII(c)" *on line 108 with* "VIII".

By replacing lines 1156 and 1157 with the following:
This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, following the ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia authorizing the General Assembly to provide by law for the operation and regulation of sports betting activities; provided, however, to the extent that this Act conflicts with law in effect at the time of ratification, this Act and such amendment shall control, and to the extent such law is not in conflict, the law in effect at

the time of ratification shall control and shall remain in full force and effect. If such amendment is not so ratified, then this Act shall stand automatically repealed.

Senators Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, and Payne of the 54th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism substitute to SB 386 (LC 36 5693S) by inserting before the period at the end of line 594 the following:

; provided, however, that a Type 1 eligible entity shall not receive any proceeds or revenue derived from any wagers accepted by such online sports betting services provider. In the event a Type 1 eligible entity that violates the provisions of this subsection shall have their license automatically revoked and forever be ineligible to hold a license

On the adoption of amendment #1, Senator Beach of the 21st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 34, nays 7, and the Cowsert amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2, Senator Beach of the 21st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
N Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, L.	N Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	N Hickman	Rhett
N Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	N Still
N Davenport	E Jones, E.	N Strickland
N Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
N Ginn	N Mallow	N Walker
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, B.
N Goodman	N Merritt	N Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	N Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 10, nays 39, and the Albers amendment #2 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	E Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
N Ginn	Y Mallow	N Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	N Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
N Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 35, nays 15.

SB 386, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/1/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 386. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Rhett of the 33rd

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolution of the House:

HR 978. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

House Resolution 978
By: Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

Relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

PART I

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, except as otherwise provided by this resolution or by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, meetings of the 2024 regular session of the General Assembly during the period of Monday, January 8, 2024, through Thursday, March 28, 2024, shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday, January 8 ..... convene for legislative day 1
Tuesday, January 9 ..... convene for legislative day 2
Wednesday, January 10 ..... convene for legislative day 3
Thursday, January 11 ..... convene for legislative day 4
Friday, January 12 ..... convene for legislative day 5

Monday, January 22 ..... convene for legislative day 6
Tuesday, January 23 ..... convene for legislative day 7
Wednesday, January 24 ..... convene for legislative day 8
Thursday, January 25 ..... convene for legislative day 9
Friday, January 26 ..... convene for legislative day 10

Monday, January 29 ..... convene for legislative day 11
Tuesday, January 30 ..... convene for legislative day 12

Wednesday, January 31 .....convene for legislative day 13
Thursday, February 1.....convene for legislative day 14

Tuesday, February 6 .....convene for legislative day 15
Wednesday, February 7 .....convene for legislative day 16
Thursday, February 8.....convene for legislative day 17
Friday, February 9 .....convene for legislative day 18

Monday, February 12 .....convene for legislative day 19
Tuesday, February 13 .....convene for legislative day 20
Thursday, February 15.....convene for legislative day 21
Friday, February 16 .....convene for legislative day 22

Tuesday, February 20 .....convene for legislative day 23
Wednesday, February 21 .....convene for legislative day 24
Thursday, February 22.....convene for legislative day 25

Monday, February 26 .....convene for legislative day 26
Tuesday, February 27 .....convene for legislative day 27
Wednesday, February 28 ..... committee work day
Thursday, February 29.....(Crossover) convene for legislative day 28

Monday, March 4 .....convene for legislative day 29
Tuesday, March 5 .....convene for legislative day 30
Wednesday, March 6 ..... committee work day
Thursday, March 7.....convene for legislative day 31
Friday, March 8 .....convene for legislative day 32

Monday, March 11 .....convene for legislative day 33
Tuesday, March 12 ..... committee work day
Wednesday, March 13 .....convene for legislative day 34
Thursday, March 14.....convene for legislative day 35

Monday, March 18 .....convene for legislative day 36
Tuesday, March 19 ..... committee work day
Wednesday, March 20 .....convene for legislative day 37
Thursday, March 21.....convene for legislative day 38

Monday, March 25 ..... committee work day
Tuesday, March 26 .....convene for legislative day 39
Thursday, March 28..... (Sine Die) convene for legislative day 40

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held

as prescribed in Code Section 28-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, except as otherwise provided by this resolution. The hours for convening and adjourning the House of Representatives for each legislative day may be as ordered by the House; and the hours for convening and adjourning the Senate for each legislative day may be as ordered by the Senate. Each house, upon its own adjournment for a legislative day, shall remain in a period of adjournment until it convenes for the next legislative day.

PART II

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, and the Governor has by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with Code Section 38-3-52, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at such temporary location or locations in accordance with Code Sections 38-3-52 and 38-3-53 on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, but the Governor has not by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with the above, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice of the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate, respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and adjournments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as to any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the adoption of this resolution by the General Assembly shall constitute the consent of both

the House of Representatives and the Senate for purposes of Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 51, nays 0, and the resolution was adopted.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that HR 978 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HR 978 was immediately transmitted.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 333. By Senators Dixon of the 45th and Still of the 48th:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry; to provide a charter; to provide effective dates and transitional provisions governing the transfer of various functions and responsibilities from Gwinnett County to the City of Mulberry; to provide for severability; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations - General offered the following substitute to SB 333:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To incorporate the City of Mulberry; to provide a charter; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for boundaries and powers of the city; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, term limits, vacancies, compensation, expenses, qualifications, prohibitions, conflicts of interest, and suspension and removal from office relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for oaths, organization, meetings, quorum, voting, rules, and procedures; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide additional notice and hearing requirements; to provide for a mayor, mayor pro tempore, and certain duties, powers, and other matters relative thereto; to prohibit council interference with administration; to provide for administrative affairs and responsibilities; to provide for boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for a city attorney, a city clerk, and other personnel and matters relating thereto; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a municipal court and the judge or judges thereof and other matters relative to those judges; to provide for the court's jurisdiction, powers, practices, and procedures; to provide for the right of certiorari; to provide for elections; to provide for taxation, licenses, and fees; to provide for special assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for auditing, accounting, budgeting, and appropriations; to provide for city contracts and purchasing; to provide for the conveyance of property and interests therein; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for prior ordinances and rules, pending matters, and existing personnel; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide effective dates and transitional provisions governing the transfer of various functions and responsibilities from Gwinnett County to the City of Mulberry; to provide for severability; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I.
INCORPORATION AND POWERS

SECTION 1.10.
Legislative findings.

The General Assembly of Georgia determines and finds that certain portions of unincorporated northeastern Gwinnett County would benefit from gaining local control over planning and zoning in their community through the creation of a municipal corporation offering limited services, including planning and zoning, storm-water collection and disposal, and code enforcement. The General Assembly of Georgia further determines and finds that the citizens of such a municipal corporation would be best served

by a limited municipal government that cannot collect property taxes from its residents and that any other nonproperty tax revenue sources be neutral with respect to cost burdens on homeowners.

SECTION 1.11.
Name.

This Act shall constitute the charter of the City of Mulberry. The city and the inhabitants thereof are constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style "City of Mulberry, Georgia," and by that name shall have perpetual succession.

SECTION 1.12.
City motto.

The motto of the City of Mulberry shall be "Non Sibi Sed Aliis."

SECTION 1.13.
Corporate boundaries.

(a) The boundaries of this city shall be those set forth and described in Appendix A of this charter, and said Appendix A is incorporated into and made a part of this charter. The boundaries of this city at all times shall be shown on a map, a written description, or any combination thereof, to be retained permanently in the office of the city clerk and to be designated, as the case may be: "Official Map (or Description) of the corporate limits of the City of Mulberry, Georgia." Photographic, typed, or other copies of such map or description certified by the city clerk shall be admitted as evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and effect as with the original map or description.
(b) The city council may provide for the redrawing of any such map by ordinance to reflect lawful changes in the corporate boundaries. A redrawn map shall supersede for all purposes the entire map or maps which it is designated to replace.

SECTION 1.14.
Powers and construction.

(a) This city shall have all the powers possible for a city to have under the present or future Constitution or laws of this state as fully and completely as though they were specifically enumerated in this charter, except that the city shall not have the power to assess, levy, or collect ad valorem taxes on real or personal property within the corporate limits of the city. This city shall have all the powers of self-government not otherwise prohibited by this charter or by general law.
(b) The city shall exercise the powers granted to it under the present or future Constitution and laws of this state for the purposes of providing planning and zoning, code adoption and enforcement, and storm-water collection and disposal and those items

related to the provision of such services and for the general administration of the city in providing such services.
(c) The provision of services and exercise of powers enumerated in this Section of this charter may be provided by the city contracting with service providers via intergovernmental agreements or contracts with private parties.
(d) The powers of this city shall be construed liberally in favor of the city. The specific mention or failure to mention powers shall not be construed as limiting in any way the powers of this city.

SECTION 1.15.
Examples of powers.

Reserved.

SECTION 1.16.
Exercise of powers.

(a) All powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities of the city, its officers, agencies, or employees shall be carried into execution as provided by this charter. If this charter makes no provision, such powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities shall be carried into execution as provided by ordinance or as provided by pertinent laws of the State of Georgia.
(b) No amendment to this Act by the city council pursuant to the home rule powers granted by Chapter 35 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. shall be enforceable except upon ratification of such amendment by the registered voters of the city at a referendum held by the governing authority of the city and upon certification of the results of such referendum by the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE II.
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

SECTION 2.10.
City council creation; number; election.

The governing authority of the city, except as otherwise specifically provided in this charter, shall be vested in a city council to be composed of five councilmembers. The councilmembers shall be elected in the manner provided by this charter.

SECTION 2.11.
City councilmembers;
Terms and qualifications for office.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Article VIII of this charter for the initial terms of

office, the members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The term of office of each councilmember shall begin on the first day of January immediately following the election of such councilmember unless general law authorizes or requires the term to begin at the first organizational meeting in January or upon some other date. No person shall be eligible to serve as councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the city for 12 months prior to the date of the election of councilmembers; each shall continue to reside therein during that person's period of service and to be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as a councilmember.

(b) For the purposes of electing members of the city council, the city is divided into five districts. One councilmember residing in each district shall be elected from by the electors of the city residing in such district. The five numbered districts are described in Appendix B attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as "User: H104 Plan Name: Mulberry-Dist-2024 Plan Type: Local:".

(c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

(A) The term "VTD" shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

(B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(2) Any part of the City of Mulberry as described in Appendix B which is not included in any district described in this plan shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Any part of the City of Mulberry as described in Appendix B as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(4) If any area included within the descriptions of District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, or District 5 is on the effective date of this Act within the municipal boundaries of another municipality or within a county other than Gwinnett County, such area shall not be included within the district descriptions of such districts.

SECTION 2.12.
Vacancy; filling of vacancies; suspensions.

(a) Vacancies. The office of councilmember shall become vacant upon such person's failing or ceasing to reside in the city, death, resignation, forfeiture of office, or upon the occurrence of any event specified by the Constitution, Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.
(b) Filling of vacancies. A vacancy in the office of councilmember shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, by appointment by the remaining councilmembers if less than 12 months remain in the unexpired term, otherwise by an election as provided for in Section 5.14 of this charter and Titles 21 and 45 of the O.C.G.A. or such other laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.
(c) Suspension. Upon the suspension from office of councilmember in any manner authorized by the general laws of the State of Georgia, the city council or those remaining shall appoint a successor for the duration of the suspension. If the suspension becomes permanent, then the office shall become vacant and shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, as provided for in this charter.

SECTION 2.13.
Compensation and expenses.

(a) The mayor shall receive an initial salary of $9,000 per year. Each councilmember shall receive an initial salary of $8,000.00 per year. The councilmembers shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of the municipality.
(b) The councilmembers may alter such compensation for their services as provided by law.
(c) The councilmembers shall be reimbursed for actual expenses necessarily incurred in connection with their service.

SECTION 2.14.
Conflicts of interest; holding other offices.

(a) Elected and appointed officers of the city are trustees and servants of the residents of the city and shall act in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of such residents.
(b) Conflict of interest. No elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the city or any agency or political entity to which this charter applies shall knowingly:
(1) Engage in any business or transaction or have a financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of that person's official duties or which would tend to impair the independence of that person's judgment or action in the performance of that person's official duties;
(2) Engage in or accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of that person's official duties or would tend to impair the independence of that person's

judgment or action in the performance of that person's official duties;

(3) Disclose confidential information, including information obtained at meetings which are closed pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., concerning the property, government, or affairs of the governmental body by which that person is engaged without proper legal authorization or use such information to advance the financial or other private interest of that person or others;

(4) Accept any valuable gift, whether in the form of service, loan, thing, or promise, from any person, firm, or corporation which to that person's knowledge is interested, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever, in business dealings with the governmental body by which that person is engaged; provided, however, that an elected official who is a candidate for public office may accept campaign contributions and services in connection with any such campaign;

(5) Represent other private interests in any action or proceeding against this city or any portion of its government; or

(6) Vote or otherwise participate in the negotiation or in the making of any contract with any business or entity in which that person has a financial interest.

(c) Disclosure. Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee who shall have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within any department of the city shall disclose such interest to the city council. Any councilmember who has a financial interest in any matter pending before the city council shall disclose such interest and such disclosure shall be entered on the records of the city council, and that person shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any decision or vote relating thereto. Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee of any agency or political entity to which this charter applies who shall have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within such entity shall disclose such interest to the governing body of such agency or entity.

(d) Use of public property. No elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the city or any agency or entity to which this charter applies shall use property owned by such governmental entity for personal benefit, convenience, or profit except in accordance with policies promulgated by the city council or the governing body of such agency or entity.

(e) Contracts voidable and rescindable. Any violation of this section which occurs with the knowledge, express or implied, of a party to a contract or sale shall render such contract or sale voidable at the option of the city council.

(f) Ineligibility of elected official. Except where authorized by law, no councilmember shall hold any other elective or compensated appointive office in the city or otherwise be employed by said government or any agency thereof during the term for which that person was elected. No former councilmember shall hold any compensated appointive office in the city until one year after the expiration of the term for which that person was elected.

(g) Political activities of certain officers and employees. No appointed officer and no employee of the city shall continue in such employment upon qualifying as a candidate for nomination or election to any public office. No employee of the city shall continue in

such employment upon election to any public office in this city or any other public office which is inconsistent, incompatible, or in conflict with the duties of the city employee. Such determination shall be made by the city council either immediately upon election or at any time such conflict may arise.

(h) Penalties for violation.

(1) Any city officer or employee who knowingly conceals such financial interest or knowingly violates any of the requirements of this section shall be guilty of malfeasance in office or position and shall be deemed to have forfeited that person's office or position.

(2) Any officer or employee of the city who shall forfeit that person's office or position as described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be ineligible for appointment or election to or employment in a position in the city government for a period of three years thereafter.

SECTION 2.15.
Inquiries and investigations.

Following the adoption of an authorizing resolution, the city council may make inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the city and conduct of any department, office, or agency thereof and for this purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. Any person who fails or refuses to obey a lawful order issued in the exercise of these powers by the city council shall be punished as may be provided by ordinance.

SECTION 2.16.
General power and authority of the city council.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law or this charter, the city council shall be vested with all the powers of government of this city.

(b) In addition to all other powers conferred upon it by law, the council shall have the authority to adopt and provide for the execution of such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this charter and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Georgia, which it shall deem necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order, protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity, or well-being of the inhabitants of the City of Mulberry and may enforce such ordinances by imposing penalties for violation thereof.

SECTION 2.17.
Organizational meetings.

Unless otherwise provided by ordinance, the city council shall hold an organizational meeting on the first Tuesday in January of each even-numbered year. The meeting shall be called to order by the city clerk and the oath of office shall be administered to the newly

elected councilmembers as follows:

"I do solemnly (swear) (affirm) that I will faithfully perform the duties of councilmember of this city and that I will support and defend the charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and the United States of America."

SECTION 2.18.
Meetings.

(a) The city council shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as shall be prescribed by ordinance.

(b) Special meetings of the city council may be held on call of the mayor or three councilmembers. Notice of such special meeting shall be served on all other councilmembers personally, or by telephone personally, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Such notice to councilmembers shall not be required if all councilmembers are present when the special meeting is called. Such notice of any special meeting may be waived by a councilmember in writing before or after such a meeting and attendance at the meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice on any business transacted in such councilmember's presence. Only the business stated in the call may be transacted at the special meeting.

(c) All meetings of the city council shall be public to the extent required by law, and notice to the public of special meetings shall be made as fully as is reasonably possible as provided by Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A. or other such applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.

SECTION 2.19.
Rules of procedure.

(a) The city council shall adopt its rules of procedure and order of business consistent with the provisions of this charter and shall provide for keeping of a journal of its proceedings, which shall be a public record.

(b) All committees and committee chairpersons and officers of the city council shall be appointed by the mayor and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The mayor shall have the power to appoint new members to any committee at any time.

SECTION 2.20.
Quorum; voting.

Three councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact business of the city council. Voting on the adoption of ordinances shall be by voice vote and the vote shall be recorded in the journal, but any councilmember shall have the right to request a roll-call vote and such vote shall be recorded in the journal. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the affirmative vote of three councilmembers shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or motion. An abstention shall be

counted as an affirmative vote; provided, however, that an abstention required by Section 2.14 of this charter shall not count as either an affirmative or negative vote.

SECTION 2.21.
Ordinance form; procedures.

(a) Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in writing and in the form required for final adoption. No ordinance shall contain a subject which is not expressed in its title. The enacting clause shall be "It is hereby ordained by the governing authority of the City of Mulberry..." and every ordinance shall so begin.
(b) An ordinance may be introduced by any councilmember and be read at a regular or special meeting of the city council. Ordinances shall be considered and adopted or rejected by the city council in accordance with the rules which it shall establish; provided, however, that an ordinance shall not be adopted the same day it is introduced, except for emergency ordinances provided for in Section 2.23 of this charter. Upon introduction of any ordinance, the clerk shall as soon as possible distribute a copy to each councilmember and shall file a reasonable number of copies in the office of the clerk and at such other public places as the city council may designate.

SECTION 2.22.
Action requiring an ordinance.

(a) Acts of the city council which have the force and effect of law shall be enacted by ordinance.
(b) In addition to any other notice or hearing provision of state law, prior to the adoption of any ordinance or resolution changing any rate of taxation, amending the city's land use plan, or approving the issuance of a general obligation or revenue bond the city shall:
(1) Publish notice of such proposed action for two consecutive weeks in the legal organ of the county;
(2) Publish notice of such proposed action on any and all websites and social media accounts maintained by the city; and
(3) Conduct two public hearings on the proposed actions.

SECTION 2.23.
Emergencies.

(a) To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public peace, the city council may convene on call of the mayor or three councilmembers and may promptly adopt an emergency ordinance, but such ordinance may not levy taxes; regulate the rate charged by any public utility for its services; or authorize the borrowing of money except for loans to be repaid within 30 days. An emergency ordinance shall be introduced in the form prescribed for ordinances generally, except that it shall be plainly designated as an emergency ordinance and shall contain, after the enacting clause, a declaration stating

that an emergency exists and describing the emergency in clear and specific terms. An emergency ordinance may be adopted, with or without amendment, or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced, but the affirmative vote of at least three councilmembers shall be required for adoption. It shall become effective upon adoption or at such later time as it may specify. Every emergency ordinance shall automatically stand repealed 30 days following the date upon which it was adopted, but this shall not prevent reenactment of the ordinance in the manner specified in this section if the emergency still exists. An emergency ordinance may also be repealed by adoption of a repealing ordinance in the same manner specified in this section for adoption of emergency ordinances.

(b) Such meetings shall be open to the public to the extent required by law and notice to the public of emergency meetings shall be made as fully as is reasonably possible in accordance with Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A. or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.

SECTION 2.24.
Codes of technical regulations.

(a) The city council may adopt any standard code of technical regulations by reference thereto in an adopting ordinance. The procedure and requirements governing such adopting ordinance shall be as prescribed for ordinances generally except that: (1) the requirements of subsection (b) of Section 2.21 of this charter for distribution and filing of copies of the ordinance shall be construed to include copies of any code of technical regulations, as well as the adopting ordinance; and (2) a copy of each adopted code of technical regulations, as well as the adopting ordinance, shall be authenticated and recorded by the clerk pursuant to Section 2.25 of this charter.

(b) Copies of any adopted code of technical regulations shall be made available by the clerk for inspection by the public.

SECTION 2.25.
Signing; authenticating;
recording; codification; printing.

(a) The clerk shall authenticate by the clerk's signature and record in full in a properly indexed book kept for that purpose all ordinances adopted by the city council.

(b) The city council shall provide for the preparation of a general codification of all the ordinances of the city having the force and effect of law. The general codification shall be adopted by the city council by ordinance and shall be published promptly, together with all amendments thereto and such codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations as the city council may specify. This compilation shall be known and cited officially as "The Code of the City of Mulberry, Georgia." Copies of the code shall be furnished to all officers, departments, and agencies of the city and made available for purchase by the public at a reasonable price as fixed by the city council.

(c) The city council shall cause each ordinance and each amendment to this charter to be printed promptly following its adoption, and the printed ordinances and charter amendments shall be made available for purchase by the public at reasonable prices to be fixed by the city council. Following publication of the first code under this charter and at all times thereafter, the ordinances and charter amendments shall be printed in substantially the same style as the code currently in effect and shall be suitable in form for incorporation therein. The city council shall make such further arrangements as deemed desirable with reproduction and distribution of any current changes in or additions to codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations included in the code.

SECTION 2.26.
City manager; appointment; qualifications; compensation.

Reserved.

SECTION 2.27.
Removal of city manager.

Reserved.

SECTION 2.28.
Acting city manager.

Reserved.

SECTION 2.29.
Powers and duties of the city manager.

Reserved.

SECTION 2.30.
Council interference with administration.

The city council shall act in all matters as a body, and no councilmember shall seek individually to influence the official acts of any officer or employee of the city, or direct or request the appointment of any person to, or his or her removal from, any office or position of employment, or to interfere in any way with the performance of the duties by city officers or employees.

SECTION 2.31.
Appointment of mayor; forfeiture.

The mayor of the city shall be appointed from among the councilmembers by a majority

vote of the councilmembers at the first regular meeting after the newly elected councilmembers have taken office following each election and the mayor shall be subject to removal and replacement at any time by a majority vote of the councilmembers.

SECTION 2.32.
Mayor pro tem.

The city council at the first regular meeting after the newly elected councilmembers have taken office following each election shall elect a councilmember to serve as mayor pro tem. The mayor pro tem shall be elected by a majority vote of the city council. The mayor pro tem shall assume the duties and powers of the mayor during the mayor's physical or mental disability, suspension from office, or absence. Any such disability of the mayor shall be declared by a majority vote of the city council. The mayor pro tem shall sign all contracts and ordinances in which the mayor has a disqualifying financial interest as provided in Section 2.14 of this charter. When acting as mayor, the mayor pro tem shall be entitled to vote as a member of the council.

SECTION 2.33.
Powers and duties of mayor.

The mayor shall:

(1) Preside at all meetings of the city council;

(2) Be the head of the city for the purpose of service of process and for ceremonial purposes, and be the official spokesperson for the city and the chief advocate of policy;

(3) Have the power to administer oaths and to take affidavits;

(4) Sign as a matter of course on behalf of the city all written and approved contracts, ordinances, resolutions, and other instruments executed by the city which by law are required to be in writing;

(5) Vote on matters before the city council; and

(6) Prepare and submit to the city council a recommended annual operating budget and recommended capital budget.

ARTICLE III.
ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

SECTION 3.10.
Administrative and service departments.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the city council by ordinance shall prescribe the functions or duties and establish, abolish, alter, consolidate, or leave vacant all nonelective offices, positions of employment, departments, and agencies of the city as necessary for the proper administration of the affairs and government of this city.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, the directors of departments

and other appointed officers of the city shall be appointed solely on the basis of their respective administrative and professional qualifications.
(c) All appointed officers and directors of departments shall receive such compensation as prescribed by ordinance.
(d) There shall be a director of each department or agency who shall be its principal officer. Each director shall, subject to the direction and supervision of the city council, be responsible for the administration and direction of the affairs and operations of that director's department or agency.
(e) All appointed officers and directors shall be employees at will and subject to removal or suspension at any time by the city council otherwise provided by law or ordinance

SECTION 3.11.
Boards, commissions, and authorities.

(a) The city council shall create by ordinance such boards, commissions, and authorities to fulfill any investigative, quasi-judicial, or quasi-legislative function the city council deems necessary and shall by ordinance establish the composition, period of existence, duties, and powers thereof.
(b) All members of boards, commissions, and authorities of the city shall be appointed by the city council for such terms of office and in such manner as shall be provided by ordinance, except where other appointing authority, terms of office, or manner of appointment is prescribed by this charter or by law.
(c) The city council by ordinance may provide for the compensation and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses of the members of any board, commission, or authority.
(d) Except as otherwise provided by charter or by law, no member of any board, commission, or authority shall hold any elective office in the city.
(e) Any vacancy on a board, commission, or authority of the city shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner prescribed in this charter for original appointment, except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law.
(f) No member of a board, commission, or authority shall assume office until that person has executed and filed with the clerk of the city an oath obligating that person to perform faithfully and impartially the duties of that person's office; such oath shall be prescribed by ordinance and administered by the mayor.
(g) All members of boards, commissions, or authorities of the city serve at will and may be removed at any time by the city council unless otherwise provided by law.
(h) Except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, each board, commission, or authority of the city shall elect one of its members as chairperson and one member as vice chairperson and may elect as its secretary one of its own members or may appoint as secretary an employee of the city. Each board, commission, or authority of the city government may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this charter, ordinances of the city, or law, as it deems appropriate and necessary for the fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs. Copies of such bylaws, rules, and regulations shall be filed with the clerk of the city.

SECTION 3.12.
City attorney.

The city council shall appoint a city attorney, together with such assistant city attorneys as may be authorized, and shall provide for the payment of such attorney or attorneys for services rendered to the city. The city attorney shall be responsible for providing for the representation and defense of the city in all litigation in which the city is a party; may be the prosecuting officer in the municipal court; shall attend the meetings of the city council as directed; shall advise the city council and other officers and employees of the city concerning legal aspects of the city's affairs; and shall perform such other duties as may be required by virtue of such person's position as city attorney.

SECTION 3.13.
City clerk.

The city council shall appoint a city clerk who shall not be a councilmember. The city clerk shall be custodian of the official city seal and city records; maintain city council records required by this charter; and perform such other duties as may be required by the city council.

SECTION 3.14.
Position classification and pay plans.

The mayor shall be responsible for the preparation of a position classification and pay plan which shall be submitted to the city council for approval. Such plan may apply to all employees of the city and any of its agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or authorities. When a pay plan has been adopted, the city council shall not increase or decrease the salary range applicable to any position except by amendment of such pay plan. For purposes of this section, all elected and appointed city officials are not city employees.

SECTION 3.15.
Personnel policies.

(a) All employees serve at will and may be removed from office at any time unless otherwise provided by ordinance.
(b) No person who has an immediate family member sitting on the city council shall be eligible for employment by the city or for appointment to any board or authority of the city. As used in this paragraph, the term "immediate family member" means a spouse, child, sibling, or parent or the spouse of a child, sibling, or parent.

ARTICLE IV.
JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION 4.10.
Creation; name.

There shall be a court to be known as the Municipal Court of the City of Mulberry.

SECTION 4.11.
Chief judge; associate judge.

(a) The municipal court shall be presided over by a chief judge and such part-time, full-time, or stand-by judges as shall be provided by ordinance.
(b) No person shall be qualified or eligible to serve as a judge on the municipal court unless that person shall have attained the age of 21 years and shall be a member of the State Bar of Georgia and shall possess all qualifications required by law. All judges shall be appointed by the city council and shall serve a term as provided by law and until a successor is appointed and qualified.
(c) Compensation of the judges shall be fixed by ordinance.
(d) Judges may be removed from office as provided by law.
(e) Before assuming office, each judge shall take an oath, given by the mayor, that such judge will honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of the judge's office to the best of the judge's ability and without fear, favor, or partiality. The oath shall be entered upon the minutes of the city council journal required in Section 2.19 of this charter.

SECTION 4.12.
Convening.

The municipal court shall be convened at regular intervals as provided by ordinance.

SECTION 4.13.
Jurisdiction; powers.

(a) The municipal court shall try and punish violations of this charter and city ordinances.
(b) The municipal court shall have authority to punish those in its presence for contempt, provided that such punishment shall not exceed $200.00 or ten days in jail.
(c) The municipal court may fix punishment for offenses within its jurisdiction not exceeding a fine of $1,000.00 or imprisonment for 180 days or both such fine and imprisonment or may fix punishment by fine, imprisonment, or alternative sentencing, as now or hereafter provided by law.
(d) The municipal court shall have authority to establish a schedule of fees to defray the cost of operation and shall be entitled to reimbursement of the cost of meals, transportation, and caretaking of prisoners bound over to superior courts for violations of

state law.

(e) The municipal court shall have authority to establish bail and recognizances to ensure the presence of those charged with violations before such court and shall have discretionary authority to accept cash or personal or real property as surety for the appearance of persons charged with violations. Whenever any person shall give bail for that person's appearance and shall fail to appear at the time fixed for trial, that person's bond shall be forfeited by the judge presiding at such time and an execution issued thereon by serving the defendant and the defendant's sureties with a rule nisi at least two days before a hearing on the rule nisi. In the event that cash or property is accepted in lieu of bond for security for the appearance of a defendant at trial, and if such defendant fails to appear at the time and place fixed for trial, the cash so deposited shall be on order of the judge declared forfeited to the city, or the property so deposited shall have a lien against it for the value forfeited which lien shall be enforceable in the same manner and to the same extent as a lien for city property taxes.

(f) The municipal court shall have the same authority as superior courts to compel the production of evidence in the possession of any party; to enforce obedience to its orders, judgments, and sentences; and to administer such oaths as are necessary.

(g) The municipal court may compel the presence of all parties necessary to a proper disposal of each case by the issuance of summonses, subpoenas, and warrants which may be served as executed by any officer as authorized by this charter or by law.

(h) Each judge of the municipal court shall be authorized to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with offenses against any ordinance of the city, and each judge of the municipal court shall have the same authority as a magistrate of the state to issue warrants for offenses against state laws committed within the city.

SECTION 4.14.
Certiorari.

The right of certiorari from the decision and judgment of the municipal court shall exist in all criminal cases and ordinance violation cases, and such certiorari shall be obtained under the sanction of a judge of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County under the laws of the State of Georgia regulating the granting and issuance of writs of certiorari.

SECTION 4.15.
Rules for court.

With the approval of the city council, the judge shall have full power and authority to make reasonable rules and regulations necessary and proper to secure the efficient and successful administration of the municipal court; provided, however, that the city council may adopt in part or in toto the rules and regulations applicable to municipal courts. The rules and regulations made or adopted shall be filed with the city clerk, shall be available for public inspection, and, upon request, a copy shall be furnished to all defendants in municipal court proceedings at least 48 hours prior to such proceedings.

ARTICLE V.
ELECTIONS AND REMOVAL

SECTION 5.10.
Applicability of general law.

All primaries and elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended.

SECTION 5.11.
Regular elections; time for holding.

Except as otherwise provided in Article VIII of this charter for the initial elections, there shall be a municipal general election every four years in odd-numbered years on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November. There shall be elected five councilmembers at each election so that a continuing body is created.

SECTION 5.12.
Nonpartisan elections.

Political parties shall not conduct primaries for city offices and all names of candidates for city offices shall be listed without party labels.

SECTION 5.13.
Election by majority.

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for any city office shall be elected.

SECTION 5.14.
Special elections; vacancies.

In the event that the office of councilmember shall become vacant as provided in Section 2.12 of this charter, the city council or those councilmembers remaining shall order a special election to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such official; provided, however, that, if such vacancy occurs within 12 months of the expiration of the term of that office, the city council or those members remaining shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the term. In all other respects, the special election shall be held and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended.

SECTION 5.15.
Other provisions.

Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the city council shall, by ordinance, prescribe such rules and regulations as it deems appropriate to fulfill any options and duties under Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

SECTION 5.16.
Removal of officers.

(a) A councilmember or other appointed officers provided for in this charter shall be removed from office for any one or more of the causes provided in Title 45 of the O.C.G.A. or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.
(b) Removal of an officer pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be accomplished by one of the following methods:
(1) Following a hearing at which an impartial panel shall render a decision. In the event an elected officer is sought to be removed by the action of the city council, such officer shall be entitled to a written notice specifying the ground or grounds for removal and to a public hearing which shall be held not less than ten days after the service of such written notice. The city council shall provide by ordinance for the manner in which such hearings shall be held. Any elected officer sought to be removed from office as provided in this section shall have the right of appeal from the decision of the city council to the Superior Court of Gwinnett County. Such appeal shall be governed by the same rules as govern appeals to the superior court from the probate court; or
(2) By an order of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County following a hearing on a complaint seeking such removal brought by any resident of the City of Mulberry.

ARTICLE VI.
FINANCE

SECTION 6.10.
Property tax.

The city council shall not assess, levy, or collect any ad valorem taxes on any real or personal property within the corporate limits of the city.

SECTION 6.11.
Millage rate and due dates.

The city council shall not establish a millage rate in excess of 0 mills.

SECTION 6.12.
Occupation and business taxes.

The city council by ordinance shall have the power to levy such occupation or business taxes as are not denied by law. The city council may classify businesses, occupations, or professions for the purpose of such taxation in any way which may be lawful and may compel the payment of such taxes as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

SECTION 6.13.
Licenses; permits; fees.

The city council by ordinance shall have the power to require businesses or practitioners doing business in this city to obtain a permit for such activity from the city and pay a regulatory fee for such permit as provided by general law. Such fees shall reflect the total cost to the city of regulating the activity and, if unpaid, shall be collected as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

SECTION 6.14.
Franchises.

Reserved.

SECTION 6.15.
Service charges.

Reserved.

SECTION 6.16.
Special assessments.

The city council by ordinance shall have the power to assess and collect the cost of constructing, reconstructing, widening, or improving any public way, street, sidewalk, curbing, gutters, sewers, or other utility mains and appurtenances from the abutting property owners. If unpaid, such charges shall be collected as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

SECTION 6.17.
Construction; other taxes.

Reserved.

SECTION 6.18.
Collection of delinquent taxes and fees.

The city council by ordinance may provide generally for the collection of delinquent taxes, fees, or other revenue due the city under Sections 6.10 through 6.17 of this charter by whatever reasonable means as are not precluded by law. This shall include providing for the dates when the taxes or fees are due; late penalties or interest; issuance and execution of fi. fas.; creation and priority of liens; making delinquent taxes and fees personal debts of the persons required to pay the taxes or fees imposed; revoking city permits for failure to pay any city taxes or fees; and providing for the assignment or transfer of tax executions.

SECTION 6.19.
General obligation bonds.

The city council shall have the power to issue bonds for the purpose of raising revenue to carry out any project, program, or venture authorized under this charter or the laws of the state. Such bonding authority shall be exercised in accordance with the laws governing bond issuance by municipalities in effect at the time said issue is undertaken.

SECTION 6.20.
Revenue bonds.

Revenue bonds may be issued by the city council as state law now or hereafter provides. Such bonds are to be paid out of any revenue produced by the project, program, or venture for which they were issued.

SECTION 6.21.
Short-term loans.

The city may obtain short-term loans and must repay such loans not later than December 31 of each year, unless otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 6.22.
Lease-purchase contracts.

The city may enter into multiyear lease, purchase, or lease-purchase contracts for the acquisition of goods, materials, real and personal property, services, and supplies, provided the contract terminates without further obligation on the part of the municipality at the close of the calendar year in which it was executed and at the close of each succeeding calendar year for which it may be renewed. Contracts must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 36-60-13 of the O.C.G.A., or other such applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.

SECTION 6.23.
Fiscal year.

The city council shall set the fiscal year by ordinance. This fiscal year shall constitute the budget year and the year for financial accounting and reporting of each and every office, department, agency, and activity of the city government.

SECTION 6.24.
Budget ordinance.

The city council shall provide an ordinance on the procedures and requirements for the preparation and execution of an annual operating budget, a capital improvement plan, and a capital budget, including requirements as to the scope, content, and form of such budgets and plans. The city council shall also comply with the budgeting and auditing provisions of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 6.25.
Operating budget.

On or before a date fixed by the city council but not later than 60 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the mayor shall submit to the city council a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall be accompanied by a message from the mayor containing a statement of the general fiscal policies of the city, the important features of the budget, explanations of major changes recommended for the next fiscal year, a general summary of the budget, and other pertinent comments and information. The operating budget and the capital budget provided for in Section 6.29 of this charter, the budget message, and all supporting documents shall be filed in the office of the city clerk and shall be open to public inspection.

SECTION 6.26.
Action by city council on budget.

(a) The councilmembers may amend the operating budget proposed by the mayor, except that the budget as finally amended and adopted must provide for all expenditures required by state law or by other provisions of this charter and for all debt service requirements for the ensuing fiscal year. The total appropriations from any fund shall not exceed the estimated fund balance, reserves, and revenues.
(b) The city council by ordinance shall adopt the final operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than 15 days prior to the end of the current fiscal year. If the city council fails to adopt the budget by said date, the amounts appropriated for operation for the then current fiscal year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year on a month-to-month basis, with all items prorated accordingly, until such time as the city council adopts a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Adoption of the budget shall take the

form of an appropriations ordinance setting out the estimated revenues in detail by sources and making appropriations according to fund and by organizational unit, purpose, or activity as set out in the budget preparation ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 6.24 of this charter.

(c) The amount set out in the adopted operating budget for each organizational unit shall constitute the annual appropriation for such, and no expenditure shall be made or encumbrance created in excess of the otherwise unencumbered balance of the appropriations or allotment thereof to which it is chargeable.

SECTION 6.27.
Levy of taxes.

The city council shall levy by ordinance such taxes as are necessary and consistent with this Act. The taxes and tax rates set by such ordinance shall be such that reasonable estimates of revenues from such levy shall at least be sufficient, together with other anticipated revenues, fund balances, and applicable reserves, to equal the total amount appropriated for each of the several funds set forth in the annual operating budget for defraying the expenses of the general government of this city.

SECTION 6.28.
Changes in appropriations.

The city council by ordinance may make changes in the appropriations contained in the current operating budget at any regular meeting or special or emergency meeting called for such purpose, but any additional appropriations may be made only from an existing unexpended surplus.

SECTION 6.29.
Capital improvements.

(a) On or before the date fixed by the city council, but not later than 60 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the mayor shall submit to the city council a proposed capital improvements plan with a recommended capital budget containing the means of financing the improvements proposed for the ensuing fiscal year. The city council shall have power to accept, with or without amendments, or reject the proposed plan and budget. The city council shall not authorize an expenditure for the construction of any building, structure, work, or improvement unless the appropriations for such project are included in the capital budget, except to meet a public emergency as provided in Section 2.23 of this charter.

(b) The city council shall adopt by ordinance the final capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than December 15 of each year. No appropriation provided for in a prior capital budget shall lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation was made shall have been accomplished or abandoned; provided, however, that the mayor may

submit amendments to the capital budget at any time during the fiscal year, accompanied by recommendations. Any such amendments to the capital budget shall become effective only upon adoption by ordinance.

SECTION 6.30.
Audits.

There shall be an annual independent audit of all city accounts, funds, and financial transactions by a certified public accountant selected by the city council. The audit shall be conducted according to generally accepted auditing principles. Any audit of any funds by the state or federal governments may be accepted as satisfying the requirements of this charter. Copies of annual audit reports shall be available at printing costs to the public.

SECTION 6.31.
Procurement and property management.

No contract with the city shall be binding on the city unless:

(1) It is in writing;

(2) It is drawn by or submitted and reviewed by the city attorney and, as a matter of course, is signed by the city attorney to indicate such drafting or review; and

(3) It is made or authorized by the city council and such approval is entered in the city council journal of proceedings pursuant to Section 2.19 of this charter.

SECTION 6.32.
Purchasing.

The city council shall by ordinance prescribe procedures for a system of centralized purchasing for the city.

SECTION 6.33.
Sale and lease of property.

(a) The city council may sell and convey or lease any real or personal property owned or held by the city for governmental or other purposes as now or hereafter provided by law.

(b) The city council may quitclaim any rights it may have in property not needed for public purposes upon report by the mayor and adoption of a resolution, both finding that the property is not needed for public or other purposes and that the interest of the city has no readily ascertainable monetary value.

(c) Whenever in opening, extending, or widening any street, avenue, alley, or public place of the city a small parcel or tract of land is cut off or separated by such work from a larger tract or boundary of land owned by the city, the city council may authorize the mayor to sell and convey said cut-off or separated parcel or tract of land to an abutting

or adjoining property owner or owners where such sale and conveyance facilitates the highest and best use of the abutting owner's property. Included in the sales contract shall be a provision for the rights of way of said street, avenue, alley, or public place. Each abutting property owner shall be notified of the availability of the property and given the opportunity to purchase said property under such terms and conditions as set out by ordinance. All deeds and conveyances heretofore and hereafter so executed and delivered shall convey all title and interest the city has in such property, notwithstanding the fact that no public sale after advertisement was or is hereafter made.

SECTION 6.34.
Apportionment of revenue.

Except as otherwise agreed pursuant to Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the city is authorized to pay all revenues collected by Gwinnett County on behalf of the city to the county in exchange for continuation of services during the transition period provided in Section 8.11 of this charter and beyond, with the exception of fines collected in municipal court.

ARTICLE VII.
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7.10.
Bonds for officials.

The officers and employees of this city, both elected and appointed, shall execute such surety or fidelity bonds in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the city council shall from time to time require by ordinance or as may be provided by law.

SECTION 7.11.
Construction and definitions.

(a) Section captions in this charter are informative only and are not to be considered as a part thereof.
(b) The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.
(c) The singular shall include the plural, the masculine shall include the feminine, and vice versa.

ARTICLE VIII.
REFERENDUM AND INITIAL ELECTIONS

SECTION 8.10.
Referendum and initial election.

(a) The election superintendent of Gwinnett County shall call a special election for the purpose of submitting this Act to the qualified voters of the proposed City of Mulberry for approval or rejection. The superintendent shall set the date of such election concurrent with the general primary election in 2024. The superintendent shall issue the call for such election at least 30 days prior to the date thereof. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Gwinnett County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act incorporating the City of Mulberry in Gwinnett County
( ) NO according to the charter contained in the Act be approved?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, it shall become of full force and effect as provided in Section 8.11 of this charter, otherwise it shall be void and of no force and effect.

The initial expense of such election shall be borne by Gwinnett County. Within two years after the elections if the incorporation is approved, the City of Mulberry shall reimburse Gwinnett County for the actual cost of printing and personnel services for such election and for the initial election of the councilmembers pursuant to this charter. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of Gwinnett County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

(b) For the purposes of the referendum election provided for in subsection (a) of this section and for the purposes of the special election of the City of Mulberry to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2024, the qualified electors of the City of Mulberry shall be those qualified electors of Gwinnett County residing within the corporate limits of the City of Mulberry as described by Appendix A of this charter. At subsequent municipal elections, the qualified electors of the City of Mulberry shall be determined pursuant to the authority of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A. known as the "Georgia Election Code." For the purpose of electing the initial councilmembers at

the special election of the City of Mulberry to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2024, a person shall be eligible to serve as a councilmember if that person has been a resident of the area described in Appendix A for 12 months prior to the date of such election.

(c) Only for the purposes of holding and conducting the referendum election provided for in subsection (a) of this section and holding the special election of the City of Mulberry to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2024, the election superintendent of Gwinnett County is vested with the powers and duties of the election superintendent of the City of Mulberry and the powers and duties of the governing authority of the City of Mulberry.

SECTION 8.11.
Effective dates and transition.

(a) The provisions of this Act necessary for the referendum election provided for in Section 8.10 of this charter shall become effective immediately upon this Act's approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) Those provisions of this Act necessary for the special election provided for in Section 8.13 of this charter shall be effective upon the certification of the results of the referendum election provided for by Section 8.10 of this charter if this Act is approved at such referendum election.

(c) Except as provided in Section 8.10 of this charter, the remaining provisions of this Act shall become of full force and effect for all purposes at 12:00 Midnight on January 1, 2025, except that the initial councilmembers shall take office immediately following their election and the certification thereof and by action of a quorum may prior to 12:00 Midnight on January 1, 2025, meet and take actions binding on the city.

(d) A period of time will be needed for an orderly transition of various government functions from Gwinnett County to the City of Mulberry. Accordingly there shall be a transition period beginning on the date the initial councilmembers take office under this charter, and ending at 12:00 Midnight on December 31, 2026. During such transition period, all provisions of this charter shall be effective as law, but not all provisions of this charter shall be implemented.

(e) During such transition period, Gwinnett County shall continue to provide within the territorial limits of the city all government services and functions which Gwinnett County provided in that area during the years 2023 and 2024 and at the same actual cost, except to the extent otherwise provided in this section and except that the governing authority of Gwinnett County shall make no modifications to the zoning of any property located within the city during such transition period; provided, however, that upon at least 60 days' prior written notice to Gwinnett County by the City of Mulberry, responsibility for any such service or function shall be transferred to the City of Mulberry. During the transition period, the city shall remain within the Gwinnett County special services district, but shall be removed from such district at the conclusion of such period. Beginning December 1, 2025, the City of Mulberry shall collect taxes, fees, assessments,

fines and forfeitures, and other moneys within the territorial limits of the city in the same manner as authorized immediately prior to the effective date of this section; provided, however, that upon at least 60 days' prior written notice to Gwinnett County by the City of Mulberry, the authority to collect any tax, fee, assessment, fine or forfeiture, or other moneys shall remain with Gwinnett County after December 1, 2025, until such time as Gwinnett County receives subsequent notice from the City of Mulberry that such authority shall be transferred to the City of Mulberry.

(f) During the transition period, the governing authority of the City of Mulberry:

(1) Shall hold regular meetings and may hold special meetings as provided in this charter;

(2) May enact ordinances and resolutions as provided in this charter;

(3) May amend this charter by home rule action as provided by general law;

(4) May accept gifts and grants;

(5) May borrow money and incur indebtedness to the extent authorized by this charter and general law;

(6) Reserved;

(7) May establish a fiscal year and budget;

(8) May create, alter, or abolish departments, boards, offices, commissions, and agencies of the city; appoint and remove officers and employees; and exercise all necessary or appropriate personnel and management functions; and

(9) May generally exercise any power granted by this charter or general law, except to the extent that a power is specifically and integrally related to the provision of a governmental service, function, or responsibility not yet provided or carried out by the city.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in this section, during the transition period, the Municipal Court of the City of Mulberry shall not exercise its jurisdiction. During the transition period, all ordinances of Gwinnett County shall remain applicable within the territorial limits of the city and the appropriate court or courts of Gwinnett County shall retain jurisdiction to enforce such ordinances. However, by mutual agreement and concurrent resolutions and ordinances if needed Gwinnett County and the City of Mulberry may during the transition period transfer all or part of such regulatory authority and the appropriate court jurisdiction to the City of Mulberry. Any transfer of jurisdiction to the City of Mulberry during or at the end of the transition period shall not in and of itself abate any judicial proceeding pending in Gwinnett County or the pending prosecution of any violation of any ordinance of Gwinnett County.

(h) During the transition period, the governing authority of the City of Mulberry may at any time, without the necessity of any agreement by Gwinnett County, commence to exercise its code enforcement and planning and zoning powers; provided, however, that the city shall give the county notice of the date on which the city will assume the exercise of such powers. Upon the governing authority of the City of Mulberry commencing to exercise its code enforcement and planning and zoning powers, the Municipal Court of the City of Mulberry shall immediately have jurisdiction to enforce the code enforcement and planning and zoning ordinances of the city. The provisions of this subsection shall

control over any conflicting provisions of any other subsection of this section.

(i) Effective upon the termination of the transition period, subsections (b) through (h) of this section shall cease to apply except for the last sentence of subsection (g) which shall remain effective. Effective upon the termination of the transition period, the City of Mulberry shall be a full functioning municipal corporation and subject to all general laws of this state.

SECTION 8.12.
Directory nature of dates.

Unless otherwise provided for in this charter, it is the intention of the General Assembly that this Act be construed as directory rather than mandatory with respect to any date prescribed in this Act. If it is necessary to delay any action called for in this Act for providential cause or any other reason, it is the intention of the General Assembly that the action be delayed rather than abandoned. Any delay in performing any action under this Act, whether for cause or otherwise, shall not operate to frustrate the overall intent of this Act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing it is specifically provided that:

(1) If it is not possible to hold the referendum election provided for in Section 8.10 of this charter on the date specified in that section, then such referendum shall be held as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable; and

(2) If it is not possible to hold the first election provided for in Section 8.13 of this charter on the date specified in that section, then there shall be a special election for the initial members of the governing authority to be held as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, and the commencement of the initial terms of office shall be delayed accordingly.

SECTION 8.13.
Special election.

(a) The first election for councilmembers shall be a special election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2024. At such election, the first councilmembers shall be elected to serve for the initial terms of office specified in subsection (b) of this section. Thereafter, the time for holding regular municipal elections shall be on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year beginning in 2025. The successors to the first initial councilmembers and future successors shall take office at the first organizational meeting in January immediately following their election and shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(b) The initial councilmembers elected by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city from the five districts shall serve a term of office through December 31, 2027, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, successors to such initial councilmembers shall serve four-year terms of office and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IX.
GENERAL REPEALER

SECTION 9.10.
General repealer.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

APPENDIX A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MULBERRY, GEORGIA

User: H104
Plan Name: Mulberry-City-2024
Plan Type: Local
VTD DUNCANS A
VTD DUNCANS B
VTD DUNCANS C
VTD DUNCANS D
Block 050615
1000 1012
Block 050616
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Block 050617
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VTD PUCKETTS C
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Block 050636
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VTD ROCKYCREEK A
Block 050619
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Block 050628
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APPENDIX B
City Council Districts

User: H104
Plan Name: Mulberry-Dist-2024
Plan Type: Local
District 001
County Gwinnett GA
VTD DUNCANS D
Block 050615
1000 1012
Block 050616
1003 1004 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010
VTD PUCKETTS C
Block 050615
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Block 050635
1003 1004 1005 1006 1007
Block 050636
1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009

District 002
County Gwinnett GA
VTD DUNCANS B
Block 050617
2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 3000 3001 3002 3007 4013
4014 4015 4016 4018 4019 4020 4024 4025
VTD DUNCANS D
Block 050616
1000 1001 1002 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005
Block 050617
4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007 4008 4009 4010 4012 4021
4022 4023 5032

District 003
County Gwinnett GA
VTD DUNCANS A
VTD DUNCANS C
Block 050620
1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007

District 004
County Gwinnett GA
VTD DUNCANS B
Block 050618
1000 1001 1002 1003 1004
Block 050619
1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1007 1008 1012 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004
VTD DUNCANS C
Block 050618
2000 2001 2002 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004
Block 050619
2005 2006 3004 3005
VTD ROCKYCREEK A
Block 050619
1010 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017

District 005
County Gwinnett GA
VTD ROCKYCREEK A
Block 050619
1006 1009 1020 1021 1022 3000 3001 3002 3003 3006 3007 3008 3010
Block 050628
1000 1001 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 3000 3001 3002

APPENDIX C

CERTIFICATE AS TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR INCORPORATION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

I, Clint Dixon, Georgia State Senator from the 45th District and the author of this bill introduced at the 2024 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia, which grants an original municipal charter to the City of Mulberry, do hereby certify that this bill is in compliance with the minimum standards required by Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. in that the area embraced within the original incorporation in this bill is in all respects in compliance with the minimum standards required by Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. This certificate is executed to conform to the requirements of Code Section 36-31-5 of the O.C.G.A.

So certified this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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Honorable Clint Dixon
Senator, 45th District
Georgia State Senate

A Minority Report was filed with SB 333.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Echols of the 49th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Echols was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Harbin	N Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 30, nays 18.

SB 333, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that SB 333 be immediately transmitted to the House.

Senator Jackson of the 41st objected.

On the motion to immediately transmit SB 333 to the House, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Hickman	Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 30, nays 15; the motion prevailed, and SB 333 was immediately transmitted.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 26. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to permit meetings and public hearings of development authorities and community improvement districts to be held by teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 26:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to authorize the establishment of a state-wide electric vehicle manufacturing program for the promotion of electric vehicle and component manufacturing in this state; to provide for purposes of such program; to provide for powers and duties of the department relative to such program; to establish a Georgia Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Commission; to provide for purposes and powers of such commission; to provide for membership; to provide for terms and reimbursement for members; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to permit meetings and public hearings of local workforce development boards, development authorities, community improvement districts, hospital authorities, and boards of trustees or governing bodies of certain retirement systems to be held by teleconference; to provide that such teleconference meetings be open to the public in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Electric Vehicle Future Act."

SECTION 1-2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 7, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Economic Development, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-7-19.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Commission' means the Georgia Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Commission created pursuant to this Code section.

(2) 'Department' means the Department of Economic Development.

(3) 'EV industry' means the commercial enterprise of manufacturing electric vehicles and related components within this state.

(4) 'Marketing' means promotion, advertising, signage, public relations, press relations, and branding; creation, use, and licensing of a trademark, copyright, and other intellectual property; providing discounts; and other activities of similar nature or within the term as it is commonly understood.

(b)(1) The department shall be authorized to establish, implement, and support a state-wide electric vehicle manufacturing program for the promotion of electric vehicle and component manufacturing in this state. The program shall advance the state's interest in developing, marketing, promoting, or recruiting the growth of the EV industry through continued investment or job creation in this state. The carrying out of the purposes and program in this article are in all respects for the benefit of the people of this state and constitute a public purpose. Actions by the department pursuant to this article shall be an essential governmental function in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this article. Such program shall not consider, evaluate, or make recommendations relative to the sale, distribution, or servicing of electric vehicles.

(2) Pursuant to the purpose of the state-wide electric vehicle manufacturing program, the department shall be authorized to contract with the Department of Transportation, the State Road and Tollway Authority, the Georgia Technology Authority, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, or other instrumentalities of the state for the construction and maintenance of infrastructure which support the EV industry.

(c) There is created the Georgia Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Commission, as a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the state, for the following public purposes and powers:

(1) To formulate recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly to support and expand the growth of electric vehicle and component manufacturing in this state through a state-wide electric vehicle manufacturing program;

(2) To consult with private sector employers, primary and secondary schools, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, and other entities to determine workforce needs for the EV industry and to make training recommendations to educational institutions and the General Assembly;

(3) To advise the department in supporting and meeting infrastructure needs for the EV industry, including, but not limited to, transportation, charging networks, energy supply, manufacturing sites, and communications networks;

(4) To develop, in consultation with the EV industry, such marketing materials and advertising as the commission finds useful to promote the continued growth of EV industry jobs in this state; and

(5) To provide for assessments of the state interest in and benefit from encouraging the growth of the EV industry in this state.

(d)(1) The commission shall consist of:

(A) The commissioner of economic development;

(B) The director of planning for the Department of Transportation;

(C) The commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia;

(D) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia;

(E) One representative from each electric vehicle manufacturer that is manufacturing vehicles in this state, appointed by the Governor;

(F) Two representatives of electric vehicle component manufacturers that are operating in this state, appointed by the Governor.

(G) A representative of an investor owned utility company, appointed by the

Governor;

(H) A representative of a cooperative utility provider, appointed by the Governor;

(I) A licensed automobile dealer in this state, appointed by the Governor;

(J) Two members of the House of Representatives to serve as ex officio members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(K) Two members of the Senate to serve as ex officio members, appointed by the President of the Senate.

(2) The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its membership. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum, and the acts of the majority shall be the acts of the commission.

(3) Members of the commission who are state officials or employees shall receive no compensation for their service on the commission but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the commission. Any members of the commission who are not state officials or employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 for each day such member is in attendance at a meeting of the commission.

(4) Members of the commission appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1) of this subsection may designate persons to serve in their place. Members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (E) through (I) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall serve for terms of two years. Members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (J) and (K) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall serve for terms concurrent with their corresponding terms as members of the General Assembly.

(e) The commission is assigned to the department for administrative purposes only. The Attorney General shall be the attorney for the commission.

(f) The commissioner of economic development shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section to further promote the marketing of this state to the EV industry for future investment. Rule making or actions undertaken pursuant to this Code section by the department shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Administrative Procedure Act.'"

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-14-1, relating to meetings to be open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconference, by revising subsection (f) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(f) An agency with state-wide jurisdiction or a committee of such ~~an~~ agency shall be authorized to conduct meetings by teleconference~~,~~; provided, however, that any such meeting is conducted in compliance with this chapter. A local workforce development board formed pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, P.L. 113-128, as now in effect or as hereafter amended, or its committees or local elected officials when performing duties relative to such board, shall qualify as an agency under

this subsection."

"(h)(1) The following bodies and committees thereof shall be authorized to conduct meetings by teleconference, provided that any such meeting shall be considered to be conducted in compliance with this chapter so long as the notice required by this chapter is provided and, if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, means have been afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to the teleconference meeting:

(A) Development authorities created pursuant to or authorized by the provisions of Chapter 42 or Chapter 62 of Title 36, by or pursuant to Article IX, Section VI, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution, or by or pursuant to any amendment to the Constitution continued pursuant to the authority of Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;

(B) Community improvement districts created pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, Section VII of the Georgia Constitution;

(C) Hospital authorities created pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31; and

(D) The board of trustees or other governing body of any large retirement system as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-84.

(2) The participation by teleconference of members of such bodies or committees thereof means full participation in the same manner as if such members were physically present. In the event such teleconference meeting is a public hearing, and if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, then members of the public shall be afforded the means to participate fully in the same manner as if such members of the public were physically present."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 26.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 26 as amended by the following amendment:

Senator Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 26 (LC 47 2473S)
by striking lines 33 through 47 and renumbering accordingly

Senator Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend Senate Floor Amendment 1 of SB 26 by

Adding the following on Line 3 of Amendment 1
"and striking lines 99-101 and the period and "investment" on Line 102

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10, the motion by Senator Tillery of the 19th took precedence.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that SB 26 be placed on the Table.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
N Anavitarte	Y Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, L.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Hickman	Y Rhett
N Beach	N Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	N Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	N Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Mallow	N Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, B.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 36, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and SB 26 was placed on the Table.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

SB 63. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to bonds and recognizances, so as to provide for setting of bonds and

schedules of bails; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on SB 63 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to SB 63 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
/s/ Senator Kennedy of the 18th	/s/ Representative Efstration of the 104th
/s/ Senator Robertson of the 29th	/s/ Representative Collins of the 71st
/s/ Senator Gooch of the 51st	/s/ Representative Gaines of the 120th

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO SB 63

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bonds and recognizances, so as to provide for setting of bonds and schedules of bails; to provide for release of individuals on bail for misdemeanors; to limit unsecured judicial releases; to provide for limitations regarding charitable bail funds; to revise surety liability; to provide for return of compensation by surety to principal; to change the fee for continuing education programs for bail recovery agents; to revise when forfeiture of bonds occurs; to revise procedures relating to execution hearings; to revise procedures for judgments on forfeitures and remission of bond funds; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bonds and recognizances, is amended in Code Section 17-6-1, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (e), paragraph (1) of subsection (f), and subsection (i) as follows:

"(4) A bond set for any offense by an elected judge, an appointed judge ~~filling the vacancy of an elected judge~~, or a judge sitting by designation that purports a dollar amount shall be executed in the full-face amount of such bond through secured means

as provided for in Code Section 17-6-4 or 17-6-50 or shall be executed by use of property as approved by the sheriff in the county where the offense was committed."

"(f)(1) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section or as otherwise provided in this subsection, the judge of any court of inquiry may by written order establish a schedule of bails, inclusive of offenses that are violations of local ordinances, and unless otherwise ordered by the judge of any court, an accused shall be released from custody upon posting bail as fixed in the schedule; provided, however, that no bail schedule, local standing order, official policy, or local ordinance shall mandate releasing an accused on unsecured judicial release as defined in Code Section 17-6-12 prior to the accused appearing before a judge of any court of inquiry. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit unsecured judicial release for any person charged under any provision of local or state law not providing for a sentence of confinement in a penal institution or state, county, or local jail."

"(i) As used in this Code section, the term 'bail' shall only include the release of a person ~~on an unsecured judicial release, except as limited by Code Section 17-6-12~~ by the use of secured means as provided in Code Sections 17-6-4 and 17-6-5, professional bondsmen as provided in Code Section 17-6-50, or property as approved by the sheriff in the county where the offense was committed."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 17-6-2, relating to acceptance of bail in misdemeanor cases and posting driver's license as collateral for bail, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) In all other misdemeanor cases, sheriffs and constables shall accept bail in such ~~reasonable~~ sufficient amount as may be just and fair for any person or persons charged with a misdemeanor, provided that the sureties tendered and offered on the bond ~~are~~ shall only include the release of a person by the use of secured means as provided in Code Sections 17-6-4 and 17-6-5, professional bondsmen as provided in Code Section 17-6-50, or property as approved by the sheriff in the county where the offense was committed."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 17-6-12, relating to unsecured judicial release, requirement, and effect of failure of person charged to appear for trial, as follows:

"17-6-12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Bail restricted offense' means the person is charged with an offense of:

~~(A) An offense of:~~

~~(i)~~(A) Murder or felony murder, as defined in Code Section 16-5-1;

~~(ii)~~(B) Armed robbery, as defined in Code Section 16-8-41;

~~(iii)~~(C) Kidnapping, as defined in Code Section 16-5-40;

~~(iv)~~(D) Rape, as defined in Code Section 16-6-1;

~~(v)~~(E) Aggravated child molestation, as defined in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-6-4, unless subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section 16-6-4;
~~(vi)~~(F) Aggravated sodomy, as defined in Code Section 16-6-2; ~~or~~
~~(vii)~~(G) Aggravated sexual battery, as defined in Code Section 16-6-22.2;
~~(B) A felony offense of:~~
~~(i)~~(H) Aggravated assault;
~~(ii)~~(I) Aggravated battery;
~~(iii)~~(J) Hijacking a motor vehicle in the first degree;
~~(iv)~~(K) Aggravated stalking;
~~(v)~~(L) Child molestation;
~~(vi)~~(M) Enticing a child for indecent purposes;
~~(vii)~~(N) Pimping;
~~(viii)~~(O) Robbery;
~~(viii.1)~~(P) Burglary;
~~(ix)~~(Q) Bail jumping;
~~(x)~~(R) Escape;
~~(xi)~~(S) Possession of a firearm or knife during the commission of or attempt to commit certain crimes;
~~(xii)~~(T) Possession of firearms by convicted felons and first offender probationers;
~~(xiii)~~(U) Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine;
~~(xiv)~~ (V) Participating in criminal gang activity as defined in Code Section 16-15-3;
~~(xv)~~(W) Habitual violator;
~~(xvi)~~(X) Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances;
~~(xvii)~~(Y) Entering an automobile or other mobile vehicle with intent to commit theft or felony, as defined in Code Section 16-8-18; ~~or~~
~~(xviii)~~(Z) Stalking; ~~or~~
~~(C) A misdemeanor offense of:~~
~~(i)~~(AA) Crimes involving family violence, as defined in Code Section 19-13-1; ~~or~~
~~(ii) Stalking.~~
(BB) Reckless stunt driving, as described in Code Section 40-6-390.1, provided that such offense is the person's second or subsequent offense;
(CC) Promoting or organizing an exhibition of drag races or laying drags, as described in Code Section 16-11-43.1;
(DD) Laying drags, as defined in Code Section 40-6-251;
(EE) Reckless driving, as described in Code Section 40-6-390, provided that such offense is the person's second or subsequent offense;
(FF) Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, as described in Code Section 40-6-395;
(GG) Obstruction of a law enforcement officer, as described in Code Section 16-10-29;
(HH) Criminal trespass, as described in Code Section 16-7-21, provided that such

offense is the person's second or subsequent offense;
(II) Theft by taking, as described in Code Section 16-8-2, provided that such offense is the person's second or subsequent offense;
(JJ) Theft by deception, as described in Code Section 16-8-3;
(KK) Theft by extortion, as described in Code Section 16-8-16;
(LL) Destruction, removal, concealment, encumbrance, or transfer of property subject to security interest, as described in Code Section 16-9-51;
(MM) Bribery, as described in Code Section 16-10-2;
(NN) Purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of controlled substances or marijuana, as described in Code Section 16-13-30;
(OO) Forgery, as described in Code Section 16-9-1;
(PP) Exploitation and intimidation of disabled adults, elder persons, and residents or obstruction of an investigation, as described in Code Section 16-5-102;
(QQ) Battery, as described in Code Section 16-5-23.1;
(RR) Voluntary manslaughter, as described in Code Section 16-5-2;
(SS) Cruelty to animals, as described in Code Section 16-12-4;
(TT) Violation of oath by a public officer, as described in Code Section 16-10-1;
(UU) Financial transaction card fraud, as described in Code Section 16-9-33;
(VV) Financial transaction card theft, as described in Code Section 16-9-31;
(WW) Identity fraud, as described in Code Section 16-9-121;
(XX) Racketeering and conspiracy, as described in Code Section 16-14-4;
(YY) Trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude, as described in Code Section 16-5-46;
(ZZ) Failure to appear, as described in Code Section 40-13-63, provided that such offense is the person's second or subsequent offense;
(AAA) Domestic terrorism, as described in Code Section 16-11-221;
(BBB) Riot, as described in Code Section 16-11-30;
(CCC) Inciting to riot, as described in Code Section 16-11-31;
(DDD) Unlawful assembly, as described in Code Section 16-11-33; or
(EEE) Possession of tools for commission of a crime, as described in Code Section 16-7-20.

(2) 'Unsecured judicial release' means any release that does not purport a dollar amount through secured means as provided for in Code Section 17-6-4 or 17-6-50 or property as approved by the sheriff in the county where the offense was committed and that is:

(A) On a person's own recognizance; or

(B) For the purpose of entering a pretrial release program, a pretrial release and diversion program as provided for in Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 42, or a pretrial intervention and diversion program as provided for in Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 15, or pursuant to Uniform Superior Court Rule 27.

(b)(1) An elected judge, an appointed judge filling the vacancy of an elected judge, or a judge sitting by designation may issue an unsecured judicial release under subparagraph (a)(2)(A) of this Code section if:

(A) Such unsecured judicial release is noted on the release order;

(B) The person is not charged with a bail restricted offense;

(C) The person has not been convicted of bail jumping as provided in Code Section 16-10-51 within the past five years; and

(D) No bench warrant has been issued for the person's arrest based on such person's failure to appear in court within the past five years; provided, however, that this subparagraph shall not apply if such warrant was recalled or issued on the basis of such person's failure to appear for a nonserious traffic offense, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-3-37.

(2) A person who is ineligible for unsecured judicial release pursuant to subparagraph (C) or (D) of paragraph (1) of this subsection may contest his or her ineligibility on the basis that his or her criminal history record information is inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading. In such instance, the prosecuting attorney shall bear the burden of establishing such person's ineligibility.

(c) An elected judge, an appointed judge ~~filling the vacancy of an elected judge~~, or a judge sitting by designation may issue an unsecured judicial release under subparagraph (a)(2)(B) of this Code section if~~:~~

~~(1) Such~~ such unsecured judicial release is noted on the release order~~; and~~

~~(2) The person is not charged with a bail restricted offense~~.

(d) No person charged with a bail restricted offense shall be eligible for release by any judge on an unsecured judicial release. Such persons charged with a bail restricted offense shall only be eligible for release through the use of secured means as provided in Code Sections 17-6-4 and 17-6-5, professional bondsmen as provided in Code Section 17-6-50, or property as approved by the sheriff in the county where the offense was committed. Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections (b) and ~~subsection~~ (c) of this Code section and in addition to other laws regarding the release of an accused person, the judge of any court having jurisdiction over a person charged with committing an offense against the criminal laws of this state shall have authority, in his or her sound discretion and in appropriate cases, to authorize the release of the person on an unsecured judicial release only unless such person is charged with a bail restricted offense.

(e) Upon the failure of a person released on an unsecured judicial release to appear for trial, if the release is not otherwise conditioned by the court, absent a finding of sufficient excuse to appear, the court shall summarily issue an order for his or her arrest which shall be enforced as in cases of forfeited bonds.

(f) Prior to issuing an unsecured judicial release, a judge shall, in addition to the considerations provided for in Code Section 17-6-1, consider the accused person's criminal history record information that is available at such time.

(g) Notwithstanding other laws regarding the release of an accused person, no person sentenced pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of Code Section 17-10-7 shall be eligible for release by any judge on an unsecured judicial release. Such person shall only be eligible for release through the use of secured means as provided in Code Sections 17-6-4 and 17-6-5, professional bondsmen as provided in Code Section 17-6-50, or property as approved by the sheriff in the county where the offense was committed."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 17-6-15, relating to necessity for commitment where bail tendered and accepted, opportunity for bail, receipt of bail after commitment and imprisonment, imprisonment of person who offers bond for amount of bail set, and effect upon common-law authority of court, by adding three new paragraphs to subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(4) No more than three cash bonds may be posted per year by any individual, corporation, organization, charity, nonprofit corporation, or group in any jurisdiction. Every individual, corporation, organization, charity, nonprofit corporation, or group that purports to be a charitable bail fund with the purpose of soliciting donations to use for securing the release of accused persons shall be required to submit to the same requirements as any professional surety company, including, without limitation, the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection and Code Sections 17-6-50, 17-6-50.1, and 17-6-51.

(5) Prosecuting attorneys and the Attorney General shall have concurrent authority to prosecute any violation of paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(6) Any person or entity who violates any part of paragraph (4) of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 17-6-31, relating to surrender of principal by surety, forfeiture of bond, and death of principal, by revising subsections (a) and (d) as follows:

"(a) When the court is not in session, a surety on a bond may surrender the surety's principal to the sheriff or to the responsible law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction in which the case is pending in order to be released from liability. If the sheriff or the responsible law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction refuses such surrender, the surety shall be released from liability."

"(d)(1) Furthermore, the surety shall be released from liability if, prior to entry of judgment, there is:

(A) A deferred sentence;

(B) A presentence investigation;

(C) ~~A court ordered~~ Entry into a pretrial intervention and diversion program;

(D) ~~A court ordered~~ Entry into an educational and rehabilitation program;

(E) A fine;

(F) A dead docket; ~~or~~

(G) Death of the principal;

(H) Participation in an accountability court; or

(I) Entry into a pretrial release program.

(2) Furthermore, the surety ~~may~~ shall be released from liability at the discretion of the court if~~:~~

~~(A) The~~ the principal used a false name when he or she was bound over and committed to jail or a correctional institution and was subsequently released from

such facility unless the surety knew or ~~should have known~~ had reason to know that the principal used a false name~~; and~~

~~(B) The surety shows to the satisfaction of the court that he or she acted with due diligence and used all practical means to secure the attendance of the principal before the court~~."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 17-6-54, relating to no further compensation after becoming surety, when sum received to be returned to defendant, and right to surrender defendant and to keep sum paid when defendant forfeits, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) No professional bondsman or his or her agents or employees who receive compensation for becoming the surety on a criminal bond shall thereafter receive any other sum in the case as compensation. If the surety surrenders a defendant into the custody of the court, the sheriff, or another law enforcement officer in the jurisdiction where the bond was made before final disposition of the case, the surety is required to return to the principal the compensation received for signing the bond as surety if such surrender of the defendant is for reasons other than:

(1) The defendant's arrest for a crime other than a traffic violation or ~~misdemeanor~~ local ordinance violation;

(2) The defendant's cosigner attests in writing the desire to be released from the bond;

(3) The defendant fails to provide to ~~the court and~~ the surety the defendant's change of address;

(4) The defendant fails to pay any fee due to the surety after being notified ~~by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery~~ that the same is past due;

(5) The defendant fails to notify ~~the court and~~ the surety upon leaving the jurisdiction of the court; or

(6) The defendant provides false information to the surety."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 17-6-56.1, relating to continuing education programs for bail recovery agents, fee, annual requirement, and certificate of completion, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The fee for continuing education programs for bail recovery agents shall not exceed ~~$125.00~~ $250.00 annually."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 17-6-70, relating to when forfeiture occurs, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) An appearance bond shall not be forfeited unless the clerk of the court gave the surety at least 72 hours' written notice, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, before the time of the required appearance of the principal. Notice shall not be necessary if the time for appearance is within 72 hours from the time of arrest, provided

the time for appearance is stated on the bond~~, or where the principal is given actual notice in open court~~."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 17-6-71, relating to execution hearing on failure of principal to appear, as follows:

"17-6-71.

(a) ~~The judge shall, at the end of the court day, upon the failure of the principal to appear, forfeit the bond, issue a bench warrant for the principal's arrest, and order an execution hearing not sooner than 120 days but not later than 150 days after such failure to appear. Notice of the execution hearing shall be served by the clerk of the court in which the bond forfeiture occurred within ten days of such failure to appear by certified mail or by electronic means as provided in Code Section 17-6-50 to the surety at the address listed on the bond or by personal service to the surety within ten days of such failure to appear at its home office or to its designated registered agent. Service shall be considered complete upon the mailing of such certified notice. Such ten-day notice shall be adhered to strictly. If notice of the execution hearing is not served as specified in this subsection, the surety shall be relieved of liability on the appearance bond~~ The judge shall, at the end of the court day, upon the failure of the principal to appear, forfeit the bond and issue a bench warrant for the principal's arrest. If the forfeiture and bench warrant are not issued and signed within ten days of the failure to appear, the surety shall be relieved of liability on the appearance bond. Upon forfeiting the bond, the judge shall order an execution hearing not sooner than 150 days but not later than 180 days after such failure to appear. Notice of the execution hearing and a copy of the bench warrant shall be served by the clerk of the court in which the bond forfeiture occurred within ten days of such failure to appear by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by electronic means as provided in Code Section 17-6-50 to the surety at the address listed on the bond or by personal service to the surety within ten days of such failure to appear at its home office or to its designated registered agent. Service shall be considered complete upon the mailing of such certified notice. Such ten-day notice shall be adhered to strictly. If notice of the execution hearing and bench warrant are not served as specified in this subsection, the surety shall be relieved of liability on the appearance bond.

(b) If at the execution hearing it is determined that judgment should be entered, the judge shall so order and a writ of fieri facias shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the court where such judgment is entered. Notice of the judgment shall be served by the clerk of the court in which entry of judgment occurred within ten days of such entry by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by electronic means as provided in Code Section 17-6-50 to the surety at the address listed on the bond or by personal service to the surety within ten days of such entry of judgment at its home office or to its designated registered agent. Service shall be considered complete upon the mailing of such certified notice. Such ten-day notice shall be adhered to strictly. If the notice of the judgment is not served in the time frame as specified in this subsection, the surety shall be relieved of liability on the appearance bond, the judgment shall be marked satisfied, and the writ of fieri

facias shall be canceled. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to all bail bonds, whether returnable to superior court, state court, probate court, magistrate court, or municipal court."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 17-6-72, relating to conditions not warranting forfeiture of bond for failure to appear and remission of forfeiture, by revising subsections (b), (c), (c.1), (d), and (e) as follows:

"(b) No judgment shall be rendered on a forfeiture of any appearance bond if ~~it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that~~ the principal on the bond was prevented from attending because he or she was detained by reason of arrest, sentence, or confinement in a penal institution or jail in the State of Georgia, or so detained in another jurisdiction, or because he or she was involuntarily confined or detained pursuant to court order in a mental institution in the State of Georgia or in another jurisdiction. ~~An official written~~ Written notice of the holding institution in which the principal is being detained or confined shall be considered proof of the principal's detention or confinement. ~~Such notice may be sent from the holding institution by mail or e-mail or delivered by hand or by facsimile machine.~~ Upon the presentation of such written notice to the clerk of the proper court, the prosecuting attorney, and the sheriff or other law enforcement officer having jurisdiction over the case, along with a letter of intent to pay all costs of returning the principal to the jurisdiction of the court, such notice and letter shall serve as the surety's request for a detainer or hold to be placed on the principal. Should there be a failure to place a detainer or hold within ten business days of the surety's service of a detainer or hold request, and after such presentation of such notice and letter of intent to pay costs, the surety shall then be relieved of the liability for the appearance bond without further order of the court.

(c) No judgment shall be rendered on a forfeiture of any appearance bond if ~~it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that~~ prior to the entry of the judgment on the forfeiture the principal on the bond is in the custody of the sheriff or other responsible law enforcement agency. ~~An official written~~ Written notice of the holding institution in which the principal is being detained or confined shall be considered proof of the principal's detention or confinement. ~~Such notice may be sent from the holding institution by mail or e-mail or delivered by hand or by facsimile machine.~~ Upon presentation of such written notice to the clerk of the proper court, the prosecuting attorney, and the sheriff or other law enforcement officer having jurisdiction over the case along with a letter of intent to pay all costs of returning the principal to the jurisdiction of the court, such notice and letter shall serve as the surety's request for a detainer or hold to be placed against the principal. Should there be a failure to place a detainer or hold within ten business days of the surety's service of a detainer or hold request, and after presentation of such notice and letter of intent to pay costs, the surety shall then be relieved of the liability for the appearance bond without further order of the court.

~~(c.1) No judgment shall be rendered on a forfeiture of any appearance bond if it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that the principal on the bond was prevented from attending~~

~~because he or she was deported or removed from the United States by federal authorities. Official documentation from a federal official or agency shall be considered proof of the principal's deportation or removal. Such documentation may be delivered by mail or e-mail or delivered by hand or by facsimile machine.~~

(d) In cases in which subsection (e) of this Code section is not applicable, the court shall order remission under the following conditions:

(1) Provided the bond amount, including all surcharges, has been paid within ~~120~~ 150 days after entry of the judgment ~~and the delay has not prevented prosecution of the principal~~ and upon application filed within ~~120~~ 150 days from the payment of judgment with prior notice to the prosecuting attorney of such application, said court shall direct remission of 95 percent of the bond amount, including all surcharges, remitted to the surety if the principal is produced, surrendered, or otherwise appears before the court that has jurisdiction of the bond or if the surety provides proof of the principal's incarceration or confinement in another jurisdiction or proof of the principal's death within such ~~120~~ 150 day period following payment of the judgment;

(2) Provided the bond amount, including all surcharges, has been paid within ~~120~~ 150 days after the entry of judgment and ~~the delay has not prevented prosecution of the principal, should the surety, within two years of the principal's failure to appear, locate the principal in the custody of the sheriff in the jurisdiction where the bond was made or in another jurisdiction causing the return of the principal to the jurisdiction where the bond was made, apprehend, surrender, or produce the principal, if the apprehension or surrender of the principal is substantially procured or caused by the surety, or if the location of the principal by the surety causes the adjudication of the principal in the jurisdiction in which the bond was made, the surety shall be entitled to a refund of 50 percent of the bond amount. The application for 50 percent remission shall be filed no later than 30 days following the expiration of the two-year period following the date of judgment~~ upon application filed within 60 days following the expiration of the two-year period following the date of judgment with prior notice to the prosecuting attorney of such application, said court shall direct remission of 50 percent of the bond amount, including all surcharges, remitted to the surety if the principal is produced, surrendered, or otherwise appears before the court that has jurisdiction of the bond or if the surety provides proof of the principal's incarceration or confinement in another jurisdiction, proof of the principal's death, or proof that surrender of the principal was denied by the sheriff or other responsible law enforcement officer within such two-year period following payment of the judgment; or

(3) ~~Remission~~ One hundred percent remission shall be granted upon condition of the payment of court costs and of the expenses of returning the principal to the jurisdiction by the surety.

(e)(1) If, within ~~120~~ 150 days from entry of the judgment, the surety surrenders the principal to the sheriff or responsible law enforcement officer, or said surrender has been denied by the sheriff or responsible law enforcement officer, or the surety locates the principal in custody in another jurisdiction, the surety shall only be required to pay costs and 5 percent of the face amount of the bond, which amount includes all

surcharges. If it is shown to the satisfaction of the court, by the presentation of competent evidence from the sheriff or the holding institution, that said surrender has been made or denied or that the principal is in custody in another jurisdiction or that said surrender has been made and that 5 percent of the face amount of the bond and all costs have been tendered to the sheriff, the court shall direct that the judgment be marked satisfied and that the writ of fieri facias be canceled.

(2)(A) The court shall direct that the judgment be marked satisfied and that the writ of fieri facias be canceled, if within ~~120~~ 150 days from entry of the judgment, the surety:

(i) Tenders an amount equal to 5 percent of the face amount of the bond and all costs to the sheriff; and

(ii) Provides, in writing, the court and the prosecuting attorney for the court that has jurisdiction of the bond with competent evidence giving probable cause to believe that the principal is located in another jurisdiction within the United States and states that it will provide for the reasonable remuneration for the rendition of the principal, as estimated by the sheriff; and

(B) The prosecuting attorney for the court that has jurisdiction of the bond:

(i) Declines, in writing, to authorize or facilitate extradition; or

(ii) Within ten business days of the notice provided pursuant to division (2)(A)(ii) of this subsection, fails to enter the appropriate extradition approval code into the computerized files maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Crime Information Center, thereby indicating an unwillingness to extradite the principal."

SECTION 11.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Robertson of the 29th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on SB 63.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Sims

Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 30, nays 17; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on SB 63.

Due to a clerical error, Senator Mallow of the 2nd should have been recorded as excused rather than not voting on the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on SB 63.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
Fifteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

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BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 29, 2024

Mr. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
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Dear Secretary Cook,

As you know, the Senate recently adopted Senate Resolution 465, which created the Senate Special Committee on Investigations. Pursuant to its authority under the resolution, the Senate Committee on Assignments has made the following appointments to the committee:

Senator Bill Cowsert (District 46), who shall serve as chair;
Senator Greg Dolezal (District 28), who shall serve as vice chair;
Senator Jason Esteves (District 6);
Senator John Kennedy (District 18);
Senator Blake Tillery (District 19);
Senator Harold Jones (District 22);
Senator Bo Hatchett (District 50);
Senator Steve Gooch (District 51); and

Senator Gloria Butler (District 55).

These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely,

/s/ Burt Jones	/s/ John F. Kennedy	/s/ Steve Gooch
Lt. Governor Burt Jones	Senator John F. Kennedy	Senator Steve Gooch
President of the Senate	President Pro Tempore	Majority Leader

/s/ Brandon L. Beach	/s/ Greg Dolezal
Senator Brandon Beach	Senator Greg Dolezal
Committee on Assignments	Committee on Assignments

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 905. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd, Leverett of the 123rd, LaHood of the 175th, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to repeal provisions authorizing administrative officers to exercise zoning powers; to repeal provisions authorizing quasi-judicial boards and agencies to hear and render decisions on applications for special administrative permits and conditional permits; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 956. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the designation of the chief judge of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit; to provide for terms of office; to provide for filling vacancies in such office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 985. By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of

the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to abolish the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; to provide for the transfer of outstanding obligations and liabilities and assets of such corporation; to amend Titles 2, 7, 12, 20, 26, 33, 43, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, banking and finance, conservation and natural resources, education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, insurance, professions and businesses, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to remove cross-references and make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1003. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Gaines of the 120th, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Jackson County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for senior citizens in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1004. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Gaines of the 120th, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Jackson County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are senior citizens who have annual earned family incomes not exceeding $18,000.00, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3758), as amended, so as to increase the amounts and income limit of such homestead exemptions; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1012. By Representative Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the compensation of the Wilcox

County Board of Education; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1016. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Thomas of the 65th, Glaize of the 67th, Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of South Fulton Public Facilities Authority; to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for construction of this Act and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1042. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, McClain of the 109th, Martinez of the 111th, Efstration of the 104th, Clark of the 108th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Recorder's Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 27, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3125), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4297) and an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5149), so as to modify how the clerk of court is appointed; to revise provisions relating to the bonding and insuring of said clerk; to change the compensation of the judge pro hac vice; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1061. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Summerville to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1062. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Chattooga County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and

limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1067. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the Town of Trion to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1068. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Gaines of the 120th, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Jefferson independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or over and an additional homestead exemption in the amount of $20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or over and whose net income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed $18,000.00, approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4353), as amended, so as to revise existing exemptions and add a new exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1071. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Terrell County shall also serve as the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Terrell County on and after January 1, 2025; to provide for the continuation in office and expiration of term of the current chief magistrate judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1074. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Barrett of the 24th, Cox of the 28th, McDonald of the 26th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Forsyth County Civil Service System Act creating the Forsyth County Civil Service System, approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3572), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4038), so as to revise provisions exempting certain employees of the sheriff from the civil service system and

from any rights, protections, privileges, or right of appeal under the civil service system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 445. By Senators Sims of the 12th, Esteves of the 6th, Merritt of the 9th, Mallow of the 2nd, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require the Department of Education to provide to parents and guardians of students entering the sixth grade information regarding recommended adolescent vaccinations in print and electronic form; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 446. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th, Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise the period of advance voting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 447. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Summers of the 13th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to enact the "Georgia Restaurant Franchise Relations Act"; to define certain terms; to provide that a franchisor may not terminate a franchise except under certain circumstances; to provide penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 448. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 17th, Kennedy of the 18th

and Gooch of the 51st:

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 449. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-7-12.8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certification as nursing aid and employer sponsored training and competency examination program, to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to personnel regarding emergency medical services; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to licensed practical nurses; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 450. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 5, 15, 44, and 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error, courts, property, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates, respectively, so as to clarify that neither superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5 over any nonappealable order of a probate court subject to such chapter; to provide for de novo proceeding with the right to a jury trial of certain probate court final judgments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 451. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 43rd,

Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to veteran benefits, so as to place certain requirement on the Department of Veterans Service; to amend Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance, so as to create a voluntary loan program at certain financial institutions to assist veterans; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48, relating to reimbursement relating to imposition, rate, and computation, and exemptions from income taxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

SB 452. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Harbison of the 15th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 and 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance and property respectively, so as to provide for regulations of motor vehicle title pawn transactions; to prohibit local governments from adopting conflicting or more restrictive regulations relating to pawn transactions; to prohibit motor vehicle title pawn transactions without a license; to prohibit motor vehicle title pawn transactions involving certain members of the military or their dependents; to require certain disclosures with respect to motor vehicle title pawn transactions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SR 539. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION supporting actions to combat the illegal invasion of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 542. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the changing of the minimum age of colorectal cancer screenings; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 543. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION supporting increased protections for America's borders; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 546. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Colorectal Cancer Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 905. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd, Leverett of the 123rd, LaHood of the 175th, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to repeal provisions authorizing administrative officers to exercise zoning powers; to repeal provisions authorizing quasi-judicial boards and agencies to hear and render decisions on applications for special administrative permits and conditional permits; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 956. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the designation of the chief judge of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit; to provide for terms of office; to provide for filling vacancies in such office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 985. By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to abolish the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; to provide for the transfer of outstanding obligations and liabilities and assets of such corporation; to amend Titles 2, 7, 12, 20, 26, 33, 43, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, banking and finance, conservation and natural resources, education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, insurance, professions and businesses, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to remove cross-references and make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1003. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Gaines of the 120th, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Jackson County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for senior citizens in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1004. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Gaines of the 120th, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Jackson County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are senior citizens who have annual earned family incomes not exceeding $18,000.00, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3758), as amended, so as to increase the amounts and income limit of such homestead exemptions; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1012. By Representative Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the compensation of the Wilcox County Board of Education; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1016. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Thomas of the 65th, Glaize of the 67th, Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of South Fulton Public Facilities Authority; to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for construction of this Act and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1042. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, McClain of the 109th, Martinez of the 111th, Efstration of the 104th, Clark of the 108th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Recorder's Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 27, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3125), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4297) and an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5149), so as to modify how the clerk of court is appointed; to revise provisions relating to the bonding and insuring of said clerk; to change the compensation of the judge pro hac vice; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1061. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Summerville to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section

48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1062. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Chattooga County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1067. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the Town of Trion to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1068. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Gaines of the 120th, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Jefferson independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or over and an additional homestead exemption in the amount of $20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or over and whose net income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed $18,000.00, approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4353), as amended, so as to revise existing exemptions and add a new exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1071. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of

Terrell County shall also serve as the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Terrell County on and after January 1, 2025; to provide for the continuation in office and expiration of term of the current chief magistrate judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1074. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Barrett of the 24th, Cox of the 28th, McDonald of the 26th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Forsyth County Civil Service System Act creating the Forsyth County Civil Service System, approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3572), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4038), so as to revise provisions exempting certain employees of the sheriff from the civil service system and from any rights, protections, privileges, or right of appeal under the civil service system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Children and Families has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 376 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 117 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Williams of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 877 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 198 SB 307 SB 334 SB 362 SB 375 SB 385

SB 389 SB 398 SB 406

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Butler of the 55th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Butler was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that Senator Dolezal of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dolezal was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbison	Payne
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Rahman
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Rhett
Beach	Hickman	Seay
Brass	Hodges	Setzler
Burns	Hufstetler	Sims
Cowsert	Jackson	Still
Davenport	James	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, E.	Summers
Echols	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Lucas	Watson, B.
Gooch	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Goodman	Merritt	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Butler (Excused)	Dolezal (Excused)	Halpern (Excused)
Jones, H. (Excused)	Mallow (Excused)	Orrock (Excused)
Parent (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Islam Parkes
Robertson		

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Harbin of the 16th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Jim Garlow of El Cajon, California, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 550. By Senator Albers of the 56th:

> A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the firefighters of Georgia and recognizing February 6, 2024, as Firefighters Recognition Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs and the Georgia State Firefighters Association, commended by SR 550. Gary Clark, GSFFA President, Terry Smith, GAFC President, Chad Jones, GAFC First Vice President, and Mike Byrd, GSFFA First Vice President, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Brass of the 28th introduced the Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists, commended by SR 491, adopted previously. Shannon Broxton, president of the Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Mason Florence, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 549. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2024, as Girl Scout Day at the state capitol and commending Girl Scouts as a national leader in providing the best leadership development experience in the world to American girls; and for other purposes.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the Girl Scouts, commended by SR 549. Ariella Ayenesazan, a representative from the Girl Scouts, addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized former Senator P.K. Martin.

The President recognized former Senator, Representative Michelle Au.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 540. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th, Williams of the 25th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Harlem High School Bulldogs baseball team for winning the 2023 GHSA Class AAA State Baseball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 541. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jimmie Lewis; and for other purposes.

SR 544. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Blake Sullivan; and for other

purposes.

SR 545. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Mercer University School of Law upon its 150th anniversary and recognizing February 13, 2024, as Mercer Law Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes. Commending the Mercer University School of Law upon its 150th anniversary and recognizing February 13, 2024, as Mercer Law Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 547. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Christy Todd, the 2024 Georgia Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 548. By Senator Halpern of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 5, 2024, as Georgia Arts Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 551. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and recognizing February 8, 2024, as REALTOR® Day at the Dome; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
Fifteenth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following local bill relating to homestead exemptions requires a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 877 Moore of the 53rd
CHATTOOGA COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from Chattooga County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional

majority, was passed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross SB 189 and SB 344, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 30, nays 23; the motion prevailed, and SB 189 and SB 344 were engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2024
FIFTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 405	"Completion Special Schools Act"; certain students to be enrolled in a completion special school; lower the age of eligibility (ED&Y-45th)
SB 332	Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; promulgate standards of conduct and rules for the commission's governance; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-29th)

SB 373 Licensure in Marriage and Family Therapy; issuance of expedited licenses by endorsement for marriage and family therapists; provide (RI&U-20th)

SB 344 Sales and Use Taxes; firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories during an 11 day period each year; exempt (Substitute) (FIN-31st)

SB 189 Elections; text portions of ballots shall be counted for vote tabulation and recounts purposes; provide (Substitute) (ETHICS-23rd)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 405. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31C of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to lower the age of eligibility from 18 to 16 for certain students to be enrolled in a completion special school; to revise definitions; to provide for reports of cohort graduation rates by local school system and by completion special school; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery

Y Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 8.

SB 405, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 332. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hatchett of the 50th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-18-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 332:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-18-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature; so as to remove provision for review and adoption by the Supreme Court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 15-18-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) The commission, with the assistance of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, shall promulgate standards of conduct and rules for the commission's governance which will comport with due process and enforce the provisions of subsections (h) and (i) of this Code section~~; provided, however, that such standards and rules shall be effective only upon review and adoption by the Supreme Court~~. Such

standards and rules shall allow for a full investigation of a district attorney or solicitor-general only upon majority vote of the investigative panel. When a commission member receives information relating to the conduct of a district attorney or solicitor-general, such member shall provide such information to the commission's director for appropriate action."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, and Strickland of the 17th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary Substitute to SB 332 (LC 49 1700S) by replacing line 4 with the following:
as to remove the provision for review and adoption by the Supreme Court; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related

By inserting after line 21 the following:
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Robertson amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Still

N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 29, nays 22.

SB 332, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 373. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-10A-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy, so as to provide for the issuance of expedited licenses by endorsement for marriage and family therapists; to provide a definition; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th

Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 373, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 344. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories during an 11 day period each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Fiscal Note was filed with the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

January 8, 2024

Honorable Jason Anavitarte
State Senator
421 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
Senate Bill (LC 43 2929)

Dear Senator Anavitarte:

This bill would create an annual 11-day sales tax exemption for purchases of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories. The exemption lasts from the second Friday through the fourth Monday of October and is intended to cover all firearm-related items. This legislation is assumed to become effective July 1, 2024, the first day of FY 2025.

Impact on State Revenue
Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would decrease state revenue as shown in Table 1. The low estimate assumes that sales are evenly distributed through the year and the sales tax holiday does not impact the timing of purchases. The high estimate assumes that purchases are higher during the 11-day period. The appendix provides details of the analysis.

Table 1. Estimated Exempt Sales and State and Local Revenue Effects from LC 43 2929

($ *millions*)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Low Estimate					
State	($1.31)	($1.33)	($1.34)	($1.35)	($1.36)
Local	($1.10)	($1.12)	($1.13)	($1.13)	($1.14)
High Estimate					
State	($3.27)	($3.32)	($3.35)	($3.36)	($3.39)
Local	($2.73)	($2.78)	($2.80)	($2.81)	($2.84)

Impact on State Expenditures
The Department of Revenue (DOR) would be able to implement the provisions of the bill without additional funding.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center
Based on data from the business research firm IBISWorld, we estimate that retail sales of firearms, ammunition, and related items at gun and ammunition stores or sporting goods stores totaled $25.9 billion nationally in 2023. Gun and ammunition stores sell handguns, ammunition, rifles, shotguns, and other firearms—as well as other equipment, apparel, and supplies. All of these items are assumed to be exempted during the proposed sales tax holiday. Sales of firearms and hunting goods represent 13.5 percent of sales at sporting goods stores. Half of these purchases are assumed to be firearms, ammunition, gun safes, or other firearm-related items.

These sales are projected to grow on average by 1.16 percent annually through 2029. Georgia's sales are estimated by sharing down national sales of federally registered firearms, as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)—approximately 4.1 percent as of 2021, resulting in estimated annual sales in Georgia of approximately $1.06 billion for 2023.

Beginning with the estimated 2023 sales in Georgia, we grow this amount by 1.16 percent annually through FY 2029 based on the IBISWorld industry revenue projections. Eleven days represent 3.01 percent of a calendar year. The low estimates assume consumers do not respond to the existence of the sales tax holiday. Alternatively, consumers may purchase sooner or later than planned to take advantage of the exemption. They may also increase their amount of spending because the end-price of these items is lower when exempted from the tax.

Based on FBI national monthly firearm background check data, November and December have larger shares of annual activity than October, which is lower than average, indicating holiday spending could increase sales. Based on these data, the portion of annual activity that would occur during these dates would increase to 7.5 percent if a portion of the holiday activity shifted to these days in October. Therefore, the high estimates assume that as the percent of annual sales that are exempted by the proposed sales tax holiday.

For the local impact, the average local sales tax rate is assumed to be 3.35 percent, based on the Tax Foundation's current average local effective tax rate for Georgia. Due to the fall timing, the exempted purchases of a calendar year impact the following fiscal year's revenues.

Table 2. Estimated Sales Firearms, Ammunition, Gun Safes, and Related Items

($ *millions*)	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
Georgia Total Sales	$1,088.5	$1,105.5	$1,115.3	$1,120.1	$1,130.0
Sales Tax Holiday Purchases					
Low	$32.8	$33.3	$33.6	$33.7	$34.0
High	$65.5	$66.6	$67.1	$67.4	$68.0

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to SB 344:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, trigger locks, and related accessories during a five-day period each year; to provide for related matters; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, is amended by revising paragraph (85) as follows:

"(85) For five days beginning on the second Friday of October each year, sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, trigger locks, and related accessories, including, but not limited to, stocks, barrels, scopes, and magazines ~~Reserved~~;"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall stand repealed on June 30, 2029.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 344.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 30, nays 22.

SB 344, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 1:30 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand at ease until 2:30 p.m.

At 2:33 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 189. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that the text portions of ballots produced by ballot marking devices shall be counted for vote tabulation and recounts purposes instead of any machine coding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to SB 189:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that the text portions or machine mark of ballots produced by ballot marking devices shall be counted for vote tabulation and recount purposes instead of any machine coding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-379.23, relating to requirements for ballot display, role of Secretary of State, and printed paper ballot controls during recount, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The text portion of the paper ballot marked and printed by the electronic ballot marker indicating the elector's selection shall constitute the official ballot and shall ~~be used for, and govern the result in,~~ constitute the official vote for purposes of vote tabulation, any recount conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-495, and any audit conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-498. The official tabulation count of any ballot scanner shall be based upon the text portion or the machine mark, provided that such mark clearly denotes the elector's selection and does not use a QR code, bar code, or similar coding, of such ballots and not any machine coding that may be printed on such ballots."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 189.

Senator Jackson of the 41st moved the previous question.

Senator Strickland of the 17th objected.

The President announced that the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd asked unanimous consent to reconsider moving the previous question.

Senator Gooch of the 51st objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 20, nays 26; the motion lost, and the Senate did not reconsider the ordering of the previous question.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
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Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.

Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 31, nays 22.

SB 189, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Sixteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 385. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Clark of the 100th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to add appropriate references to the United States Space Force; to make conforming changes; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 456. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Lumsden of the 12th, Scoggins of the 14th, Silcox of the 53rd and Collins of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding municipal courts, so as to increase the term for municipal court judges from one year to two years unless otherwise provided for in a municipality's charter; to provide for removal of municipal court judges for breach of contract; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 876. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 145th, Wade of the 9th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 7, 10, and 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance, commerce and trade, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates, respectively, so as to update terminology; to revise procedures concerning incorporators of banks and trust companies; to revise requirements of articles of incorporation of banks and trust companies; to revise procedures concerning approval of banks and trust companies; to revise provisions concerning certain loans made by credit unions; to remove a requirement that certain mortgage brokers register with the Department of Banking and Finance; to provide for certain requirements of foreign banks; to provide for refund of installment loan closing fees; to revise requirements of merchant acquirer limited purpose banks; to provide for exceptions; to revise the definition of bona fide discount points; to conform cross-references; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 992. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Ballard of the 147th, Williams of the 148th and Dickey of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fourth judge of the superior courts of the Houston Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authorities of the counties comprising the Houston Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 63. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to bonds and recognizances, so as to provide for setting of bonds and schedules of bails; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendments to the following Bill of the House:

HB 318. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Thomas of the 21st, Mainor of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the reestablishment of the Office of Charter School Compliance under the State Charter Schools Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 130. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Collins of the 71st, Hitchens of the 161st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for student loan repayment for peace officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for continued eligibility requirements; to provide for student loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for maximum student loan repayment amounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 453. By Senators Payne of the 54th and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to transfer probation and intake services of the Juvenile Court of Gordon County to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to Code Section 15-11-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 454. By Senators Strickland of the 17th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alimony and child support, so as to provide for guidelines for child support award calculations; to provide definitions; to provide

for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 455. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, so as to revise certain provisions to comply with federal law; to bar liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a health care item or service did not receive prior authorization; to require a third-party payer to respond to a state inquiry regarding a health care claim within 90 days; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 456. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14A of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the central caregiver registry, so as to add disabled persons to the registry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 457. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Parent of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th, Williams of the 25th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to reestablish a consumer utility counsel to represent consumers in matters before the Public Service Commission or other agencies concerning public utilities; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 458. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to libraries, so as to require the board of regents to adopt the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 459. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Brass of the 28th and Echols of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require the State Board of Education to develop a comprehensive civics education program for students in kindergarten through grade 12; to require the Department of Education, in consultation with the Georgia Commission on Civics Education, to curate oral history resources to be known as "Portraits in Patriotism" as part of such civics education program and develop civics education program workshops for public school personnel; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 460. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, acupuncture, physician assistants, cancer and glaucoma treatment, respiratory care, clinical perfusionists, and orthotics and prosthetics practice, so as to revise provisions relating to the number of advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants that a physician can authorize and supervise at any one time; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 461. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Davenport of the 44th, Parent of the 42nd, Brass of the 28th and James of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the composition and number of state senatorial districts, approved December 8, 2023, 2023 Special Session SB 1EX/Act No. 1EX, so as to redesignate six district numbers without

changing any district boundaries; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

SB 462. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state militia generally, so as to require an official declaration of war or an action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the Georgia National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat or combat support operations; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

SB 463. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 25th, Halpern of the 39th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement and pensions, so as to provide for the creation of the Peach Save plan, a defined contribution retirement plan; to provide for definitions; to provide for a date for the establishment of the plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SR 557. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Charles W. Moore; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 385. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Clark of the 100th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to add appropriate

references to the United States Space Force; to make conforming changes; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 456. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Lumsden of the 12th, Scoggins of the 14th, Silcox of the 53rd and Collins of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding municipal courts, so as to increase the term for municipal court judges from one year to two years unless otherwise provided for in a municipality's charter; to provide for removal of municipal court judges for breach of contract; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 876. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 145th, Wade of the 9th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 7, 10, and 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance, commerce and trade, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates, respectively, so as to update terminology; to revise procedures concerning incorporators of banks and trust companies; to revise requirements of articles of incorporation of banks and trust companies; to revise procedures concerning approval of banks and trust companies; to revise provisions concerning certain loans made by credit unions; to remove a requirement that certain mortgage brokers register with the Department of Banking and Finance; to provide for certain requirements of foreign banks; to provide for refund of installment loan closing fees; to revise requirements of merchant acquirer limited purpose banks; to provide for exceptions; to revise the definition of bona fide discount points; to conform cross-references; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

HB 992. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Ballard of the 147th, Williams of the 148th and Dickey of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A.,

relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fourth judge of the superior courts of the Houston Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authorities of the counties comprising the Houston Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 411 Do Pass
SR 454 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Burns of the 23rd District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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State and Local Governmental Operations, Secretary

SENATE MINORITY LEADER

February 7, 2024

To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Gloria Butler
Re: Minority Report on SR 454

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Resolution 454, which passed Ethics on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Gloria Butler
Senator Gloria Butler
Member of Ethics
Minority Leader Senate Democratic Caucus
District 55

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 232 Do Pass by substitute
SB 424 Do Pass
SB 426 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 434 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 863	Do Pass	HB 864	Do Pass
HB 865	Do Pass	HB 866	Do Pass
HB 951	Do Pass	HB 952	Do Pass
HB 953	Do Pass	HB 954	Do Pass
HB 961	Do Pass	HB 972	Do Pass
SB 339	Do Pass	SB 345	Do Pass
SB 382	Do Pass	SB 388	Do Pass
SB 397	Do Pass	SB 434	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 206	Do Pass by substitute
SB 393	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 376

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the consideration of the Senate:

SB 463. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 25th, Halpern of the 39th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement and pensions, so as to provide for the creation of the Peach Save plan, a defined contribution retirement plan; to provide for definitions; to provide for

a date for the establishment of the plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

There was no objection, the motion prevailed, and SB 463 was withdrawn from consideration of the Senate.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Butler of the 55th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Butler was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Merritt of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Merritt was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Setzler of the 37th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Setzler was excused.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th asked unanimous consent that Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Islam Parkes was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Burns of the 23rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Burns was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbison	Orrock
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Parent
Beach	Hatchett	Payne
Brass	Hickman	Rahman
Burns	Hodges	Rhett
Butler	Hufstetler	Robertson
Cowsert	Jackson	Sims

Davenport	James	Still
Dixon	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Summers
Echols	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Lucas	Watson, B.
Gooch	Mallow	Watson, S.
Goodman	McLaurin	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Islam Parkes (Excused)	Merritt (Excused)
Seay (Excused)	Setzler (Excused)	Tate (Excused)
Harbin		

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Davenport of the 44th introduced the chaplain of the day, Bishop Diane Collins of College Park, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President recognized former Senator and former U.S. Representative, Phil Gingrey. Dr. Gingrey addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Halpern of the 39th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Purnima Patel, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and former Senator, Charles J. Bethel.

The President recognized the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, Michael P. Boggs.

Senator Walker III of the 20th asked unanimous consent that Senator Harbin of the 16th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harbin was excused.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 566. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Perry High School Panthers football team for winning the 2023 GHSA Class 4A State Football Championship; and for

other purposes.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 552. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 24th, Strickland of the 17th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7, 2024, as Stand With Survivors Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 553. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 8, 2024, as Dental Hygienists Appreciation Day; and for other purposes.

SR 554. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 8, 2024, as Lions Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 555. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia FFA Association and recognizing February 20, 2024, as FFA Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 556. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION commending Temple Lester; and for other purposes.

SR 558. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Ginn of the 47th, Summers of the 13th, Gooch of the 51st and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia's lineworkers and recognizing April 8, 2024, as Georgia Lineworker Appreciation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 559. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Avarita Laurel Hanson, Esq.;

and for other purposes.

SR 560. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 15, 2024, as Donor Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 561. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, James of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2, 2024, as Clark Atlanta University Day (CAU) at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 562. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7, 2024, as Read Aloud Day; and for other purposes.

SR 563. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Duncan Teague on the occasion of his tenth pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 564. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, McLaurin of the 14th, Parent of the 42nd, Anderson of the 43rd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Justice Project; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

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SB 339 Summers of the 13th
CRISP COUNTY PROBATE COURT

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

SB 345 Walker III of the 20th
DOOLY COUNTY PROBATE COURT

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

SB 382 Gooch of the 51st
GILMER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Gilmer County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 397 Williams of the 25th
CITY OF LOCUST GROVE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a new Charter for the City of Locust Grove, Georgia, in the county of Henry, approved April 7, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4426), as amended, to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 434 Burns of the 23rd
GLASCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and

registration for Glascock County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for a supervisor of elections; to provide for vacancies; to provide for certification; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to allow for joint primaries; to provide for meetings; to authorize expenditure of public funds; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 863 Watson of the 11th
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Bainbridge to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 864 Sims of the 12th
MILLER COUNTY STATE COURT

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the State Court of Miller County, approved March 2, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 538), and all amendatory Acts thereto, so as to abolish the State Court of Miller County; to provide for cessation of elections for Judge of the State Court of Miller County and the Solicitor of the State Court of Miller County; to provide for the disposition of matters pending in the State Court of Miller County; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 866 Harbin of the 16th
PIKE COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Pike County Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by Pike

County, the Pike County School District, any municipality or other political subdivision located in Pike County, for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 951 Hatchett of the 50th
TOWNS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Towns County, approved February 18, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3806), so as to revise provisions for the compensation of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 952 Hatchett of the 50th
HABERSHAM COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT

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

HB 953 Sims of the 12th
CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Calhoun County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for the election supervisor; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for required training; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

purposes.

HB 954 Burns of the 23rd
EMANUEL COUNTY PROBATE COURT

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Emanuel County shall also serve as the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Emanuel County on and after January 1, 2025; to provide for the continuation in office and expiration of term of the current chief magistrate judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 961 Moore of the 53rd
CITY OF MENLO CHARTER

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Menlo, approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4132), so as to provide that future mayors and councilmembers shall be elected to four-year terms of office; to provide for municipal general elections in odd-numbered years; to provide for interim terms of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 972 Harbison of the 15th
CITY OF FORT OGLETHORPE LEVY EXCISE TAX

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fort Oglethorpe to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following two local bills relating to homestead exemptions require a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

SB 388 Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
Beach of the 21st
Albers of the 56th
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION CHEROKEE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes

for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, so as to provide for a full value exemption for senior and disabled residents; to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 865 Harbin of the 16th
LAMAR COUNTY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lamar County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $7,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead after a specified five-year phase-in period for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved April 24, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3702), so as to increase such homestead exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.8 (b), Senator Moore of the 53rd filed the following objection:

As provided in Senate Rule 4-2.8 (b), we, the undersigned Senators, hereby file an objection to HB 972, which is on the Local Consent Calendar for today, and hereby request that it be moved to the Senate Local Contested Calendar.

/s/ Moore of the 53rd
/s/ Gooch of the 51st
/s/ Payne of the 54th

Date: 2/7/24

Pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.8 (b), HB 972 was removed from the Senate Local Consent Calendar and placed on the Senate Local Contested Calendar for today.

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HB 972 Harbison of the 15th

CITY OF FORT OGLETHORPE LEVY EXCISE TAX

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fort Oglethorpe to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Moore of the 53rd asked unanimous consent that HB 972 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations from the Senate Local Contested Calendar. The consent was granted, and HB 972 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	E Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.

Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
E Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 45, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand in recess for the purpose of convening a Joint Session with the House of Representatives, pursuant to HR 805, to hear a message from the Honorable Michael P. Boggs, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and, upon the dissolution of the Joint Session, that the Senate stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 8, 2024.

The President announced the motion prevailed at 11:00 a.m.

The hour for convening the Joint Session of the Senate and House having arrived, the President, accompanied by the Secretary and Senators, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and the Joint Session, called for the purpose of hearing a message by the Honorable Michael P. Boggs, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was called to order by the President. HR 805, authorizing the Joint Session of the Senate and House, was read by the Clerk of the House.

The Honorable Michael P. Boggs, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, addressed the Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives as follows:

"Lieutenant Gov. Jones; Speaker Burns and First Lady of the House Dayle Burns; President Pro Tem Kennedy; Speaker Pro Tem Jones; members of the General Assembly; Constitutional Officers; Presiding Justice Peterson and my fellow justices; Chief Judge Mercier, Vice-Chief Judge Brown, and the judges of the Court of Appeals; other judges here with us today; and my fellow Georgians.

Good morning! Thank you for the invitation to be back before you all today to update you on the ongoing work and commitment of our state courts to uphold the rule of law and serve the people of Georgia.

I'd like to begin by acknowledging all of the hard-working folks who keep our state courts operating despite enormous challenges. Please know that while Georgia's court system is one of the busiest and most efficient in the nation, our judicial system, and in particular our trial courts, do not operate in a vacuum. Efforts of our judges to improve the administration of justice and uphold the rule of law would be meaningless without all of our valuable judicial system partners – these include civil lawyers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, victims' advocates, court administrators, clerks, administrative assistants, court reporters, interpreters, bailiffs, deputies, IT technicians, and even our janitorial staff.

Consider if you will that all of these professionals are spokes on the wheels of justice. If any one of them is missing in any case, the wheels simply won't turn. Without each of them, our courts would not be able to function, and our judges would be unable to meet their constitutional duties. They are truly the foundation of the Judicial Branch of government, and because many of these individuals largely work behind the scenes, they probably do not hear our thanks enough. So, to all of the people who make our judicial system work, thank you on behalf of all the judges of this state!

Last year, I stood before you all and told you that the state of Georgia's judiciary was strong. It was true then, and it's true now. But like other areas of government, Georgia's judiciary also faces significant challenges. I'd like to take the opportunity this morning to discuss the work of our courts and highlight some of these challenges.

I want to assure you that despite challenges, we remain steadfast in applying and interpreting—not making—the laws and constitution of our state. And, as always, I want to again express our appreciation for the trust and support that you all in our legislative branch have shown us as we seek your partnership in addressing a wide array of issues affecting our courts.

I begin by expressing the gratitude of the entire judiciary for the financial assistance that Gov. Brian Kemp granted our judicial system at the height of the COVID pandemic, when trial courts quickly had to pivot, adapt, and innovate to meet the unique obstacles created by unprecedented times. In some courts, we are still feeling the aftershocks of backlogged cases, but our judges are working hard, and we are making progress.

As a result of the American Rescue Plan Act funding allocated by the Governor's Office to the judicial branch, every circuit that requested help was awarded some amount of relief, many of them multiple rounds of awards. To date, that's 46 of Georgia's 50 judicial circuits—circuits represented by nearly every legislator in this room! These grants have allowed circuits to hire temporary personnel, update courtroom technology, rent larger venues, and procure additional resources to help them move their case backlogs. And a recent study objectively validates the use of these funds and demonstrates that the funds are indeed working.

We are proud to report that the number of pending serious violent felony cases continues to decrease, while overall jury trials have continued to increase. This progress has not been easy. In 2021, at the height of the pandemic, circuits reported an average increase of 24 percent in their pending serious violent felony cases—though some circuits reported more than a 100 percent increase. Fortunately, managing cases has been greatly assisted by the ARPA grants. Since the initial awards were made, judicial circuits across Georgia are now reporting an average 11 percent decrease in pending serious violent felony cases. This is significant progress—particularly given the growth of other ongoing and interwoven challenges affecting our judges' efforts to move dockets.

I'd like to offer you just two examples of how our courts are using the ARPA funds and moving cases. The Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit in Columbus made creative use of its grant money to come to a temporary solution, outfitting the Columbus Ice Rink and Columbus Civic Center as jury selection and trial venues. Also, during that time, then-Chief Judge Gil McBride said that more than a dozen new employees, including three

assistant DAs, two superior court clerks, part-time and full-time investigators, three deputies, and one part-time and four full-time assistant magistrates were added to the circuit to handle specialized court objectives. As a result, within the first eight months of 2022, the circuit held more jury trials than its pre-pandemic capacity.

And speaking of Columbus, all of Georgia's judges join in expressing our condolences on the passing of Chairman Richard Smith, a great friend and a great Georgian.

In the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit in DeKalb County, pending serious violent felony cases increased by 2,220 cases between 2019 and 2021. Since the implementation of its very first grant award, the circuit has significantly reduced this felony caseload. They too have increased trials, holding 77 in 2022. Chief Judge LaTisha Dear Jackson reports to the ARPA committee that her circuit effectively established a separate division within its Superior Court to handle the backlogged cases, with weekly trials and pleas clearing the most serious ones. However, she also reports that the circuit continues to struggle with attracting certified court reporters and interpreters to return to courthouse proceedings after becoming comfortable with working from home for months.

Despite the enormous progress that courts are making in moving cases with the assistance of ARPA grants, our judicial system simply cannot fulfill its obligation to deliver justice without a full array of judicial system professionals beyond those available through the resources offered by the ARPA grants.

Across our state, there are deficits in the numbers of court reporters, prosecutors and public defenders, court staff, and even sheriff's deputies. Just as it is critical to have enough doctors, nurses, and teachers to adequately deliver health care and education services to our citizens, so too must Georgia have enough law enforcement and public safety officers, lawyers, and court staff professionals to effectively and efficiently keep the wheels of justice turning.

You will recall that during his State of the State address last month, Gov. Kemp noted that workforce development challenges in state government are a serious issue in Georgia. I really appreciate the Governor's focus on this critical issue as these challenges also significantly affect the judicial branch. You will recall the Governor saying that "it's no secret that most state government jobs pay less than private sector opportunities in the same line of work. But many of our employees do it because they feel a sense of public service and they want our state to succeed."

This devotion to public service is certainly true with our state judiciary employees who are committed to the important work of the judicial branch. However, even within the Supreme Court, we have experienced a staff attorney turnover rate of over 57 percent since January 2019. We're seeing experienced staff attorneys leaving for more lucrative positions in private practice or moving to other government entities. What's more, this is occurring at a time when approximately half of our Court's staff attorneys are set to retire over the next five to 10 years. The Court of Appeals is likewise not immune and has seen similar attrition, with 10 law clerks and administrative assistants leaving for better pay or retirement over the last 18 months. Of course, we don't blame them.

Today's rate of pay is not as competitive as the salaries offered by the courts in the

’80s and ’90s, and this compensation landscape adds another layer of difficulty to our efforts to attract and retain top-tier talent. And we must reckon with the fact that this trend depletes our pool of seasoned legal professionals and necessitates time-consuming recruitment and training efforts for their replacements.

Others have long recognized our state’s appellate courts as among the busiest in the nation, taking in thousands of appeals and other matters and issuing hundreds of opinions each year, all within our constitutionally mandated deadline of two terms of court—the equivalent of about six to eight months. For comparison, the U.S. Supreme Court issues only about 70 to 80 opinions per year. And I’m not aware of any other state’s appellate courts that have this kind of deadline. So, filling staff vacancies on our courts is especially important to handling our workload and making sure we are performing at our highest caliber while meeting our constitutional mandates. And the challenges related to pay parity are not just limited to court clerks and staff attorneys.

It is also critical that the State compensate the state’s judges sufficiently to attract good ones and keep them. A Judicial Council Committee led by Justice Charlie Bethel and Superior Court Judge Rusty Smith from Toccoa recently completed a comprehensive compensation study regarding state-paid judges, and the recommendations of that committee – supported unanimously by the Judicial Council – have been introduced for your consideration in House Bill 947 sponsored by Rep. Rob Leverett. We respectfully ask for your careful consideration and support of this initiative.

And even beyond challenges we have at the appellate courts to retain court clerks and staff attorneys, notable other workforce challenges persist. The Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia, which is tasked with training and supporting the hundreds of elected and appointed prosecutors across our state, reports that as of the start of this year, there are a total of 41 assistant district attorney vacancies statewide. Eight judicial circuits out of 50 have assistant district attorney vacancy rates of 25 percent or higher. You wouldn’t be surprised that many of these circuits are in rural areas. And, you don’t have to be a lawyer to know that judges alone can’t move a criminal case docket without prosecutors.

Unfortunately, our trial courts’ workforce challenges are not limited just to prosecutors. As I previously mentioned, many other judicial system professionals play important and necessary roles in trial court proceedings. Among them are court reporters. While the overall number of certified court reporters in Georgia seems to have gone up in recent years, that apparent growth lags far behind the ever-growing demand our state courts have for those legally necessary to take down every word in a court proceeding to preserve the record. In some circuits, courts are resorting to the issuance of emergency judicial permits allowing non-certified court reporters to temporarily stand in for a limited period of up to one year when no other certified reporters are available. Adding to the situation in Georgia, the average age of court reporters before the pandemic was 54 years old, with a full 70 percent of certified court reporters being over the age of 50. Today, many of them are quickly facing retirement if they haven’t decided to retire already. Making matters more dire, fewer new reporters are going through the process to become licensed, meaning there won’t be new ranks to replace the outgoing ones. And without enough court reporters to meet the demand, trials and other proceedings will slow once again.

Let me paint you a picture of what that actually means. Imagine a courtroom ready to try a serious violent felony. The judge is on the bench. Judicial staff is present. The bailiffs are there. The defendant has been brought from jail. Sheriff's deputies are providing security. An interpreter is present. Victims and victims' advocates are present. Witnesses have been subpoenaed, and jurors have taken time off from work and are present. But there is no court reporter ready to transcribe the proceedings. So, despite this seemingly full array of judicial resources, nothing can be done without the court reporter…indeed, one of the spokes on the wheels of justice.

And, because court records are also a vital component of appeals, a deficit of court reporters can also slow matters after trial from reaching finality in my Court and the Court of Appeals. These delays not only affect the party litigants, but in criminal cases also delay justice and closure for victims of crimes. We would all agree that justice delayed for anyone is justice denied. And to be sure, our state's judges alone have little means to manage these particular challenges, although we are exploring options and hope to have some potential solutions for you all to consider next year.

On another front of judiciary-related challenges, a recent report by the Georgia Sheriff's Association shows that there are over 1,000 unfilled full-time and part-time sheriff's deputy positions statewide. While the judiciary does not have oversight of our public safety and law enforcement personnel, this number affects us deeply because deputies play a critical role in the judicial system, not least is keeping our courthouses and courtrooms secure. What's more, on top of the security they provide, many law enforcement officers are also called to be witnesses in criminal proceedings. Without their vital work, it is much harder to prosecute and move cases and our courtrooms are much less safe. In sum, all these interrelated judicial branch challenges affect the resolution of court cases.

I'd like to now turn your attention to an issue that no judge in any society ought to have to address – and that is the issue of the growing threats to judges. Over the last few years, there have been several alarming attacks on judges in the U.S. that have made national news. Lest you were unaware, in June 2022, retired Wisconsin Circuit Court Judge John Roemer was murdered in his home by a defendant he had sentenced to prison. In October 2023, Maryland Circuit Court Judge Andrew F. Wilkinson was murdered outside his home by a litigant involved in a child custody dispute. In December 2023, a man was arrested in Nevada and charged with solicitation to murder two state court judges, and just a month later a county district court judge in Nevada was tackled while on the bench by a defendant after she denied him probation. No doubt, these attacks and threats are meant to intimidate and influence courts away from serving as fair and impartial arbiters of justice. Georgia's judges will not be threatened or intimidated into abandoning their constitutional duties, but incidents like these are repugnant to the rule of law and, if left unchecked, they threaten the very independence of our judiciary.

These attacks prompted the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators to write a letter calling on federal lawmakers to bolster judicial safety in which they acknowledge that, "For our legal system to function properly, judges must be able to administer justice free from threats and violence. They need to know that

court staff and family members are safe. The public needs to know that the people overseeing their cases do so professionally, objectively, unhindered by intimidation, and free from reprisal. In short, for the rule of law to mean anything—the very bedrock of our society—judges, court staff, their families, and the public must be protected."

On behalf of our state court judges and staff, I greatly appreciate your attention to this issue in Georgia. A little over a year ago, the Supreme Court created the Judicial Council of Georgia's Standing Committee on Judicial Security, which is led by my colleague, Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua, and Court of Appeals Judge Brian Rickman, and I greatly appreciate their work. In addition to the judges serving on the committee, we have many vital law enforcement leaders serving in advisory capacities, including Richard Hyde, John Heinen, Chris Wiggington, and Stan Cooper. These leaders are monitoring judicial safety issues in Georgia and are actively working to identify steps to protect the safety and security of Georgia's judiciary.

Importantly, the security committee's work and recommendations hold promise for improvements, both for judges and for you! We know that y'all are dealing with similar challenges which have become all too real for too many of you in recent weeks. So, while some of our security measures are specific to the judiciary, many are more broadly applicable. This includes, for example, proposed legislation to require state and local governments to keep confidential the personal identifying information of judges – a proposal already passed or in the works in 31 other states and a protection that could easily be expanded to cover other elected officials. The committee work also includes training that Director Chris Wigginton and his staff at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center have developed along with representatives from all classes of courts. Later this spring, they will present that training and will also make available this training to any member of the legislature who would like to attend. We all hope that you will find these recommendations reasonable and responsive to a growing threat.

Changing gears a bit, I'd like to reiterate my concern that our courts continue to experience significant challenges when it comes to civil cases. Although indigent *criminal* defendants receive publicly funded legal representation, low-income *civil* litigants are often on their own. Instead, where civil litigants can't afford a lawyer, the burden of representation falls to the litigant to represent themselves or rely on a far-too-small and under-resourced patchwork of volunteers or organizations who take cases for little or no fee.

The Georgia Legal Services Program, which arose in the late '60s to address the dearth of lawyers in rural areas where legal help was less available, is fortunately still going strong today. But even these services face challenges as this program currently has more than a dozen openings in Albany, Valdosta, Columbus, Dalton, Macon, Savannah, and in its Piedmont regional office. And while there are numerous attorneys in and surrounding Atlanta willing to step up, there is still a need for locally based lawyers in those farther outlying cities and towns. Without them, it is more difficult to provide civil legal services to survivors of domestic violence, those in desperate need of housing, and other law-abiding people with critical legal needs. I bring to your attention that both the amended fiscal year 24 and fiscal year 25 Judicial Council budget requests contain several proposals

to help address this problem.

And while we have more than 34,000 active, licensed attorneys in the Peach State, please recognize the severe deficit of lawyers we have, especially outside of the Atlanta metro area. Many of us chuckle at the occasional lawyer joke. But when you really need a lawyer, not having one can be deadly serious. The ugly truth is that many people in Georgia simply do not have access to a lawyer at the most critical time in their lives, either because of where they live or because they cannot afford one. Last year, during my very first State of the Judiciary address, I told you all that there were seven counties—all rural—with no licensed attorneys. None. Zero.

Sadly, that number remains the same today.

Georgia is not alone in wrestling with the problem of legal deserts as data from the American Bar Association for the year 2020 reveals that 1,300 counties in the U.S. have fewer than one attorney per 1,000 residents and many have no attorneys at all. And we know that a lack of legal advocacy can make it harder for folks to access other needs, such as housing, medical care, and child support.

Meeting this challenge in Georgia will not be easy. On the one hand, we still have a relatively steady stream of prospective attorneys seeking admission to the bar. Seven hundred and thirty-two new lawyers passed the July 2023 Georgia Bar Exam. But it is highly likely that most of them plan to practice in and around the Atlanta metro area where private sector jobs tend to pay higher salaries. Pay is also a compelling consideration for new lawyers facing sizeable student loans. Whatever the causes, there is much work to be done to recruit lawyers who can meet the basic needs of those dealing with adoption or child custody matters, business disputes, evictions, contested wills and estates, and more in our currently underserved areas.

One way that the Supreme Court is addressing the lack of lawyers in rural areas is by removing unnecessary barriers to practicing law in our state. I'm proud to announce that last fall my colleagues and I voted to revise the rules governing provisional admission to the practice of law, which included for the first time a process for spouses of active-duty service members. This change was part of our ongoing review of the recommendations issued by the Georgia Lawyer Competency Task Force, and under the revised rules that went into effect on January 1 of this year, the lawyer spouse of an active-duty service member who is currently assigned to a post in Georgia may obtain a provisional license to practice law here in Georgia under certain conditions without having to sit for the bar exam. This new provisional admission will offer them greater certainty and save them considerable time and cost as they continue their legal careers. It also recognizes, I think, the significant sacrifice the spouse is making to serve our country – a sacrifice made all too real just this past week as three Georgians lost their lives and many others were wounded serving our country in Jordan.

Let me now turn briefly to some other emerging challenges facing the judiciary.

New advancements in generative AI present new opportunities and risks for Georgia courts. Our Judicial Council Standing Committee on Technology is studying the issue, and I am one of three state chief justices serving on the national Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators AI Rapid Response Team, a team created to

examine some of the immediate issues related to the use of generative AI in courts and the impact it could have on court proceedings and the integrity of the judicial process. You all are undoubtedly aware of the increasing challenges generative AI is causing across society, and the courts are not immune. Just like any tool, AI can be implemented in ways that enhance and improve the administration of justice and even access to justice. But it also can be used unethically to threaten the veracity and integrity of court proceedings. So, while we are not quite ready to make any sweeping rules changes, we are keeping an eye on this emerging technology and are preparing to ensure the operations of our courts are not adversely affected.

Another critical issue facing our trial courts relates to case management and case data. The value of having access to reliable and accurate judicial data is paramount to informing judicial decision-making and improving public safety. Just this past week, we've seen the Atlanta Judicial Circuit dealing with enormous challenges due to a hack of the county's IT systems including its judicial case management system, highlighting the need for information security as well. We assure you all that we continue to explore new ways to address this issue and improve judicial case management in Georgia.

I would like to end by saying what a privilege it is to be a judge. And while I often like to remind lawyers, dedicated professional counselors are necessary to an independent judiciary, so too are judges. And an independent judiciary grounded in faithful adherence to the rule of law is critical to upholding our country's foundational principles of freedom and democracy. And adherence to these principles necessarily helps build public confidence in our courts. Not as partisan weapons or super-legislatures, but rather as judicial officers who have taken an oath to administer justice without respect to person, to do equal rights to the poor and the rich, and to faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on us as judges of the courts of this state, according to the best of our ability and understanding, and agreeably to the laws and Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States. So help us God.

My good friend and former colleague, retired Justice Robert Benham, has said many wise and notable things in the decades he has served our state. But one that sticks out most in this moment is his belief that throughout history there have been three great professions: Medicine, because it preserves the body. Theology, because it preserves the spirit. And the law, because it preserves civilization. I concur.

Thank you for inviting me here once again to speak on behalf of Georgia's judicial branch. I continue to be optimistic about what is ahead, while I remain realistic about the challenges we are facing.

May God bless you and your families. And may God bless the great state of Georgia and these United States."

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Joint Session be hereby dissolved.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Joint Session dissolved at 11:56 a.m.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the House:

HB 915. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 264), to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate stood adjourned.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, February 8, 2024
Seventeenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 158. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Roberts of the 52nd, Bennett of the 94th, Crawford of the 84th and Draper of the 90th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, so as to change the name of the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit to the DeKalb Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 883. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to authorize county boards of health to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1035. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Stoner of the 40th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to dangerous drugs, so as to expand the exemption of naloxone from the definition of a dangerous drug to include any opioid antagonist when used for drug overdose prevention; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to authorize the board of pharmacy to regulate the sale and supply of opioid antagonists through vending machines; to provide that practitioners may dispense and supply opioid antagonists to certain individuals and entities; to repeal the requirement that an opioid antagonist must have a prescription in order for a individual who administers it to have civil, criminal, and professional immunity; to provide immunity for harm reduction organizations that supply opioid antagonists to certain individuals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 464. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to establish the School Supplies for Teachers Program, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the availability of other funds for such purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 465. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hatchett of the 50th, Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homicide, so as to provide for the felony offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter; to provide for definitions; to provide for elements of the offense; to provide for penalties; to prohibit the sentencing court from suspending, probating, deferring, or withholding any portion of the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment; to prohibit merger; to provide for an exception; to provide for burden of proof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 466. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obscenity and related offenses, so as to provide for limitations of defense that a sexually exploitive visual medium is digitally altered for the offense of sexual exploitation of children; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 570. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Supporting Safety and Welfare of All Individuals in Department of Corrections Facilities Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 158. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Roberts of the 52nd, Bennett of the 94th, Crawford of the 84th and Draper of the 90th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, so as to change the name of the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit to the DeKalb Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 883. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to authorize county boards of health to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 915. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 264), to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1035. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Stoner of the 40th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to dangerous drugs, so as to expand the exemption of naloxone from the definition of a dangerous drug to include any opioid antagonist when used for drug overdose prevention; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to authorize the board of pharmacy to regulate the sale and supply of opioid antagonists through vending machines; to provide that practitioners may dispense and supply opioid antagonists to certain individuals and entities; to repeal the requirement that an opioid antagonist must have a prescription in order for a individual who administers it to have civil, criminal, and professional immunity; to provide immunity for harm reduction organizations that supply opioid antagonists to certain individuals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 436 Do Pass
SR 470 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Goodman of the 8th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 171 Do Pass by substitute
SB 430 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 269 Do Pass
SB 341 Do Pass by substitute
SB 381 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Harbin of the 16th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 181 Do Pass by substitute
HB 502 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 10 Do Pass by substitute
SB 400 Do Pass by substitute
SB 402 Do Pass
SB 443 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 482 Do Pass
SR 487 Do Pass
SR 543 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10 (b), the Committee on Rules has referred the following legislation from the General Calendar:

SR 474 to the Committee on Rules

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 709	Do Pass	HB 950	Do Pass
HB 958	Do Pass	HB 1003	Do Pass
HB 1004	Do Pass	HB 1007	Do Pass
HB 1008	Do Pass	HB 1068	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 206	HB 434	SB 232	SB 393	SB 411	SB 424
SB 426	SR 454				

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Islam Parkes was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that Senator Dolezal of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dolezal was excused.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that Senator Still of the 48th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Still was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Orrock
Anavitarte	Harbison	Parent
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Payne
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Rahman
Beach	Hickman	Rhett
Brass	Hodges	Robertson
Burns	Hufstetler	Seay

Butler	Jackson	Setzler
Cowsert	James	Sims
Davenport	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, H.	Summers
Echols	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	McLaurin	Watson, B.
Gooch	Merritt	Watson, S.
Goodman	Moore	Williams
Halpern		

Not answering were Senators:

Dolezal (Excused)	Islam Parkes (Excused)	Mallow (Excused)
Still (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Lucas

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Watson of the 11th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Matt Peek of Moultrie, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Richard Thomas, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Payne of the 54th introduced the Lions Club of Georgia, commended by SR 554, adopted previously. Dennis Chapman, Lions of Georgia District Governor, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Walker III of the 20th introduced the Perry High School Panthers football team, commended by SR 566, adopted previously. Head Coach Kevin Smith addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Summers of the 13th introduced the Georgia Association of Realtors, commended by SR 551, adopted previously. Jim Banner, president of the Georgia Association of Realtors, addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 565. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Donald Clinton Carson; and

for other purposes.

SR 567. By Senator Davenport of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Christine Lowe Glass; and for other purposes.

SR 568. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Rabun County as the Waterfall Capital of Georgia, and for other purposes.

SR 569. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Eldred Causey on the occasion of his 100th birthday; and for other purposes.

SR 571. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Payne of the 54th, Rhett of the 33rd and Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Elmer Tony Stiltner; and for other purposes.

SR 572. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Watson of the 11th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlanta Dream and recognizing February 7, 2024, as National Girls and Women in Sports Day; and for other purposes.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Judiciary and committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety:

SB 417. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-2-106 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of accidents relative to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, manlifts, and moving walks and removal from service of such equipment involved in accident; to amend Article 2 of

Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses; to amend Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public employee hazardous chemical protection and right to know; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 417 was committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, February 8, 2024
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(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 709 Kennedy of the 18th
CITY OF FORSYTH

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Forsyth, approved May 5, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3542), so as to revise provisions related to the powers of the city manager related to appointment of department heads; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 950 James of the 35th
Brass of the 28th
DOUGLAS COUNTY PROBATE COURT

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

HB 958 Burns of the 23rd
Anderson of the 24th
COLUMBIA COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Magistrate Court of Columbia County to impose and collect county law library fees as part of the court costs in the magistrate court; to provide for practices and procedures connected therewith; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1007 Anderson of the 24th
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute and reestablish the board of elections and registration for Lincoln County, approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4161), so as to revise provisions relating to meetings of said board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1008 Anderson of the 24th
LINCOLN COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of Tax Receiver and Tax Collector of Lincoln County into the office of Tax Commissioner of Lincoln County, approved December 17, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 2604), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 25, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4478), so as to remove provisions relating to the compensation of the tax commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following three local bills relating to homestead exemptions require a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 1003 Ginn of the 47th
Hatchett of the 50th
JACKSON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Jackson County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for senior citizens in an amount equal to the amount by

which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1004

Ginn of the 47th
Hatchett of the 50th
JACKSON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Jackson County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are senior citizens who have annual earned family incomes not exceeding $18,000.00, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3758), as amended, so as to increase the amounts and income limit of such homestead exemptions; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1068

Ginn of the 47th
Hatchett of the 50th
CITY OF JEFFERSON

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Jefferson independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or over and an additional homestead exemption in the amount of $20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or over and whose net income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed $18,000.00, approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4353), as amended, so as to revise existing exemptions and add a new exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Robertson of the 29th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in adopting the following resolution:

SR 572. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Watson of the 11th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlanta Dream and recognizing February 7, 2024, as National Girls and Women in Sports Day; and for other purposes.

Senator Brass of the 28th objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
N Anavitarte	E Harrell	Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
N Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	N Seay
N Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	N Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
N Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
N Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Watson, B.
N Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 17, nays 32; the motion lost, and SR 572 was not reconsidered.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 1, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 26. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to permit meetings and public hearings of development authorities and community improvement districts to be held by teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 42, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and SB 26 was taken from the Table.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 26. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker

III of the 20th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to permit meetings and public hearings of development authorities and community improvement districts to be held by teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 26:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to authorize the establishment of a state-wide electric vehicle manufacturing program for the promotion of electric vehicle and component manufacturing in this state; to provide for purposes of such program; to provide for powers and duties of the department relative to such program; to establish a Georgia Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Commission; to provide for purposes and powers of such commission; to provide for membership; to provide for terms and reimbursement for members; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to permit meetings and public hearings of local workforce development boards, development authorities, community improvement districts, hospital authorities, and boards of trustees or governing bodies of certain retirement systems to be held by teleconference; to provide that such teleconference meetings be open to the public in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Electric Vehicle Future Act."

SECTION 1-2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 7, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Economic Development, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-7-19.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Commission' means the Georgia Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Commission

created pursuant to this Code section.

(2) 'Department' means the Department of Economic Development.

(3) 'EV industry' means the commercial enterprise of manufacturing electric vehicles and related components within this state.

(4) 'Marketing' means promotion, advertising, signage, public relations, press relations, and branding; creation, use, and licensing of a trademark, copyright, and other intellectual property; providing discounts; and other activities of similar nature or within the term as it is commonly understood.

(b)(1) The department shall be authorized to establish, implement, and support a state-wide electric vehicle manufacturing program for the promotion of electric vehicle and component manufacturing in this state. The program shall advance the state's interest in developing, marketing, promoting, or recruiting the growth of the EV industry through continued investment or job creation in this state. The carrying out of the purposes and program in this article are in all respects for the benefit of the people of this state and constitute a public purpose. Actions by the department pursuant to this article shall be an essential governmental function in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this article. Such program shall not consider, evaluate, or make recommendations relative to the sale, distribution, or servicing of electric vehicles.

(2) Pursuant to the purpose of the state-wide electric vehicle manufacturing program, the department shall be authorized to contract with the Department of Transportation, the State Road and Tollway Authority, the Georgia Technology Authority, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, or other instrumentalities of the state for the construction and maintenance of infrastructure which support the EV industry.

(c) There is created the Georgia Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Commission, as a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the state, for the following public purposes and powers:

(1) To formulate recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly to support and expand the growth of electric vehicle and component manufacturing in this state through a state-wide electric vehicle manufacturing program;

(2) To consult with private sector employers, primary and secondary schools, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, and other entities to determine workforce needs for the EV industry and to make training recommendations to educational institutions and the General Assembly;

(3) To advise the department in supporting and meeting infrastructure needs for the EV industry, including, but not limited to, transportation, charging networks, energy supply, manufacturing sites, and communications networks;

(4) To develop, in consultation with the EV industry, such marketing materials and advertising as the commission finds useful to promote the continued growth of EV industry jobs in this state; and

(5) To provide for assessments of the state interest in and benefit from encouraging the growth of the EV industry in this state.

(d)(1) The commission shall consist of:

(A) The commissioner of economic development;

(B) The director of planning for the Department of Transportation;
(C) The commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia;
(D) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia;
(E) One representative from each electric vehicle manufacturer that is manufacturing vehicles in this state, appointed by the Governor;
(F) Two representatives of electric vehicle component manufacturers that are operating in this state, appointed by the Governor.
(G) A representative of an investor owned utility company, appointed by the Governor;
(H) A representative of a cooperative utility provider, appointed by the Governor;
(I) A licensed automobile dealer in this state, appointed by the Governor;
(J) Two members of the House of Representatives to serve as ex officio members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
(K) Two members of the Senate to serve as ex officio members, appointed by the President of the Senate.

(2) The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its membership. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum, and the acts of the majority shall be the acts of the commission.

(3) Members of the commission who are state officials or employees shall receive no compensation for their service on the commission but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the commission. Any members of the commission who are not state officials or employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 for each day such member is in attendance at a meeting of the commission.

(4) Members of the commission appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1) of this subsection may designate persons to serve in their place. Members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (E) through (I) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall serve for terms of two years. Members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (J) and (K) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall serve for terms concurrent with their corresponding terms as members of the General Assembly.

(e) The commission is assigned to the department for administrative purposes only. The Attorney General shall be the attorney for the commission.

(f) The commissioner of economic development shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section to further promote the marketing of this state to the EV industry for future investment. Rule making or actions undertaken pursuant to this Code section by the department shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Administrative Procedure Act.'"

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-14-1, relating to meetings to be open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and

place, access to minutes, and teleconference, by revising subsection (f) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(f) An agency with state-wide jurisdiction or a committee of such ~~an~~ agency shall be authorized to conduct meetings by teleconference~~,~~; provided, however, that any such meeting is conducted in compliance with this chapter. A local workforce development board formed pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, P.L. 113-128, as now in effect or as hereafter amended, or its committees or local elected officials when performing duties relative to such board, shall qualify as an agency under this subsection."

"(h)(1) The following bodies and committees thereof shall be authorized to conduct meetings by teleconference, provided that any such meeting shall be considered to be conducted in compliance with this chapter so long as the notice required by this chapter is provided and, if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, means have been afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to the teleconference meeting:

(A) Development authorities created pursuant to or authorized by the provisions of Chapter 42 or Chapter 62 of Title 36, by or pursuant to Article IX, Section VI, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution, or by or pursuant to any amendment to the Constitution continued pursuant to the authority of Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;

(B) Community improvement districts created pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, Section VII of the Georgia Constitution;

(C) Hospital authorities created pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31; and

(D) The board of trustees or other governing body of any large retirement system as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-84.

(2) The participation by teleconference of members of such bodies or committees thereof means full participation in the same manner as if such members were physically present. In the event such teleconference meeting is a public hearing, and if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, then members of the public shall be afforded the means to participate fully in the same manner as if such members of the public were physically present."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 26 (LC 47 2473S)

by striking lines 33 through 47 and renumbering accordingly

Senator Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend Senate Amendment #1 to SB 26 by

Adding the following on Line 3 of Amendment 1
"and striking lines 99-101 and the period and "investment" on Line 102

Prior to placing SB 26 on the Table, Senator Tillery of the 19th had moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 26 as amended by amendment #1. Pursuant to the bill's previous posture at the time it was placed on the Table, the question was on the adoption of amendment #1A to amendment #1.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that his motion to agree to the House substitute to SB 26 as amended by amendment #1 and amendment #1A, made on February 1, 2024, be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the motion was withdrawn.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 26 as amended by the following amendment:

Senator Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the substitute to SB 26 (LC 47 2473S) by deleting "(1)" *on line 33*;

By deleting lines 43-47;

By deleting "and" on *line 63;*

By replacing the period on line 65 with "; and"

By inserting after line 65 the following:
(6) The commission shall not consider, evaluate, or make recommendations relative to the sale, distribution, or servicing of electric vehicles.

By replacing "automobile" *on line 77 with* "franchise new motor vehicle"*;*

By inserting after line 103 the following:
(g) Neither the commission nor the department shall issue any rule or regulation, take any action, or consider, evaluate, or make recommendations relative to the ownership, operation, or control of dealerships by manufacturers and franchisors pursuant to Code

Section 10-1-664.1

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 26 as amended by the Senate.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that SB 26 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and SB 26 was immediately transmitted.

Senator Beach of the 21st asked unanimous consent that Senator Walker III of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Walker III was excused.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

Date: FEB 8, 2024

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SB 349.

Signed: /s/ Greg Dolezal District: 27

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Chuck Hufstetler
(Primary Author)

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2024
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 362	State Government; employee representation by a labor organization for employers to receive certain economic development incentives from the state; provide requirements (I&L-3rd)
SB 410	Licensing of Veterinarians; certain sterilization services performed by out-of-state veterinarians from licensing requirements; exempt (Substitute) (RI&U-32nd)
SB 406	First Responder Building Mapping Information System; grant program to fund the creation of school mapping data; establish (PUB SAF-45th)
SB 205	Funeral Directors and Embalmers; reinstatement of a lapsed funeral director's license; change provisions (RI&U-25th)
HB 166	Courts; provide for qualification of constables (JUDY-17th) Mathiak-74th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 362. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Still of the 48th, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for requirements relative to employee representation by a labor organization for employers to receive certain economic development incentives from the state; to provide for definitions; to provide for a penalty; to provide for applicability; to provide for

oversight; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 362.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Burns of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Williams of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Williams was excused.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 1013. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Carson of the 46th and Byrd of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead after a two-year phase-in period for certain residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3793), so as to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1063. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Chattooga County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for the election supervisor; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to

provide for required training; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1080. By Representative Frazier of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Waynesboro, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1085. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Tran of the 80th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Chamblee Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to provide for the validation of such bonds and to fix the venue for jurisdiction of actions relating to any provision of this Act; to provide for immunity and exemption from liability for torts and negligence; to provide that the property of the authority shall not be subject to levy and sale; to provide that certain moneys are trust funds; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1086. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Barrow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens with certain maximum incomes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for

other purposes.

HB 1087. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Barrow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens with certain maximum incomes; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1088. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Barrow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens with certain maximum incomes; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1091. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Holly of the 116th, Scott of the 76th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the chief magistrate of Clayton County, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4411), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4136), so as to revise provisions regarding compensation of the chief magistrate; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1094. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Baldwin County, approved December 26, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 26,

1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4786), so as to provide for staggered terms for the board of commissioners; to provide for initial terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1095. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Baldwin County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1106. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Tybee Island to charge a technology fee; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may be applied; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

At 12:39 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand at ease until 1:20 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The Calendar was resumed.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of SB 362, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker

Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 31, nays 23.

SB 362, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 410. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians generally, so as to exempt certain sterilization services performed by out-of-state veterinarians from licensing requirements; to provide for temporary licenses for out-of-state veterinarians; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 410:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians generally, so as to exempt certain sterilization services performed by out-of-state veterinarians from licensing requirements; to provide for temporary licenses for out-of-state veterinarians; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians generally, is amended by revising Code Section 43-50-44, relating to exemptions from article, as follows:

"43-50-44.

This article shall not be construed to prohibit:

(1)(A) An employee of the federal, state, or local government or any contractual partner thereof from performing his or her duties relating to animals owned by, on

loan to, or under the control of such employer or the control of stray animals; or

(B) Any employee of a public or private college or university from performing his or her duties relating to animals owned by or on loan to such employer;

(2)(A) A person who is a regular student in a veterinary school or school of veterinary technology performing duties or actions assigned by his or her instructors or working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

(B) A member of the faculty, a resident, an intern, or a graduate student of an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology performing his or her regular clinical or nonclinical functions or a person lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology in connection with a continuing education course or seminar; or

(C) A graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine who is in the process of obtaining the ECFVG or PAVE certificate or substantial equivalent performing duties or actions under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

(3) Any person, compensated or otherwise, from performing current acceptable livestock and food animal management practices, including, but not limited to, castration of food animals, dehorning without the use of prescription drugs or surgical closure of wounds, hoof trimming or shoeing, docking, ear notching, removing needle teeth, testing for pregnancy, implantation of over-the-counter growth implants, implantation of over-the-counter identification devices, artificial insemination, the use of federally approved over-the-counter products, veterinary approved products, branding, collecting of fluids for genetic identification and classification, semen and embryo collection and storage, and the use of ultrasound for collection of production data and similar nondiagnostic purposes;

(4) Any person assisting with a nonsurgical fetal delivery in a food animal, provided that no fee is charged;

(5) The actions of a veterinarian who is currently licensed in another state, province of Canada, or a United States territory in consulting with a licensed veterinarian but who:

(A) Does not open ~~an~~ a veterinary office or appoint a place to do veterinary business within this state;

(B) Does not print or use letterhead or business cards reflecting in-state addresses;

(C) Does not establish answering services or advertise the existence of a veterinary practice address within this state;

(D) Does not practice veterinary medicine as a consultant rendering services directly to the public without the direction of a licensed veterinarian more than two days per calendar year;

(E) Is providing services for an organization conducting a public event lasting less than ten days that utilizes animals in need of veterinary examinations, treatments, or oversight to promote the safety and health of the public, the event, and the animal participants; provided, however, that a veterinarian licensed in another state who practices veterinary medicine on animals belonging to residents of this state by communicating directly with such owners and independent of the attending veterinary

licensee is not exempt from this state's licensing requirements; and

(F) Does not offer through electronic means remote services within this state, except for consulting, as otherwise permitted in this chapter;

(6)(A) Any merchant or manufacturer selling, at his or her regular place of business, medicines, feed, appliances, or other products used in the prevention or treatment of animal diseases. This shall not be construed to authorize the sale of medication requiring a prescription from a veterinarian, but shall only include the right to sell those medications which are classified as proprietary and which are commonly known as over-the-counter medicines~~.~~; and

(B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not be construed to authorize the sale of antimicrobial feed additives without an order from a veterinarian under the guidance of the veterinary feed directive in compliance with 21 C.F.R. 558.6;

(7)(A) The owner of an animal or the owner's bona fide employees caring for and treating the animal belonging to such owner;

(B) The owner's friend or relative caring for or treating the animal belonging to such owner, provided that no fee is charged and the friend or relative does not solicit, advertise, or regularly engage in providing such care or treatment or administer or dispense prescription drugs without a valid prescription; or

(C) The owner of an animal and any of the owner's bona fide employees caring for and treating the animal belonging to such owner, except where the ownership of the animal was transferred for purposes of circumventing the provisions of this ~~chapter~~ article. Persons ~~must~~ shall comply with all laws, rules, and regulations relative to the use of medicines and biologics; provided, however, that such owner and any of such owner's bona fide employees caring for and treating such animal shall not practice veterinary medicine except as otherwise permitted under this Code section;

(8)(A) The owner, operator, or employee of a licensed kennel, animal rescue organization, animal shelter, or stable or of a pet-sitting service providing food, shelter, or supervision of an animal or administering prescription drugs pursuant to prescription of a licensed veterinarian or over-the-counter medicine to an animal;

(B) Any person acting under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian to provide care to animals that are the property of an animal shelter when ~~at least~~ the following ~~three~~ conditions are met:

(i) The person is an employee of an animal shelter or a local government who has control over the governance of the animal shelter;

(ii) The person is performing these tasks in compliance with a written protocol developed in consultation with a licensed veterinarian; and

(iii) The person has received proper training; provided, however, that such persons shall not diagnose, prescribe, dispense, or perform surgery;

(9) Any person selling or applying any pesticide, insecticide, or herbicide, as permitted by law;

(10) Any person engaging in scientific research involving animals conducted in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations;

(11) Any licensed veterinary technician, veterinary technologist, or other employee of

a licensed veterinarian from performing lawful duties under the direction and supervision of such veterinarian who shall be responsible for the performance of the employee;

(12) The owner of an animal, the owner's employee, or a member of a nationally recognized organization that acknowledges persons performing embryo transfer or artificial breeding and that is approved by the board from:

(A) The nonsurgical removal of an embryo from an animal for the purpose of transplanting such embryo into another female animal, cryopreserving such embryo, or implanting such embryo in an animal, provided that the use of prescription medications in such animals is maintained under the direction of a licensed veterinarian with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship; or

(B) The testing and evaluation of semen;

(13) Any other licensed or registered ~~health care~~ healthcare provider utilizing his or her special skills, or any person whose expertise, in the opinion of the licensed veterinarian ~~licensed in this state~~, would benefit the animal, so long as the treatment of the animal is under the direction of a licensed veterinarian with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

(14) A person performing soft tissue animal massage or other forms of soft tissue animal manipulation;

(15) A person performing aquaculture or raniculture management practices;

(16) A person implanting electronic identification devices in small companion animals;

(17) An employee or contractual partner of a zoological park or aquarium accredited by the ~~American Zoo and Aquarium~~ Association of Zoos and Aquariums or other substantially equivalent nationally recognized accrediting agency as determined by the board from performing his or her duties that are approved by a licensed veterinarian and relate to animals owned by or on loan to such zoological park or aquarium;

(18) Any person lawfully engaged in the art or profession of farriery for the care of hooves and feet of equines and livestock;

(19) Any veterinarian licensed by a state and serving as a volunteer health practitioner as such term is defined in Code Section 38-3-161 from providing service after a state of emergency has been declared pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51 or other applicable law or laws; ~~or~~

(20) Any veterinarian licensed by a state from practicing veterinary medicine in a temporary capacity at one of this state's institutions of higher learning. Such veterinarian shall be paid for his or her services solely from state, federal, or institutional funds. Such veterinarian shall practice solely at the institution of higher learning, or in an educational or research program outside the institution associated with the institution, for no more than six months in order to qualify for practice under this Code section. Any violation of state or federal laws, rules, or regulations by such veterinarian shall be reported to the applicable licensing board by the institution of higher learning."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-50-44.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Shelter medicine' means veterinary practices used to manage the health of populations of animals handled by municipal animal shelters and private animal welfare or adoption.

(2) 'Sterilization services' means procedures that meet or exceed veterinary medical standards of care in providing sterilization of dogs, cats, and pet rabbits.

(b)(1) No later than December 31, 2024, the board shall adopt rules and regulations implementing a process by which the holder of an active veterinary license or veterinary technician license from another state, in good standing is such state, may qualify for a one-time, six-month temporary license, license by endorsement, or a combination thereof, for practice in government or nonprofit shelter medicine, nonprofit sterilization clinics, or nonprofit mobile sterilization programs registered with this state. Such process shall include the issuance of a license to an applicant based upon such applicant:

(A) Holding a license from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements of this state to obtain a license; and

(B) Obtaining a specialty, certification, training, or other experience while employed in another state which substantially meets or exceeds the requirement to obtain a license in this state.

(2) The board shall conduct periodic reviews of its rules and regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) The holder of an active veterinary license or veterinary technician license from another state who is employed by a nonprofit or for-profit entity not registered in this state, and who provides mobile sterilization services in Georgia under such entity, is ineligible for a temporary license provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hodges of the 3rd, and Williams of the 25th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to SB 410 (LC 44 2625S) by inserting "agencies" *after* "adoption" *in line 147.*

By replacing "is" *with* "in" *in line 152.*

Senator Merritt of the 9th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Merritt of the 9th asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Kirkpatrick amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 410, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 406. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Brass of the 28th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide first responder

building mapping information system, so as to establish a grant program to fund the creation of school mapping data for inclusion in the state-wide first responder building mapping information system; to provide for standards for school mapping data; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 406, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 205. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th, Anderson of the 24th, Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for funeral directors and embalmers, so as to change certain provisions related to the reinstatement of a lapsed funeral director's license; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 205, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 166. By Representatives Mathiak of the 74th, Knight of the 134th, Camp of the 135th, Daniel of the 117th and Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to constables, clerk, and other court personnel, so as to provide for the qualification of constables; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

HB 166, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

HB 557. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 47th, Parrish of the 158th, Powell of the 33rd, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to authorize physicians to delegate the authority to advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances; provide for requirements; to provide for automatic approval of nurse protocol agreements and job descriptions under certain conditions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on HB 557 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to HB 557 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
/s/ Senator Walker III of the 20th	/s/ Representative Stephens of the 164th
/s/ Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd	/s/ Representative Parrish of the 158th
/s/ Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd	/s/ Representative Jones of the 47th

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON HB 557

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to authorize physicians to delegate the authority to advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to prescribe certain Schedule II controlled substances; to provide for requirements; to provide for automatic approval of nurse protocol agreements and job descriptions under certain conditions; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to execute affidavits certifying an individual is disabled for purposes of obtaining special vehicle decals for persons with disabilities; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds:

(1) Governor Kemp created the Georgia Healthcare Workforce Commission in 2022;

(2) The commission recognized that Georgia is now in the minority of states with restrictions on certain healthcare occupations, such as nurse practitioners and physician assistants, and that research also suggests that in appropriate circumstances, revising practice restrictions on certain healthcare occupations and granting increased practice authority have the potential to improve access to care without compromising quality or increasing costs;

(3) The commission believes that exploring updating scope of practice limitations could potentially ease pressure on the healthcare workforce by allowing certain healthcare occupations to perform more advanced work in healthcare settings which could decrease work burden on other clinical providers;

(4) Georgia is one of only three states that forbids physician assistants and nurse practitioners from prescribing any Schedule II medications; and

(5) A more streamlined process at the Georgia Composite Medical Board will allow already licensed and certified practitioners to more quickly begin work.

SECTION 2.

Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a), paragraph (10) of subsection (g), and subsections (k) and (m) of Code Section 43-34-25, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurse, construction and limitations of such delegation, definitions, conditions of nurse protocol, and issuance of prescription drug orders, and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(3) 'Controlled substance' means any controlled substance as defined in Code Section 16-13-21 but shall not include any Schedule I controlled substance included in Code Section 16-13-25 or any Schedule II controlled substance included in Code Section 16-13-26, except as authorized pursuant to subsection (d.1) of this Code section."

"(d.1) An advanced practice registered nurse who has at least one year of post-licensure clinical experience and is in good standing with the board may be authorized under a nurse protocol agreement to issue prescription drug orders for hydrocodone, oxycodone, or compounds thereof in emergency situations pursuant to the following requirements:

(1) The authorization is specifically included in the nurse protocol agreement;

(2) The advanced practice registered nurse has directly evaluated the patient;

(3) The prescription drug order is limited to an initial prescription, not to exceed a five-day supply;

(4) The prescription drug order is for an individual 18 years of age or older; and

(5) The advanced practice registered nurse completes one hour of continuing education biennially in the appropriate ordering and use of hydrocodone, oxycodone, and compounds thereof."

"(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d.1) of this Code section, in ~~In~~ any emergency medical services system operated by, or on behalf of, any county, municipality, or hospital authority with a full-time physician medical director and who does not order drugs, except that he or she may order up to a 14 day supply of drugs as necessary in an emergency situation, excluding ~~Schedule II controlled substances and~~ benzodiazepines and all Schedule II controlled substances except hydrocodone, oxycodone, or compounds thereof; provided, however, that an advanced practice registered nurse shall not order radiographic imaging, diagnostic studies, or medical devices pursuant to this paragraph; and provided, further, that a patient shall be referred to a physician, a dentist, or a federally qualified health center."

"(k) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize an advanced practice registered nurse to issue a prescription drug order for a Schedule I or II controlled substance, except as otherwise authorized pursuant to subsection (d.1) of this Code section, or authorize refills of any drug for more than 12 months from the date of the original order except in the case of oral contraceptives, hormone replacement therapy, or prenatal vitamins which may be refilled for a period of 24 months."

"(m)(1) The board shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations

governing a delegating physician in order to carry out the intents and purposes of this Code section.

(2)(A) Further, the board shall be authorized to:

~~(1)~~(i) Require that a nurse protocol agreement shall be filed by the delegating physician with the board within a reasonable time from the date of execution;

~~(2)~~(ii) Determine, after review of a filed nurse protocol agreement, if such nurse protocol agreement fails to meet accepted standards of medical practice as established by the board; and

~~(3)~~(iii) Require the delegating physician to amend any such noncompliant nurse protocol agreement in order to meet such accepted standards.

(B) If a medical practice has an existing approved nurse protocol agreement and an alternate delegating physician or a change in the delegating physician within the same or similar specialty, such new nurse protocol agreement for the new alternate delegating physician or a change in the delegating physician, upon submission, shall be automatically deemed approved by the board.

(C) If a delegating physician submits a nurse protocol agreement for a new advanced practice registered nurse and such nurse protocol agreement that has substantially the same terms and provisions as a nurse protocol agreement previously submitted by such delegating physician for another advanced practice registered nurse and approved by the board, the nurse protocol agreement for the new advanced practice registered nurse, upon submission, shall be automatically deemed approved by the board."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (c) and (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103, relating to delegation of authority to physician assistants, as follows:

"(c)(1) At all times while providing patient services, a physician assistant shall have a signed job description submitted by his or her primary supervising physician and approved by the board.

(2) Nothing in this article shall prevent a primary supervising physician from submitting to the board a new or amended physician assistant job description.

(3) If a medical practice has an existing approved job description and an alternate supervising physician or a change in the supervising physician within the same or similar specialty, such new job description for the new alternate supervising physician or a change in the supervising physician, upon submission, shall be automatically deemed approved by the board.

(4) If a primary supervising physician submits a job description for a new physician assistant and such job description that has substantially the same terms and provisions as a job description previously submitted by such primary supervising physician for another physician assistant and approved by the board, the job description for the new physician assistant, upon submission, shall be automatically deemed approved by the board."

"(e.1)(1)(A) In addition to and without limiting the authority granted by Code Section

43-34-23, a physician may delegate to a physician assistant, in accordance with a job description, the authority to issue a prescription drug order or orders for any device as defined in Code Section 26-4-5 or to issue any dangerous drug as defined in Code Section 16-13-71, hydrocodone, oxycodone, or compounds thereof in accordance with subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, or any Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance as defined in Code Section 16-13-21 on a prescription drug order or prescription device order form as specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection. Delegation of such authority shall be contained in the job description required by this Code section. The delegating physician shall remain responsible for the medical acts of the physician assistant performing such delegated acts and shall adequately supervise the physician assistant. If an existing job description for a physician assistant does not contain such authority to order a prescription drug or device order as provided by this subsection, that physician assistant may not issue any such prescription drug or device order until a new job description delegating such authority is submitted to and approved by the board. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize the written prescription drug order of a Schedule I or II controlled substance, except as authorized pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) A physician may delegate to a physician assistant who has at least one year of post-licensure clinical experience and is in good standing with the board the authority to issue prescription drug orders for hydrocodone, oxycodone, or compounds thereof in emergency situations pursuant to the following requirements:

(i) The authorization is specifically included in the job description;

(ii) The physician assistant has directly evaluated the patient;

(iii) The drug order is limited to an initial prescription not to exceed a five-day supply; and

(iv) The prescription drug order is for an individual 18 years of age or older.

(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to create a presumption of liability, either civil or criminal, on the part of a pharmacist who is duly licensed under Title 26 and who in good faith fills a prescription drug or device order presented by a patient pursuant to this subsection. The pharmacist shall presume that the prescription drug or device order was issued by a physician assistant duly licensed under this article who has qualified under this Code section to prescribe pharmaceutical agents. The pharmacist shall also presume that the pharmaceutical agent prescribed by the physician assistant is an approved pharmaceutical agent, unless the pharmacist has actual or constructive knowledge to the contrary.

(3) The physician assistant shall only be authorized to exercise the rights granted under this subsection using a prescription drug or device order form which includes the name, address, and telephone number of the prescribing supervising or alternate supervising physician, the patient's name and address, the drug or device prescribed, the number of refills, and directions to the patient with regard to the taking and dosage of the drug. A prescription drug order which is transmitted either electronically or via facsimile shall conform to the requirements set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c) of Code

Section 26-4-80, respectively. Any form containing less information than that described in this paragraph shall not be offered to or accepted by any pharmacist who is duly licensed under Title 26.

(4) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize a physician assistant to authorize refills of any drug for more than 12 months from the date of the original prescription drug or device order.

(5) A supervising physician or alternate supervising physician shall evaluate or examine, at least every three months, any patient receiving controlled substances.

(6) In addition to the copy of the prescription drug or device order delivered to the patient, a record of such prescription shall be maintained in the patient's medical record in the following manner:

(A) The physician assistant carrying out a prescription drug or device order shall document such order either in writing or by electronic means; and

(B) The supervising physician shall periodically review patient records. Such review may be achieved with a sampling of such records as determined by the supervising physician.

(7) A physician assistant is not permitted to prescribe drugs or devices except as authorized in the physician assistant's job description and in accordance with this article.

(8) The board shall adopt rules establishing procedures to evaluate an application for a job description containing the authority to order a prescription drug or device and any other rules the board deems necessary or appropriate to regulate the practice of physician assistants, to carry out the intent and purpose of this article, or to protect the public welfare.

(9) A physician assistant authorized by a primary supervising physician to order controlled substances pursuant to this Code section is authorized to register with the ~~federal~~ United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

(10)(A) A physician assistant delegated the authority by the primary supervising physician to issue a prescription drug or device order shall be required to complete a minimum of three hours of continuing education biennially in practice specific pharmaceuticals in which the physician assistant has prescriptive order privileges.

(B) A physician assistant delegated the authority by the primary supervising physician to issue a prescription drug or device order for hydrocodone, oxycodone, or compounds thereof shall be required to complete one additional hour of continuing education biennially in the appropriate ordering and use of hydrocodone, oxycodone, or compounds thereof.

(11) A managed care system, health plan, hospital, insurance company, or other similar entity shall not require a physician to be a party to a job description as a condition for participation in or reimbursement from such entity."

SECTION 4.

Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by

revising Code Section 40-2-74.1, relating to temporary, permanent, and special permanent parking permits for persons with disabilities, as follows:

"40-2-74.1.

(a) The department shall issue parking permits for persons with disabilities and may delegate to county tag agents the responsibility for issuance of such permits to residents of the county served by the tag agent. The department shall receive applications for and issue parking permits by mail to persons with disabilities upon presentation of an affidavit of a licensed doctor of medicine, licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine, licensed doctor of podiatric medicine, licensed optometrist, ~~or~~ licensed chiropractor, licensed advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103 stating that such person is a disabled person, the specific disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk, and that he or she is a person with disabilities as specified in paragraph (5) of Code Section 40-6-221. Permits shall be in such form as the department prescribes but shall be of sufficient size and sufficiently distinctively marked to be easily visible when placed on or affixed to the driver's side of the dashboard or hung from the rearview mirror of the parked vehicle. Permits shall be made of a substrate as determined by the commissioner and shall be of sufficient quality to ensure that the coloring of the permit and the ink used thereon will resist fading for a period of at least four years. Permits shall be issued to individuals, and the name of the individual and an identification number shall appear on the permit. The individual to whom a permit is issued may use the permit for any vehicle he or she is operating or in which he or she is a passenger. Permits shall also be issued to institutions when the primary purpose of a vehicle operated by the institution is to transport individuals with disabilities. The name of the institution, the license number of the particular vehicle, and an identification number shall appear on the permit. The institution shall use such permit only for a vehicle which is operated by the institution and which is used primarily to transport individuals with disabilities.

(b) The department shall issue a temporary permit to any temporarily disabled person upon presentation of an affidavit of a licensed doctor of medicine, licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine, licensed doctor of podiatric medicine, licensed optometrist, ~~or~~ licensed chiropractor, licensed advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103 stating that such person is a temporarily disabled person, the specific disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk, that he or she is a person with disabilities as specified in paragraph (5) of Code Section 40-6-221, and a date until which such person is likely to remain disabled. The temporary permit shall show prominently on its face an expiration date the same as the date specified by such doctor for the likely termination of the disability, which date shall not be more than 180 days after the date the permit is issued. The expiration date shall be printed with permanent ink and in boldface type of sufficient size to be legible when the permit is displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard or hung from the rearview mirror.

(c) The department shall issue a permanent permit to any permanently disabled person upon presentation of an affidavit of a licensed doctor of medicine, licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine, licensed doctor of podiatric medicine, licensed optometrist, ~~or~~ licensed chiropractor, licensed advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103 stating that such person is a permanently disabled person. The affidavit shall further state the specific disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk or that he or she is a person with disabilities as specified in paragraph (5) of Code Section 40-6-221. The department shall also issue a permanent permit to an institution which operates vehicles used primarily for the transportation of individuals with disabilities upon presentation of a certification from the institution regarding use of its vehicles. The institution shall receive permits only for the number of vehicles so used and shall affix the permits to the driver's side of the dashboards of such vehicles. The permanent permit shall be predominantly blue in color and shall show prominently on its face an expiration date four years from the date it is issued. The expiration date shall be machine printed, not handwritten, in boldface type of sufficient size to be legible when the permit is displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard or hung from the rearview mirror.

(d) Any individual to whom a specially designated disabled veteran's license plate has been issued pursuant to Code Sections 40-2-69 through 40-2-72 and any individual to whom a specially designated disabled person's license plate has been issued pursuant to Code Section 40-2-74 shall be authorized to park the passenger motor vehicle on which the specially designated license plate is attached in a parking place for persons with disabilities without the necessity of obtaining a parking permit for persons with disabilities pursuant to this Code section.

(e) The department shall issue a special permanent permit to any person who:

(1) Because of a physical disability drives a motor vehicle which has been equipped with hand controls for the operation of the vehicle's brakes and accelerator; or

(2) Is physically disabled due to the loss of, or loss of use of, both upper extremities.

This special permanent permit shall be gold in color and shall show prominently on its face an expiration date four years from the date it is issued. The expiration date shall be printed in a size of print that is legible when the permit is displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard or hung from the rearview mirror. Such a special permit shall be used in the same manner as, and shall be subject to the provisions of this Code section relating to, other permanent parking permits for persons with disabilities and shall also be used as provided in Code Section 10-1-164.1. In addition to any other required printing, the following shall be printed upon this special gold permit:

'Code Section 10-1-164.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated requires that any owner or operator of a gasoline station that sells full-service gasoline at one price and self-service at a lower price shall provide the service of dispensing gasoline at the self-service price for the holder of this special permit when such holder requests such service and is the operator of the vehicle and is not accompanied by another person 16 years of age or older who is not mobility impaired or blind.'

(f) The department and county tag agents shall not charge or collect any fee for issuing parking permits for persons with disabilities under this Code section.
(g) Any special disabled person decal issued under the former provisions of this Code section shall be valid until its expiration date but shall not be reissued.
(h) For purposes of this Code section, an active duty military physician shall be entitled to submit an affidavit in support of the application of active duty or retired military personnel for parking permits for persons with disabilities whether or not such physician is licensed to practice in Georgia. Such affidavit shall state that the applicant is in active military service and is stationed in Georgia pursuant to military orders or is retired from the military and is a resident of Georgia and that such person is a disabled person, the specific disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk, and that he or she is a person with disabilities as specified in paragraph (5) of Code Section 40-6-221.
(i) For purposes of this Code section, the department shall accept, in lieu of an affidavit, a signed and dated statement from the doctor, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant which includes the same information as required in an affidavit written upon security paper as defined in paragraph (38.5) of Code Section 26-4-5."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 557.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
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Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.

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On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on HB 557.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

Date: 2/8/2024

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SB 210.

Signed: /s/ Clint Dixon District: 45

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Jason Anavitarte of the 31st
(Primary Author)

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 9, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Friday, February 9, 2024
Eighteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. today and was called to order by Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore.

Senator Gooch of the 51st reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 871. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Bonner of the 73rd, Corbett of the 174th, Reeves of the 99th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead exemption by qualified disabled veteran, filing requirements, periodic substantiation of eligibility, persons eligible without application, and retroactive award, so as to clarify the applicability of such homestead exemption to spouses and minor children; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 945. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Anderson of the 10th, Erwin of the 32nd and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide protection for covered persons under a state health plan when an in-network hospital becomes out-of-network prior to the end of the plan year; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 970. By Representatives Dickey of the 145th, Knight of the 134th, Erwin of the

32nd, Dempsey of the 13th, Mathis of the 149th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholarship, so as to provide that victims of human trafficking are eligible for such scholarship; to provide for the designation of REACH scholars; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 982. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Martin of the 49th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Workforce Development Board, so as to require the State Workforce Development Board to develop, approve, and annually publish a High-demand Career List identifying those careers most critical to the state's current and future workforce needs; to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for conforming changes; to require the Office of Student Achievement to work in consultation with the State Workforce Development Board to audit and report on the effectiveness of employment, wage attainment, and retention of students in programs that align with the High-demand Career List; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1015. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 47th, Hong of the 103rd, Wade of the 9th and others:

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

HB 1019. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Burns of the 159th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 47th, Knight of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemption, so as to increase the amount of a statewide homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws;

and for other purposes.

HB 1021. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Burns of the 159th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

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

SB 333. By Senators Dixon of the 45th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry; to provide a charter; to provide effective dates and transitional provisions governing the transfer of various functions and responsibilities from Gwinnett County to the City of Mulberry; to provide for severability; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 26. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to permit meetings and public hearings of development authorities and community improvement districts to be held by teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bill of the House:

HB 557. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 47th, Parrish of the 158th, Powell of the 33rd, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to authorize physicians to delegate the authority to advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances; provide for requirements; to provide for automatic approval of

nurse protocol agreements and job descriptions under certain conditions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 467. By Senator Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Baldwin County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 468. By Senator Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Baldwin County, approved December 26, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 26, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4786), so as to provide for staggered terms for the board of commissioners; to provide for initial terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 469. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Butler of the 55th, Gooch of the 51st, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, so as to increase the maximum amount of contributions allowed per beneficiary of savings trust accounts for higher education expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 470. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to proceedings against intruders, so as to create a notice of vacancy; to provide for removal of unlawful occupants on land or tenements; to require certain law enforcement agencies to act; to provide for a deadline for such; to provide for mandamus relief; to provide for an award of attorney's fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 471. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Payne of the 54th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to change the expiration and renewal dates for certain licenses and certificates issued by certain professional licensing boards; to provide for exceptions and for applicability; to provide for the division director within the office of the Secretary of State to adopt rules and regulations to effectuate such provisions; to conform a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 472. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Strickland of the 17th, Esteves of the 6th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 36 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online marketplace requirements, so as to revise certain definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 473. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Strickland of the 17th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; to protect the privacy of consumer personal data in this state; to provide

for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

SB 474. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Strickland of the 17th, Walker III of the 20th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393.19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to unsolicited inquiries, so as to provide for notices of solicitation including monetary offers; to provide for a penalty; to amend Code Section 13-8-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts contravening public policy generally, so as to render certain contacts accompanying unsolicited offers from unlicensed individuals void; to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to recording of deeds and other real property transactions, so as to require electronic filing of deeds and other instruments by certain unlicensed and unregulated individuals; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 475. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to change certain provisions relating to the disposition of fines, penalties, and interest collected under Chapter 8, relating to employment security; to provide exceptions; to require that the Commissioner of Labor maintain and make available certain records; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SB 476. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th, Rahman of the 5th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for in-state tuition for certain noncitizen students; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 477. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Williams of the 25th, Halpern of the 39th, Albers of the 56th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement and pensions, so as to provide for the creation of the Peach Save plan, a defined contribution retirement plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 478. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Esteves of the 6th, Butler of the 55th, Rahman of the 5th and Merritt of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for increased access to government issued identification and driving authorization to state residents through the issuance of state driving cards and identification cards; to provide for a short title; to revise a definition; to provide for an exception to the requirement that the Department of Driver Services utilize a certain federal verification program; to provide for application requirements for such driving cards and identification cards; to provide for standards for the appearance of such cards; to provide for fees for issuance and renewal of such cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 479. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SR 575. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that sales tax for educational purposes may be used and shall be expended for the procurement of materials, supplies, and instructional supports to be used for educational purposes in the classroom; to provide that such purchases shall comprise not more than 15 percent of the local school system's total expenditure of proceeds of the tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SR 578. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Jones II of the 22nd and Halpern of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 579. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Beach of the 21st, Butler of the 55th, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the Georgia General Assembly to provide by general law for sports betting in this state; to provide for the regulation and allocation of revenues of such activities; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead exemption by qualified disabled veteran, filing requirements, periodic substantiation of eligibility, persons eligible without application, and retroactive award, so as to clarify the applicability of such homestead exemption to spouses and minor children; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 945. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Anderson of the 10th, Erwin of the 32nd and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide protection for covered persons under a state health plan when an in-network hospital becomes out-of-network prior to the end of the plan year; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 970. By Representatives Dickey of the 145th, Knight of the 134th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dempsey of the 13th, Mathis of the 149th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholarship, so as to provide that victims of human trafficking are eligible for such scholarship; to provide for the designation of REACH scholars; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 982. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Martin of the 49th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Workforce Development Board, so as to require the State Workforce Development Board to develop, approve, and annually publish a High-demand Career List identifying those careers most critical to the state's current and future workforce needs; to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for conforming changes; to require the Office of Student Achievement to work in consultation with the State Workforce Development Board to audit and report on the effectiveness of employment, wage attainment, and retention of students in programs that align with the High-demand Career List; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1013. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Carson of the 46th and Byrd of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead after a two-year phase-in period for certain residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3793), so as to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1015. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 47th, Hong of the 103rd, Wade of the 9th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1019. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Burns of the 159th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 47th, Knight of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemption, so as to increase the amount of a statewide homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1021. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Burns of the 159th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the

Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to increase the amount of the dependent exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1063. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Chattooga County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for the election supervisor; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for required training; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1080. By Representative Frazier of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Waynesboro, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1085. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Tran of the 80th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Chamblee Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to provide for the validation of such bonds and to fix the venue for jurisdiction of actions relating to any provision of

this Act; to provide for immunity and exemption from liability for torts and negligence; to provide that the property of the authority shall not be subject to levy and sale; to provide that certain moneys are trust funds; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1086. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Barrow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens with certain maximum incomes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1087. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Barrow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens with certain maximum incomes; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1088. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Barrow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens with certain maximum incomes; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1091. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Holly of the 116th, Scott of the 76th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the chief magistrate of Clayton County, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4411), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4136), so as to revise provisions regarding compensation of the chief magistrate; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1094. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Baldwin County, approved December 26, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 26, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4786), so as to provide for staggered terms for the board of commissioners; to provide for initial terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1095. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Baldwin County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1106. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Tybee Island to charge a technology fee; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may be applied; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 349 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 322 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Williams of the 25th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 502	SB 341	SB 381	SB 400	SB 402	SB 430
SB 436	SB 443	SR 470	SR 482	SR 487	SR 543

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that Senator Brass of the 28th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Brass was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Merritt of the 9th be

excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Merritt was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Rhett of the 33rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rhett was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbison	Parent
Anavitarte	Harrell	Payne
Anderson, L.	Hatchett	Rahman
Beach	Hickman	Robertson
Burns	Hodges	Seay
Butler	Hufstetler	Sims
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Still
Davenport	Jackson	Strickland
Echols	James	Summers
Esteves	Jones, E.	Tillery
Ginn	Jones, H.	Walker
Gooch	Kirkpatrick	Watson, B.
Goodman	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Halpern	Merritt	Williams
Harbin	Moore	

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Brass (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)
Mallow (Excused)	Orrock (Excused)	Rhett (Excused)

Tate (Excused)	Kennedy (Presiding)	Dixon
Dolezal	Setzler	

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present:

Senators: Dixon of the 45th Setzler of the 37th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Esteves of the 6th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Dr. Charles Z. Gardner of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Burns of the 23rd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Jorge Cortes, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 9-1.1 and any other Senate Rule relating to the wearing of jeans and neckties.

A vocal contingent of Senators objected.

The President Pro Tempore announced that the motion lost, and the Senate Rules were not suspended.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th, being inappropriately attired, left the Senate Chamber.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Walker III of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Walker III was excused.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Beach of the 21st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Beach was excused.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 573. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Echols of the 49th, Butler of the 55th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Miss Georgia Peach Scholarship Pageant and congratulating the 2023 Georgia Peach Queens; and for other purposes.

SR 574. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st and Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Southeast Bulloch Flag Football Team; and for other purposes.

SR 576. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th anniversary in 2025; and for other purposes.

SR 577. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd, Echols of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Sgt. Kennedy Ladon Sanders; and for other purposes.

The Sergeant at Arms announced that Senator McLaurin of the 14th sought entrance to the Chamber. Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore, asked the Sergeant at Arms to escort Senator McLaurin of the 14th to the Bar of the Senate, for the purpose of an inspection to determine whether the Senator was complying with Senate Rules requiring appropriate dress on the floor of the Senate.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th was recognized to address the Senate, whereupon he made apologies for his inappropriate dress.

The Senate accepted, with delight and applause, the lighthearted apologies of Senator McLaurin of the 14th, and Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore, remanded him to his seat on the Senate floor.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 12, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore, announced the Senate adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Monday, February 12, 2024
Nineteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
240 STATE CAPITOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

2/9/2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Shelly Echols of the 49th District as an ex-officio member of the Education & Youth Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 2/9/2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 959. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Lumsden of the 12th, Mathis of the 149th, Ridley of the 6th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for procedure for passing stationary vehicles on certain highways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1026. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Jones of the 47th, Sainz of the 180th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, so as to designate the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby as the official soap box derby of the State of Georgia; to provide for promotion of the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1034. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Corbett of the 174th, Hagan of the 156th, Dickey of the 145th and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate the fourth Friday in November of each year as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in Georgia; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1048. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Cameron of the 1st, Hilton of the 48th, Vance of the 133rd and others:

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

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 480. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for student loan repayment for mental health and substance use professionals serving in certain capacities; to provide for definitions; to authorize the board to approve applications; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 481. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System; to provide for definitions; to provide for collaboration with state licensing boards; to provide for a publicly accessible website; to provide for collection of data from state licensing boards; to provide for specified data; to provide for seeking of funding sources; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 482. By Senators Sims of the 12th, Goodman of the 8th, Esteves of the 6th, Butler of the 55th and Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to revise and restate the law relating to the Sumter County board of education and school superintendent,

approved February 26, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3503), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of said board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 483. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, so as to enter into the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the provisions of the compact; to provide for the present compact to remain in effect until the effective date of the new compact and to provide for automatic repeal; to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

SB 484. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Jones of the 10th, Goodman of the 8th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state's Employee Benefit Plan Council, so as to require such council to establish health savings accounts and to continually provide for education or salary reductions for such accounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 485. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-70.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trial upon accusation in certain felony and misdemeanor cases and trial upon plea of guilty or nolo contendere, so as to allow that certain offenses be charged by accusation of the district attorney; to provide for a definition; to provide for conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 583. By Senator Hatchett of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Dr. Robert F. Sullivan and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 959. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Lumsden of the 12th, Mathis of the 149th, Ridley of the 6th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for procedure for passing stationary vehicles on certain highways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1026. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Jones of the 47th, Sainz of the 180th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, so as to designate the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby as the official soap box derby of the State of Georgia; to provide for promotion of the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 1034. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Corbett of the 174th, Hagan of the 156th, Dickey of the 145th and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate the fourth Friday in November of each year as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in Georgia; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 1048. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Cameron of the 1st, Hilton of the 48th, Vance of the 133rd and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 202 Do Pass by substitute
SB 360 Do Pass
SB 395 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dixon of the 45th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 322 SB 349

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Davenport of the 44th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Davenport was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Islam Parkes was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be

excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Anavitarte of the 31st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anavitarte was excused.

Senator Beach of the 21st asked unanimous consent that Senator Dolezal of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dolezal was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Williams of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Williams was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harrell	Moore
Anderson, L.	Hatchett	Payne
Anderson, T.	Hickman	Rahman
Beach	Hodges	Rhett
Brass	Hufstetler	Robertson
Burns	Islam Parkes	Setzler
Cowsert	Jackson	Sims
Dixon	James	Still
Echols	Jones, H.	Strickland
Esteves	Kennedy	Summers
Ginn	Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Gooch	Lucas	Walker
Goodman	McLaurin	Watson, B.
Harbin	Merritt	Watson, S.
Harbison		

Not answering were Senators:

Anavitarte (Excused)	Davenport (Excused)	Dolezal (Excused)
Halpern (Excused)	Jones, E. (Excused)	Mallow (Excused)
Parent (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Williams (Excused)
Butler	Orrock	Seay

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag

of the State of Georgia.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Dr. Antoinette G. Alvarado of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Echols of the 49th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Jody Bahnmiller-Brasil, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced the Cobb County Sheriff's Office, commended by SR 484, adopted previously. Sheriff Craig Owens addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Lucas of the 26th asked unanimous consent to suspend the Senate Rules to first read legislation and assign to committee.

Senator Gooch of the 51st objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
E Anavitarte	Y Harrell	N Payne
N Anderson, L.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	N Hickman	Y Rhett
N Beach	N Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	N Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	N Strickland
N Dixon	Jones, H.	N Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
N Ginn	E Mallow	N Walker
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, B.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	N Watson, S.
E Halpern	N Moore	N Williams
N Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 17, nays 29; the motion lost, and the Senate Rules were not suspended.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

Date: 2/8/2024

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SB 210.

Signed: /s/ Jason Esteves District: 6

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Jason Anavitarte
(Primary Author)

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 580. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Air Evac Lifeteam; and for other purposes.

SR 582. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th and Hickman of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Vidalia High School Game Day Cheerleading Team for winning the GHSA Division AA-A State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 584. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Dixon of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th and Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 13, 2024, as Engineers Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 581. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Davenport of the 44th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Michael Thurmond; and for

other purposes.

Senator Ginn of the 47th asked unanimous consent that the following bills be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) and committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations:

HB 1013. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Carson of the 46th and Byrd of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead after a two-year phase-in period for certain residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3793), so as to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1063. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Chattooga County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for the election supervisor; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for required training; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1094. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Baldwin County, approved December 26, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 26, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4786), so as to provide for staggered terms for the board of commissioners; to provide for initial terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1095. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Baldwin County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HB 1013, HB 1063, HB 1094, and HB 1095 were committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024
NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SR 543	America's Borders; increased protections; support (RULES-51st)
SB 412	Professions and Businesses; administrative and civil sanctions against charitable organizations, paid solicitors, and solicitor agents for certain violations; change provisions (RI&U-18th)
SB 424	West Georgia Judicial Circuit; create (JUDY-29th)
HB 206	Local government; creation of Commercial Property Assessed Conservation, Energy, and Resiliency Development Authorities; provide (Substitute) (SLGO(G)-47th) Sainz-180th
SB 389	Georgia National Guard; adjutant general to be the official sponsor of the state sponsored life insurance program; provide (I&L-54th)
HB 63	Insurance; insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder; require (Substitute) (I&L-20th) Williams-148th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SR 543. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION supporting increased protections for America's borders; and for other purposes.

Senators Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, and Esteves of the 6th offered the

following amendment #1:

Amend SR 543

by striking lines 39-42 and inserting "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of this body encourage Congressional Republicans to put national security above politics and pass the bipartisan immigration deal to help secure the southern border by strengthening our asylum process, creating new shutdown authority, and combating fentanyl trafficking."

At 11:52 a.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand at ease until 1:00 p.m.

At 1:01 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 1025. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, so as to provide for a full value exemption for senior and disabled residents; to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1135. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Dexter; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1140. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Haralson County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $10,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4087), as amended, so as to increase the amount of the exemption and repeal a maximum income restriction; to provide for a definition; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1141. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and Mathis of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Telfair County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead up to a maximum amount; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1143. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and Mathis of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Telfair County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead up to a maximum amount; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1145. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain Bartow County School District ad valorem taxes for education purposes in the amount of $28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are disabled and who do not have a gross income from all sources, including Social Security and any other retirement or disability income and including the income of all members of the family residing within said homestead, exceeding $20,000.00 per annum for the immediately preceding year, approved April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4900), so as to increase the income cap to $36,000.00; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1174. By Representative Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Harris County Public Improvements Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the Authority, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4052), so as to revise the purpose of the authority; to revise a definition; to provide for the acquisition of property through condemnation; to provide for reversion of assets upon dissolution; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

On the adoption of amendment #1 to SR 543, Senator Gooch of the 51st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 12, nays 31, and the Parent amendment #1 was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
E Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	E Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 31, nays 15.

SR 543, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Twentieth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 300. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 112th, Stephens of the 164th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to solar power free-market financing, so as to provide for the establishment of the Solar Technology Trust Fund as a fund within the state treasury; to impose a fee on the retail sale of new solar technology and to dedicate such fees to such fund as authorized and subject to the conditions imposed by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(r) of the Constitution of Georgia; to provide for reports and forms; to provide for authorization; to provide for annual appropriations and reporting; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 461. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Momtahan of the 17th, Washburn of the 144th, Smith of the 138th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to require that the proceeds of local government regulatory fees be used to pay for regulatory

activity and not general operations; to revise the list of professions which may be subject to such regulatory fees; to remove certain provisions authorizing calculation of regulatory fees for renovation and other construction projects; to provide for refunds in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 516. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Carpenter of the 4th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exercise of the power to contract by the Department of Transportation, so as to increase the minimum amount for a public road construction or maintenance contract that prohibits negotiation; to provide for exceptions to public comment and hearing on projects involving public-private partnerships in certain instances; to provide for an exception to vote approval for such projects; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 576. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Scoggins of the 14th, Wiedower of the 121st, Mathiak of the 74th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to prohibit certain health care providers and facilities from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to the vaccine status of the potential recipient; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 809. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 28 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to occupational therapists, so as to authorize occupational therapists to perform dry needling as a physical agent modality if certain training and education requirements are met; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 977. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Leverett of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so

as to expand the number of contests subject to risk-limiting audits; to provide for percentages of risk limits; to provide procedures for selection of contests subject to risk-limiting audits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 984. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Williams of the 148th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 25 and 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety and insurance, respectively, so as to update the practices of the Department of Insurance and the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for the off-duty use of motor vehicles by certain law enforcement officers; to repeal a life insurance reserves requirement for small companies for accreditation purposes; to allow for the continuation of coverage of a developmentally disabled or physically disabled dependent child under certain policies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 997. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, Hitchens of the 161st, Prince of the 132nd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-5-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disqualification from driving and action required after suspending, revoking, or canceling license or nonresident privileges, so as to require disqualification to operate a commercial motor vehicle upon receipt of notification from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration of a positive drug test, an adulterated or substituted drug test, or a report of a refusal to submit to such test; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1022. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Smith of the 18th, Dempsey of the 13th, Mainor of the 56th and Townsend of the 179th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cruelty to children, so as to enact the "Colton-McNeill Act"; to provide for sentencing of a person convicted of cruelty to children in the first or second degree against a disabled minor; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1033. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Anderson of the 10th, Williamson of the 112th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person, so as to provide for protections for utility workers; to provide for a definition; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, and aggravated battery committed upon utility workers in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1044. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hawkins of the 27th, Yearta of the 152nd, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 13 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts for public works, so as to increase the dollar value of certain public works contracts exempt from provisions relating to retention of contractual payments; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, relating to contracts and purchases by public schools, so as to increase the dollar value trigger of certain considerations related to in-state purchasing preferences for certain contracts and purchases; to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to increase the dollar value related to when certain school construction contracts must be subject to competitive bidding; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public works bidding; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure for state purchasing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 486. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Mallow of the 2nd, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th and Esteves of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to remove the requirement that funeral directors be licensed embalmers; to provide separate examination requirements for funeral directors and embalmers; to change certain provisions relating to the apprenticeship requirements of funeral directors and embalmers; to revise provisions concerning the licensure of funeral directors and embalmers by reciprocity; to make the provisions concerning the reinstatement of licenses applicable to embalmers; ws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 487. By Senators Lucas of the 26th, Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Merritt of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for Medicaid expansion; to provide for definitions; to provide for submission of requests for waivers, amendments to waivers, and state plan amendments; to provide for Medicaid waiver expansion; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative notification and approval; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 488. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Kennedy of the 18th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions, so as to provide for a state-wide exemption from all ad valorem taxes for aircraft used exclusively for the aerial application of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, seeds, or other agricultural products; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates, applicability, and automatic repeal; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 489. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Summers of the 13th, Hodges of the 3rd, Anderson of the 24th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 490. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the felony offense of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 491. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Kennedy of the 18th, Setzler of the 37th, Dolezal of the 27th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-4-82 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duties requiring professional judgment and responsibilities of a licensed pharmacist, so as to authorize the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy to increase the maximum ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians in closed-door pharmacies that provide central prescription filling services to retail pharmacies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 492. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Strickland of the 17th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 22 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school buses for elementary and secondary education, so as to provide standards for the establishment of school bus routes; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 493. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sexual offender risk review board, so as to provide for additional penalties for registered sexual offenders convicted of photographing a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian; to provide that such persons are prohibited from possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person without his or her consent; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and

for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 300. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 112th, Stephens of the 164th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to solar power free-market financing, so as to provide for the establishment of the Solar Technology Trust Fund as a fund within the state treasury; to impose a fee on the retail sale of new solar technology and to dedicate such fees to such fund as authorized and subject to the conditions imposed by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(r) of the Constitution of Georgia; to provide for reports and forms; to provide for authorization; to provide for annual appropriations and reporting; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 461. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Momtahan of the 17th, Washburn of the 144th, Smith of the 138th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to require that the proceeds of local government regulatory fees be used to pay for regulatory activity and not general operations; to revise the list of professions which may be subject to such regulatory fees; to remove certain provisions authorizing calculation of regulatory fees for renovation and other construction projects; to provide for refunds in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 516. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Carpenter of the 4th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exercise of the power to contract by the Department of Transportation, so as to increase the minimum amount for

a public road construction or maintenance contract that prohibits negotiation; to provide for exceptions to public comment and hearing on projects involving public-private partnerships in certain instances; to provide for an exception to vote approval for such projects; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 576. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Scoggins of the 14th, Wiedower of the 121st, Mathiak of the 74th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to prohibit certain health care providers and facilities from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to the vaccine status of the potential recipient; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 809. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 28 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to occupational therapists, so as to authorize occupational therapists to perform dry needling as a physical agent modality if certain training and education requirements are met; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 977. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Leverett of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to expand the number of contests subject to risk-limiting audits; to provide for percentages of risk limits; to provide procedures for selection of contests subject to risk-limiting audits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

HB 984. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Williams of the 148th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 25 and 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety and insurance, respectively, so as to update the practices of the Department of Insurance and the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for the off-duty use of motor vehicles by certain law enforcement officers; to repeal a life insurance reserves requirement for small companies for accreditation purposes; to allow for the continuation of coverage of a developmentally disabled or physically disabled dependent child under certain policies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 997. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, Hitchens of the 161st, Prince of the 132nd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-5-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disqualification from driving and action required after suspending, revoking, or canceling license or nonresident privileges, so as to require disqualification to operate a commercial motor vehicle upon receipt of notification from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration of a positive drug test, an adulterated or substituted drug test, or a report of a refusal to submit to such test; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1022. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Smith of the 18th, Dempsey of the 13th, Mainor of the 56th and Townsend of the 179th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cruelty to children, so as to enact the "Colton-McNeill Act"; to provide for sentencing of a person convicted of cruelty to children in the first or second degree against a disabled minor; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1025. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, so as to provide for a full value exemption for senior and disabled residents; to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1033. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Anderson of the 10th, Williamson of the 112th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person, so as to provide for protections for utility workers; to provide for a definition; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, and aggravated battery committed upon utility workers in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1044. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hawkins of the 27th, Yearta of the 152nd, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 13 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts for public works, so as to increase the dollar value of certain public works contracts exempt from provisions relating to retention of contractual payments; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, relating to contracts and purchases by public schools, so as to increase the dollar value trigger of certain considerations related to in-state purchasing preferences for certain contracts and purchases; to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to increase the dollar value related to when certain school construction contracts must be subject to competitive bidding; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating

to public works bidding; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure for state purchasing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

HB 1135. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Dexter; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1140. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Haralson County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $10,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4087), as amended, so as to increase the amount of the exemption and repeal a maximum income restriction; to provide for a definition; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1141. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and Mathis of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Telfair County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead up to a maximum amount; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1143. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th and Mathis of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Telfair County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead up to a maximum amount; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1145. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain Bartow County School District ad valorem taxes for education purposes in the amount of $28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are disabled and who do not have a gross income from all sources, including Social Security and any other retirement or disability income and including the income of all members of the family residing within said homestead, exceeding $20,000.00 per annum for the immediately preceding year, approved April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4900), so as to increase the income cap to $36,000.00; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1174. By Representative Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Harris County Public Improvements Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the Authority, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4052), so as to revise the purpose of the authority; to revise a definition; to provide for the acquisition of property through condemnation; to provide for reversion of assets upon dissolution; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 293	Do Pass by substitute
SR 542	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 404	Do Pass by substitute	SB 182	Do Pass by substitute
SB 407	Do Pass	SB 421	Do Pass by substitute
SB 427	Do Pass	SB 448	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 956	Do Pass	HB 1012	Do Pass
HB 1013	Do Pass	HB 1016	Do Pass
HB 1042	Do Pass	HB 1071	Do Pass
HB 1074	Do Pass	SB 439	Do Pass
SB 453	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 360 SB 395

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Davenport of the 44th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Davenport was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that Senator Dolezal of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dolezal was excused.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that Senator Anavitarte of the 31st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anavitarte was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbison	Merritt
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Moore
Beach	Hatchett	Payne
Brass	Hickman	Rhett
Burns	Hodges	Robertson
Butler	Hufstetler	Seay
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Sims
Dixon	Jackson	Strickland
Echols	James	Summers
Esteves	Jones, H.	Tillery
Ginn	Kennedy	Walker
Gooch	Kirkpatrick	Watson, B.
Goodman	Lucas	Watson, S.

Halpern	McLaurin	Williams
Harbin		

Not answering were Senators:

Anavitarte (Excused)	Davenport (Excused)	Dolezal (Excused)
Mallow (Excused)	Parent (Excused)	Rahman (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Anderson, T.	Jones, E.
Orrock	Setzler	Still

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Lucas of the 26th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor David Stanley of Macon, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senators Harbison of the 15th and Rhett of the 33rd introduced Marvin Broadwater, Sr., and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., commended by SR 466, adopted previously. Mr. Broadwater addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized former Senator Don Balfour.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th introduced the Mercer University School of Law, commended by SR 545, adopted previously. Professor Michael McNeill addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st introduced the Cedartown High School Game Day Cheerleaders, commended by SR 479, adopted previously. Head Coach Katie Abrams addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Goodman of the 8th introduced the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation, commended by SR 519, adopted previously. Tom McCall, president of the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Setzler of the 37th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Setzler was excused.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 585. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, McLaurin of the 14th, Esteves of the 6th and Parent of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Usher Raymond IV; and for other purposes.

SR 586. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Ashley Thomas, Stephenson High School's 2024 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 587. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Payne of the 54th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 14, 2024, as Afterschool Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 588. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Sims of the 12th and Echols of the 49th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia's animal shelters and rescue staff and volunteers; and for other purposes.

SR 589. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Merritt of the 9th, Goodman of the 8th, Summers of the 13th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Building Owners and Managers Association of Georgia (BOMA Georgia) and recognizing February 20, 2024, as BOMA Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 590. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Mallow of the 2nd, Harbin of the 16th, Echols of the 49th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Boy Scouts of America in Georgia upon the 2024 Scouts Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 591. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in Georgia and recognizing February 13, 2024, as NFIB's Small Business Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 592. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Goodman of the 8th, Orrock of the 36th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ashley Fielding on her outstanding public service in numerous capacities with the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 594. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2024 as Career and Technical Education Month and February 22, 2024, as Georgia Career and Technical Student Organizations Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 595. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th and Hodges of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Green Industry Association; and for other purposes.

SR 596. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement and Engage Club programs, which sponsor Youth Assembly among other programs that cultivate youth civic engagement; and for other purposes.

SR 597. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Queen Ahneva Ahneva; and for other purposes.

SR 598. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Watson of the 1st, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Broughton "Bo" Chappell Mullins; and for other purposes.

SR 599. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Brass of the 28th, Jackson of the 41st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Roland A. Pattillo; and for other purposes.

SR 600. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2024, as Clark Atlanta University Day (CAU) at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Still of the 48th asked unanimous consent that SB 147 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth from the General Calendar. The consent was granted, and SB 147 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth.

Senator James of the 35th asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) and committed to the Senate Committee on Urban Affairs:

SB 125. By Senator James of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, regarding landlord and tenant in general, so as to repeal Code Section 44-7-19, relating to restrictions on rent regulation by local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 125 was committed to the Senate Committee on Urban Affairs.

Senator Moore of the 53rd moved that HB 206 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation from the General Calendar.

Senator Gooch of the 51st objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbison	E Parent
E Anavitarte	N Harrell	N Payne
N Anderson, L.	N Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	N Hickman	N Rhett
N Beach	N Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	Seay
N Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	N Still
E Davenport	Jones, E.	N Strickland
N Dixon	N Jones, H.	N Summers

Y Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
N Ginn	E Mallow	N Walker
N Gooch	N McLaurin	N Watson, B.
N Goodman	N Merritt	N Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	N Williams
N Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion the yeas were 4, nays 42; the motion lost, and HB 206 was not recommitted to the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Twentieth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 453 Hufstetler of the 52nd
Payne of the 54th
GORDON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

A BILL to be entitled an Act to transfer probation and intake services of the Juvenile Court of Gordon County to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to Code Section 15-11-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 956 Payne of the 54th
CONASAUGA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the designation of the chief judge of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit; to provide for terms of office; to provide for filling vacancies in such office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1012 Walker III of the 20th
WILCOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the compensation of the Wilcox County Board of Education; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1016 Halpern of the 39th
Tate of the 38th
James of the 35th
CITY OF SOUTH FULTON PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of South Fulton Public Facilities Authority; to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for construction of this Act and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1042 Rahman of the 5th
Islam Parkes of the 7th
Merritt of the 9th
Harrell of the 40th
Jackson of the 41st
Dixon of the 45th
Cowsert of the 46th
Still of the 48th
Butler of the 55th
GWINNETT COUNTY RECORDER'S COURT

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Recorder's Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 27, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3125), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4297) and an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5149), so as to modify how the clerk of court is appointed; to revise provisions relating to the bonding and insuring of said clerk; to

change the compensation of the judge pro hac vice; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1071 Sims of the 12th
TERRELL COUNTY PROBATE COURT

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Terrell County shall also serve as the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Terrell County on and after January 1, 2025; to provide for the continuation in office and expiration of term of the current chief magistrate judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1074 Dolezal of the 27th
Still of the 48th
FORSYTH COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Forsyth County Civil Service System Act creating the Forsyth County Civil Service System, approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3572), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4038), so as to revise provisions exempting certain employees of the sheriff from the civil service system and from any rights, protections, privileges, or right of appeal under the civil service system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following two local bills relating to homestead exemptions require a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

SB 439 Esteves of the 6th
McLaurin of the 14th
Orrock of the 36th
Halpern of the 39th
Harrell of the 40th
Parent of the 42nd
Davenport of the 44th
Tate of the 38th
CITY OF ATLANTA

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Atlanta independent school district ad valorem taxes for

educational purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $100,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1013 Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
Albers of the 56th
CITY OF WOODSTOCK

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead after a two-year phase-in period for certain residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3793), so as to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 45, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 593. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Brass of the 28th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 13, 2024, as New Americans Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross SB 340, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	N Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 30, nays 18; the motion prevailed, and SB 340 was engrossed.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024
TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 424	West Georgia Judicial Circuit; create (JUDY-29th)
SB 412	Professions and Businesses; administrative and civil sanctions against charitable organizations, paid solicitors, and solicitor agents for certain violations; change provisions (RI&U-18th)
SB 389	Georgia National Guard; adjutant general to be the official sponsor of the state sponsored life insurance program; provide (I&L-54th)
SB 426	Motor Vehicles and Traffic; requirements for joining of a motor carrier and motor carrier's insurer to a cause of action; revise (JUDY-19th)
SB 334	"Helping Firefighters Beat Cancer Act"; enact (I&L-56th)
SB 340	Sales and Use Taxes; firearm safes and firearm safety devices; exempt (FIN-32nd)
HB 63	Insurance; insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder; require (Substitute) (I&L-16th) Williams-148th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 424. By Senators Robertson of the 29th and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia to be known as the West Georgia Judicial Circuit and to be composed of Carroll County and Heard County; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, so as to revise the composition, terms of court, and number of judges of the Coweta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the composition, terms of court, and number of judges of the West Georgia Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 1.

SB 424, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 412. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Summers of the 13th, Harbison of the 15th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to change certain provisions relating to administrative and civil sanctions against charitable organizations, paid solicitors, and solicitor agents for certain violations; to provide for suspension and revocation of registrations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 1.

SB 412, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 389. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hodges of the 3rd, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, privileges, and prohibitions, so as to provide for the adjutant general to be the official sponsor of the state sponsored life insurance program for the Georgia National Guard; to

provide a definition; to provide for duties for the adjutant general regarding the program; to provide for the National Guard Association of Georgia to select the insurer for the program; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 0.

SB 389, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/13/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 389. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Butler of the 55th

SB 426. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Setzler of the 37th, Burns of the 23rd, Walker III of the 20th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise requirements for joining of a motor carrier and motor carrier's insurer to a cause of action; to provide for subrogation for unpaid final judgments relative to causes of action involving motor carriers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Moore of the 53rd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 426

by stricking on line 13 "only when" and Replacing with "when motor carrier operates 10 or less motor vehicles or when:"

Senator McLaurin of the 14th offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend amendment 1 to SB 426 by:

inserting the word "the" between "when" and "motor" on line 2

and replacing "stricking" with "striking" on line 1

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the McLaurin amendment #1A to amendment #1 was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #1 as amended, Senator Cowsert of the 46th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment as amended, the yeas were 2, nays 40, and the Moore amendment #1 was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 2.

SB 426, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 334. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minimum requirements, equipment and clothing, and insurance relative to local fire departments generally, so as to revise qualifications for insurance coverage for firefighters diagnosed with cancer; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland

Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SB 334, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 340. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearm safes and firearm safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

December 28, 2023

Senator Kay Kirkpatrick
Chair, Senate Children and Families
18 State Capitol, Suite 324-A
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
Senate Bill (LC 43 2922)

Dear Chairman Kirkpatrick:

The bill would create a sales tax exemption for purchases of qualified firearm safes and

firearm safety devices. A firearm safe is defined as a locking container or other enclosure—excluding glass-faced containers—equipped with a locking device designed for the secure storage of one or more firearms. A firearm safety device is one that, when attached to or installed on a firearm, is designed to prevent the firearm from being operated or prevent operation of the firearm by anyone who does not have authorized access. The legislation is assumed to become effective July 1, 2025.

Impact on State Revenue
Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would reduce revenue by the amounts show in Table 1. Details of the analysis are provided in the attached appendix.

Table 1. Estimated State and Local Revenue Effects

($ *millions*)	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
State	($1.6)	($1.7)	($1.7)	($1.7)	($1.7)
Local	($1.4)	($1.4)	($1.4)	($1.4)	($1.4)

Impact on State Expenditures
The Department of Revenue would be able to institute the provisions of the bill with existing resources.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center

Based on data from business research firm IBISWorld, we estimate that the U.S. market for safes and vaults, collectively, amounts to approximately $2.18 billion in 2023. 45 percent of that consists of home and gun safes. The industry is projected to grow on average by 1.92 percent annually through 2028. National sales estimates are shared down to Georgia using the state's share of federally registered firearms, as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)—approximately 4.1 percent as of 2021, resulting in estimated annual sales in Georgia of approximately $40.2 million for 2023.

Beginning with the estimated annual sales in Georgia for 2023, we grow this amount by 1.92 percent annually through FY 2029 based on the IBISWorld industry revenue projections. Calendar years were converted to fiscal years using averaging. For the local impact, the average local sales tax rate is assumed to be 3.35 percent, based on the Tax Foundation's current average local effective tax rate for Georgia.

Table 2. Estimated Exempted Sales of Home and Gun Safes

($ *millions*)	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
Georgia	$40.7	$41.4	$42.0	$42.7	$43.0

Specific state-level data on purchases of eligible devices were not found. However, these estimates are consistent with analyses conducted by North Carolina and Michigan, both having considered or passed similar legislation.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 1.

SB 340, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 63. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Taylor of the 173rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Newton of the 127th, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-30-13.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to furnishing claims experience to policyholders, so as to require insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to timely furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder;

to allow such insurers that use other methods to apply to the Commissioner for approval of the use of an alternative form of claims experience reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harbin of the 16th.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to HB 63:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 33-30-13.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to furnishing claims experience to policyholders, so as to require insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to timely furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder; to allow such insurers that use other methods to apply to the Commissioner for approval of the use of an alternative form of claims experience reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 33-30-13.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to furnishing claims experience to policyholders, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) All insurers shall furnish, regardless of the rating methodology used, claims experience to group policyholders within 30 days of any policyholder's request unless such information has been furnished to the group policyholder within the preceding six months. Such claims experience shall be furnished for all groups of ~~51~~ 20 or more covered employees, members, or enrollees, not including dependents, and shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Earned premiums separated by policy year for at least the last two policy years, if applicable;

(B) Total paid claims and total incurred claims, inclusive of any high amount or pooled claims, including both capitated and noncapitated expenses set forth in the same manner as premiums; and

(C) Any amounts in excess of the individual pooling or stop-loss point applicable to the group.

(2) Insurers that utilize provider contracting methods including financial devices such as global fee arrangements to cover all medical expenses or other methods used to calculate premiums may make application to the Commissioner for approval of the use of an alternative form of claims experience reporting. The insurer must still provide Georgia experience on a group-specific basis or on such other reasonable basis as the

Commissioner may approve for such insurer, in advance, based upon a submission of an explanation and supporting documentation. Any insurer that received approval for an alternative form of group claims experience reporting to policyholders shall be required to seek the Commissioner's advance approval of a proposed response letter to group policyholders who request experience reporting. Such letter should describe the insurer's reasons for seeking an alternative reporting process and describe the alternative form of reporting approved by the Commissioner.

(3) Insurers may charge a reasonable fee for providing this information to group policyholders. The schedule or amount of fees to be charged group policyholders for providing this information shall be filed by each insurer with the Commissioner.

(4) In providing claims experience to group policyholders under this Code section, insurers shall adhere to all state and federal laws regarding disclosure of protected health or personal information."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall apply to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	E Lucas	Vacant, 30th

Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 0.

HB 63, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 15, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Twenty-first Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
240 STATE CAPITOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 13, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Clint Dixon, Senator Sam Watson, and Senator Jason Esteves as ex-officio members of the Senate Ethics Committee for the committee meeting to be held on February 13, 2024. Such appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senators shall count as voting members of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2024

RE: GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, I am notifying the Senate that the appointments made by the Governor that require Senate confirmation have been received and referred to the Committee on Assignments. The list as submitted is attached for your review.

The Committee on Assignments will report its recommendations on the appointments to the Senate after which the Senate may proceed to consider confirmation.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 814. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to revise the definition of the term "qualified investment property" with respect to income tax credits for certain manufacturing and telecommunications facilities; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 873. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Burchett of the 176th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to create juvenile treatment court divisions; to provide alternative adjudication to the traditional judicial system; to provide definitions; to provide for assignment of cases; to provide for planning groups and work plans; to provide for standards; to provide for staffing and expenses; to provide for completion of juvenile treatment court division programs; to provide for records, fees, grants, and donations; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 909. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Smith of the 18th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Leverett of the 123rd, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; to amend Code Section 42-8-62.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limiting public access to First Offender Act status, petitioning, and sealing record, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of first offender sentences at the time of sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 925. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Burchett of the 176th, Hilton of the 48th, Daniel of the 117th, Horner of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to emergency management, so as to prohibit any governmental entity from discriminating against and closing a place of worship during an emergency; to provide for civil relief and damages; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 991. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Hatchett of the 155th, Beverly of the 143rd, Parrish of the 158th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6C of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Hospital Medicaid Financing Program, so as to extend the sunset provision; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1037. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Hatchett of the 155th, Mainor of the 56th, Vance of the 133rd, New of the 64th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to create the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant Health; to provide for its composition, membership, duties, and responsibilities; to provide for a definition; to provide for funding; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1083. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to adult residential mental health services licensing, so as to extend grace periods applicable to the Department of Community Health, including creation and promulgation of rules and regulations and the issuance of a one-time provisional license; to extend the grace period for adult residential mental health programs to obtain licensure and the time during which they may continue to operate before being deemed an "unlicensed adult residential mental health program"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1162. By Representatives Knight of the 134th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Carson of the 46th and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolution of the House:

HR 804. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 47th and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to change the date by which temporary loans for counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of this state are payable in full from the end of the calendar year to within 12 months of the initial funding date of the loans; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 494. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Goodman of the 8th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' so as to regulate hemp products; to provide for definitions; to prohibit persons from performing certain activities without licenses; to provide for penalties; to revise disqualifications for a hemp grower license; to revise disqualifications for a hemp processor permit; to revise the annual fee for such a permit; to provide for the issuance of retail consumable hemp establishment licenses; to provide for the issuance of wholesale consumable hemp licenses; to provide for the issuance of manufacturer licenses; to provide for the registration of laboratories; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 495. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Brass of the 28th, Esteves of the 6th, Watson of the 1st and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, so as to provide for the term of validity of a registration card; to provide for delivery of registration cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 496. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ginn of the 47th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 497. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Esteves of the 6th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to redesignate the High-demand Career Initiatives Program as the High Demand Apprenticeship Program; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a repealer; to amend Code Section 20-2-161.4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and termination, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 498. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Summers of the 13th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Interagency Council for the Homeless; to provide for the purpose, membership, and duties of such council; to provide for reporting of activities; to provide for compensation; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 499. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Burns of the 23rd and Rahman of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, so as to revise provisions for establishing, negotiating, reviewing, revising, and filing local government service delivery strategies; to require the development of state-wide mapping standards; to revise the dispute resolution process; to revise provisions related to sanctions; to require and limit the promulgation of certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal

conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 500. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide certain requirements relating to subclasses of ground ambulance services; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 501. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Harbison of the 15th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 19A of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to American history recognition and significant documents, so as to authorize public elementary and secondary schools to display the Ten Commandments; to provide for the display of the Ten Commandments in each public elementary and secondary school classroom in this state, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly or other available funding; to provide for specifications for such displays; to authorize the expenditure of public funds for the purchase of such displays; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 502. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services, so as to prohibit state agencies from contracting for advertising or marketing services with certain companies or from supporting certain companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for certifications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SR 602. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, Robertson of the 29th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the General Assembly to by general law restrict, regulate, or prohibit the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia from approving any increase in tuition or student fees of more than 3 percent greater than the amount of such tuition or student fee for the preceding academic year; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SR 609. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Princess Trahlyta and dedicating a roundabout in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 3-3.1 (a) to allow for the reading and assignment of the Governor's Appointments. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following communication from His Excellency, Governor Brian P. Kemp, was read by the Secretary:

STATE OF GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ATLANTA 30334-0090

Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

February 13, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Cook:

Attached is the list of appointments to various boards, commissions, authorities, and other entities requiring Senate confirmation. This list is submitted pursuant to Senate Rules 3-3.1, *et seq*. If we can provide you with any additional information to assist your office in the confirmation process, please let us know.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Brian P. Kemp

The Honorable Danielle Barron Benson of Clarke County, as a member of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, for the term of office ending 12/8/2027.

The Honorable Sidney "Sid" Albert Johnson, III of Forsyth County, as a member of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, for the term of office ending 12/8/2027.

The Honorable Darrell Keith Rochester of Hall County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable Sara Cruickshank Ray of Cobb County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable Benjamin Raines Jordan of DeKalb County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable Albert Gabriel Edwards of DeKalb County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable Glenn Page of Cherokee County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable Pamela S. Burnett of DeKalb County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable Ellison G. Wood of Bulloch County, as a member of the Board of Public

Safety, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable J. Craig Tully of Miller County, as a member of the Board of Public Safety, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable Leonard Meadows of Ware County, as a member of the Board of Public Safety, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable Roy Hampton Fickling of Bibb County, as a member of the Board of Public Safety, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026.

The Honorable Angela Charlotte Spitzer Stanley of Clarke County, as a member of the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council, for the term of office ending 6/30/2024.

The Honorable Oliver Wendell Horne, III of Monroe County, as a member of the Certificate of Need Appeal Panel, for the term of office ending 11/1/2024.

The Honorable Heather Marie Bohannon of Floyd County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office ending 12/21/2027.

The Honorable Joshua Y. Batson of Lowndes County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office ending 12/21/2027.

The Honorable Russ Brandon Moon of Madison County, as a member of the Georgia Farmland Advisory Council, for the term of office ending 1/1/2027.

The Honorable Jon Clint Hood of Laurens County, as a member of the Georgia Farmland Advisory Council, for the term of office ending 1/1/2027.

The Honorable Joyette Marie Holmes of Cobb County, as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, for the term of office ending 12/31/2030.

The Honorable Mathews Dismuke Swift of Muscogee County, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia – Congressional District 3, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031.

The Honorable John Jeffrey Marshall of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office ending 1/12/2028.

The Honorable Charles Edward Harris, Jr. of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office ending 1/12/2028.

The Honorable William Kevin Bostock of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia

Composite Medical Board, for the term of office ending 1/12/2028.

The Honorable C. Thomas Hopkins of Spalding County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office ending 11/13/2026.

The Honorable Timothy Perryman of Forsyth County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – At Large, for the term of office ending 6/30/2028.

The Honorable Vince Williams of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – At Large, for the term of office ending 7/1/2028.

The Honorable Frank Turner, Jr. of Newton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 13, for the term of office ending 7/1/2028.

The Honorable Tung Quang Le of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 4, for the term of office ending 7/1/2028.

The Honorable David Belle Isle of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 7, for the term of office ending 7/1/2028.

The Honorable Kwanza Hall of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 5, for the term of office ending 7/1/2025.

The Honorable David James Burge of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 6, for the term of office ending 7/1/2024.

The Honorable Daren Culbreath Wayne of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – At Large, for the term of office ending 6/30/2028.

The Honorable Artesius Miller of Clayton County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – Congressional District 13, for the term of office ending 6/30/2028.

The Honorable Joseph Poan Hsiao of DeKalb County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – Congressional District 5, for the term of office ending 6/1/2024.

The Honorable Corey Lebron Ferguson of Cobb County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – Congressional District 6, for the term of office ending 6/30/2026.

The Honorable Lee Chapman of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – Congressional District 9, for the term of office ending 6/30/2028.

The Honorable Susan Kreuzkamp Treadaway of Cherokee County, as a member of the Board of Public Safety, for the term of office ending 4/14/2024.

The Honorable Tyler Marion Wood of Monroe County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office ending 9/18/2024.

The Honorable Kimberly Teresa Waters of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Council, for the term of office ending 1/31/2026.

The Honorable Larry Spillers of Crawford County, as a member of the State Forestry Commission, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031.

The Honorable Sandie Sparks of Gilmer County, as a member of the State Forestry Commission, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031.

The Honorable James Lofton Smith, Jr. of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, for the term of office ending 1/31/2028.

The Honorable Terry T. Cobb of Laurens County, as a member of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, for the term of office ending 1/31/2028.

The Honorable John Christopher Bleacher of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, for the term of office ending 1/31/2028.

The Honorable Deborah Elaine Sills of DeKalb County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, for the term of office ending 1/31/2027.

The Honorable Donna Endsley Real of DeKalb County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, for the term of office ending 1/31/2027.

The Honorable Sandra Veronica Mullings of Clayton County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, for the term of office ending 1/31/2027.

The Honorable Annjeanen Trisa Smith of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family

Therapists, for the term of office ending 1/31/2027.

The Honorable Belisa Marie Urbina of Paulding County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027.

The Honorable Daniel Le Huynh of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027.

The Honorable Sugandha Yadav of Camden County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027.

The Honorable Shawnzia Thomas of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027.

The Honorable Travis Stegall of Glynn County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027.

The Honorable Ashoo Sharma of Cherokee County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027.

The Honorable Kelly McAloon of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027.

The Honorable Kelvin King of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027.

The Honorable Karen Johnston of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027.

The Honorable Paul Shailendra of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 6, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031.

The Honorable Brent Davis Layton of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 5, for the term of office ending 1/1/2025.

The Honorable David "Penn" Pendleton Hodge of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 7, for the term of office ending 1/1/2028.

The Honorable Charles Kim DePriest of Douglas County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – At Large, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031.

The Honorable Randy L. Dellinger of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 13, for the term of office ending 12/12/2029.

The Honorable Jeff B. Sinyard of Dougherty County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 2, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031.

The Honorable Duncan Johnson, Jr. of Richmond County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 12, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031.

The Honorable Daniel Pedro Garcia of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 11, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031.

The Honorable Penny Penn of Forsyth County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – At Large, for the term of office ending 12/19/2027.

The Honorable Michael McKay Murphy of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – Congressional District 6, for the term of office ending 7/6/2026.

The Honorable Timothy Dewayne McCulley of Gordon County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – Congressional District 11, for the term of office ending 7/6/2026.

The Honorable Adam Kennedy of Evans County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – Congressional District 12, for the term of office ending 7/6/2028.

The Honorable Scotty Eugene Hancock of Floyd County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – Congressional District 14, for the term of office ending 7/6/2026.

The Honorable John Edwards of Evans County, as a member of the Board of Corrections – Congressional District 12, for the term of office ending 2/6/2029.

The Honorable George Thomas Stalnaker of Houston County, as a member of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council, for the term of office ending 2/7/2026.

The Honorable Daniel Pedro Garcia of Cobb County, as a member of the North Georgia Mountains Authority, for the term of office ending 6/30/2025.

The Honorable Darcy Jill Watson of Fayette County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027.

The Honorable Kimberly Ann Pitsenbarger of Houston County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027.

The Honorable Edward "Chap" Nelson III of Jones County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027.

The Honorable Barbara Byron Mitchell of Sumter County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027.

The Honorable Staci McNeely Kennedy of Bulloch County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027.

The Honorable Shanna Boss Dupree of Bleckley County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027.

The Honorable Mary Barrett Hatch Yancey of Oconee County, as a member of the Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Honorable Elizabeth Nicole Gosa of Clayton County, as a member of the Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Honorable Kenneth John Carlton Warnock of Emanuel County, as a member of the State Workforce Development Board, for the term of office ending 12/19/2025.

The Honorable Merry W. Fort of Bibb County, as a member of the State Workforce Development Board, for the term of office ending 12/19/2025.

The Honorable Heath Clark of Houston County, as a member of the State Workforce Development Board, for the term of office ending 12/19/2025.

The Honorable Said Sewell of Cobb County, as a member of the Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism, for the term of office ending 2/9/2027.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, all appointments were referred to the Committee on Assignments.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 814. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to revise the definition of the term "qualified investment property" with respect to income tax credits for certain manufacturing and telecommunications facilities; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 873. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Burchett of the 176th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to create juvenile treatment court divisions; to provide alternative adjudication to the traditional judicial system; to provide definitions; to provide for assignment of cases; to provide for planning groups and work plans; to provide for standards; to provide for staffing and expenses; to provide for completion of juvenile treatment court division programs; to provide for records, fees, grants, and donations; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 909. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Smith of the 18th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Leverett of the 123rd, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; to amend Code Section 42-8-62.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limiting public access to First Offender Act status, petitioning, and sealing record, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of first offender sentences at the time of sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 925. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Burchett of the 176th, Hilton of the 48th, Daniel of the 117th, Horner of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the

Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to emergency management, so as to prohibit any governmental entity from discriminating against and closing a place of worship during an emergency; to provide for civil relief and damages; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

HB 991. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Hatchett of the 155th, Beverly of the 143rd, Parrish of the 158th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6C of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Hospital Medicaid Financing Program, so as to extend the sunset provision; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1037. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Hatchett of the 155th, Mainor of the 56th, Vance of the 133rd, New of the 64th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to create the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant Health; to provide for its composition, membership, duties, and responsibilities; to provide for a definition; to provide for funding; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1083. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to adult residential mental health services licensing, so as to extend grace periods applicable to the Department of Community Health, including creation and promulgation of rules and regulations and the issuance of a one-time provisional license; to extend the grace period for adult residential mental health programs to obtain licensure and the time during which they may continue to operate before being deemed an "unlicensed adult residential mental health program"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1162. By Representatives Knight of the 134th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Carson of the 46th and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HR 804. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 47th and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to change the date by which temporary loans for counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of this state are payable in full from the end of the calendar year to within 12 months of the initial funding date of the loans; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Children and Families has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 401 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the

Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 235 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 88	Do Pass by substitute	SB 351	Do Pass by substitute
SB 440	Do Pass	SB 464	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dixon of the 45th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

ELENA C. PARENT
District 42
Senate Democratic Caucus, Chair
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334
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The State Senate

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 88
Date: February 15, 2024

Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 88, which passed out Committee on Education & Youth on Tuesday, February 13th.

Sincerely,

/s/ Elena C. Parent
Senator Elena Parent of the 42nd

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 368 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Burns of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 399 Do Pass
SB 469 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hickman of the 4th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 462 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Moore of the 53rd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 43	Do Pass
HB 244	Do Pass by substitute
HB 436	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Anderson of the 24th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 374	Do Pass by substitute	SB 429	Do Pass
SB 449	Do Pass by substitute	SB 479	Do Pass by substitute
SR 579	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 293 SB 407 SB 421 SB 427 SB 448 SR 542

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Sims of the 12th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Sims was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Davenport of the 44th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Davenport was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that Senator Dolezal of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dolezal was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbison	Orrock
Anavitarte	Harrell	Parent

Anderson, L.	Hatchett	Payne
Anderson, T.	Hickman	Rahman
Beach	Hodges	Rhett
Brass	Hufstetler	Robertson
Burns	Islam Parkes	Seay
Butler	James	Still
Cowsert	Jones, H.	Strickland
Dixon	Kennedy	Summers
Echols	Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Esteves	Lucas	Walker
Ginn	Mallow	Watson, B.
Gooch	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Goodman	Merritt	Williams
Halpern	Moore	

Not answering were Senators:

Davenport (Excused)	Dolezal (Excused)	Jones, E. (Excused)
Sims (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Harbin
Jackson	Setzler	

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Anderson of the 24th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Roscoe Perry of Grovetown, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Esteves of the 6th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Harlan Starr, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced Sierra Pape and the Georgia State Board of Education, commended by SR 483 and SR 560, both adopted previously. Ms. Pape addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Ginn of the 47th introduced the University of Georgia Family and Consumer Sciences program, commended by SR 19, adopted previously. Dr. Tracey Brigman, University of Georgia FACS professor, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Williams of the 25th introduced Air Evac Lifeteam, commended by SR 580, adopted previously. Allen McCready, Program Director of Air Evac, and Dr. Nathan Stokes, Medical Director of Air Evac, addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 601. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Payne of the 54th, Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Jonathan Ezra Dawson; and for other purposes.

SR 603. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia State University Athletic Department for its accomplishments in athletics and academics in 2023; and for other purposes.

SR 604. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Merritt of the 9th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the restaurant industry of Georgia and recognizing February 21, 2024, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 605. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Payne of the 54th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (Georgia CASA) and recognizing February 15, 2024, as CASA Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 606. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Esteves of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Preface Project and its founder, Jonathan Sung An Terrence "JT" Wu; and for other purposes.

SR 607. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Rhett of the 33rd, Albers of the 56th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Audrey Kittila, Miss Cobb County 2024; and for other purposes.

SR 608. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Rhett of the 33rd, Albers of the 56th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Carrington Manous, Miss

Cobb County's Teen 2024; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 3-1.2 (a) to first read legislation and assign to committee. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 505. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 1st, Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to revise provisions relating to required publication by hospital of certain financial documents on its website; to provide for uniform reporting requirements; to require hospitals to annually provide the Uniform Resource Locator for the webpage containing the financial documents; to provide for increased penalties for noncompliance; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent to engross SB 349, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

On the motion, there was no objection; the motion prevailed, and SB 349 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 349	Ad Valorem Taxation of Property; setting of millage rates; revise provisions (Substitute) (FIN-52nd)
SB 430	COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety; provisions for rebuttable presumptions of risk by claimants in certain COVID-19 liability claims; revise (ED&T-27th)
SB 443	Abatement of Nuisances; inclusion of claims against promoters and organizers for costs incurred by local governments due to unpermitted events: provide (PUB SAF-1st)

SR 470 Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands; create (AG&CA-4th)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

SB 349. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Esteves of the 6th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise provisions related to the setting of millage rates; to limit the application of the freezing of the assessed value as a result of an appeal; to limit the application of a temporary reduction in the taxes owed when a taxpayer appeals to superior court and does not participate in the settlement conference; to provide for a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead is more than 3 percent from the adjusted base year value of such homestead; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, applicability, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 8, 2024

Honorable Chuck Hufstetler
Chairman, Senate Finance
121-C State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Revised Fiscal Note
Senate Bill 349 (LC 43 2939)

Dear Chairman Hufstetler:

This fiscal note replaces LC 43 2939 released on February 7, 2024. The original fiscal note incorrectly applied the bill's provisions to the Quality Basic Education funding formula

and equalization grant program.

Section 3-1 of this bill would ensure that the taxable value of a homestead does not increase by more than three percent in a year, unless substantial property improvements are made. This is accomplished by increasing the homestead exemption by the amount necessary to ensure the taxable value does not increase by more than three percent over the prior year.

The bill would have no impact on state revenue or expenditures.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to SB 349:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise provisions related to the setting of millage rates; to limit the application of the freezing of the assessed value as a result of an appeal; to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to limit the application of a temporary reduction in the taxes owed when a taxpayer appeals to superior court and does not participate in the settlement conference; to provide for a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead is more than 3 percent from the adjusted base year value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, applicability, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Save our Homes Act."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-32.1, relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property and method of computation, resolution or ordinance required for millage rate, and advertisement of intent to increase property tax, as follows:

"(c)(1) Whenever a recommending authority or levying authority shall propose to adopt a millage rate which does not exceed the ~~roll-back~~ previous year's millage rate, it shall adopt that millage rate at an advertised public meeting and at a time and place which is convenient to the taxpayers of the taxing jurisdiction, in accordance with the procedures specified under Code Section 48-5-32.

(2) In those instances in which the recommending authority or levying authority proposes to establish a general maintenance and operation millage rate which would require increases beyond the ~~roll-back~~ previous year's millage rate, the recommending authority or levying authority shall advertise its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The recommending authority or levying authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the unit of local government and post such advertisement on the website of the recommending or levying authority, which shall read as follows:

'NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The ~~(name of recommending authority or levying authority)~~ _____ (name of recommending authority or levying authority) has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by ~~(percentage increase over roll-back rate)~~ _____ (percentage increase over the previous year's millage rate) percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at ~~(place of meeting)~~ _____ (place of meeting) on ~~(date and time)~~ _____ (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at ~~(place of meeting)~~ _____ (place of meeting) on ~~(date and time)~~ _____ (date and time).

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of ~~(proposed millage rate)~~ _____ (proposed millage rate) mills, an increase of ~~(millage rate increase above the roll-back rate)~~ _____ (millage rate increase above the previous year's millage rate) mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than ~~(roll-back millage rate)~~ _____ (previous year's millage rate) mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of ~~(average home value from previous year's digest rounded to the nearest $25,000.00)~~

_____ (average home value from previous year's digest rounded to the nearest $25,000.00) is approximately $~~(increase)~~ $_____ (increase) and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of ~~(average nonhomestead property value from previous year's digest rounded to nearest $25,000.00)~~ _____ (average nonhomestead property value from previous year's digest rounded to nearest $25,000.00) is approximately $~~(increase)~~ $_____ (increase).'

Simultaneously with this notice the recommending authority or levying authority shall provide a press release to the local media.

(3) The advertisement shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, not be less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing. In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for such tax increase.

(4) No recommending authority shall recommend and no levying authority shall levy a millage rate in excess of the proposed millage rate as established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection without beginning anew the procedures and hearings required by this Code section and those required by Code Section 48-5-32.

(5) Any notice or hearing required under this Code section may be combined with any notice or hearing required under Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 or Code Section 48-5-32."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-299, relating to ascertainment of taxable property, assessments against unreturned personal property, penalty for unreturned property, and changing real property values established by appeal in prior year or stipulated by agreement, as follows:

"(c) When the value of real property is reduced ~~or is unchanged~~ from the value on the initial annual notice of assessment or a corrected annual notice of assessment issued by the board of tax assessors and such reduced valuation has been established as the result of an appeal decision rendered by the board of equalization, hearing officer, arbitrator, or superior court pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 or stipulated by written agreement signed by the board of tax assessors and taxpayer or taxpayer's authorized representative, the new valuation so established by appeal decision or agreement may not be increased by the board of tax assessors during the next two successive years, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties, subject to the following exceptions:

(1) This subsection shall not apply to a valuation established by an appeal decision if the taxpayer or his or her authorized representative failed to attend the appeal hearing or provide the board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator with some written evidence supporting the taxpayer's opinion of value;

(2) This subsection shall not apply to a valuation established by an appeal decision or agreement if the taxpayer files a return at a different valuation during the next two

successive years;

(3) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties, if the taxpayer files an appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 during the next two successive years, the board of tax assessors, the board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator may increase or decrease the value of the real property based on the evidence presented by the taxpayer during the appeal process; and

(4) The board of tax assessors may increase or decrease the value of the real property if, after a visual on-site inspection of the property, it is found that there have been substantial additions, deletions, or improvements to such property or that there are errors in the board of tax assessors' records as to the description or characterization of the property, or the board of tax assessors finds an occurrence of other material factors that substantially affect the current fair market value of such property."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, as follows:

"(b) **Contents of notice.**

(1) The annual notice of current assessment required to be given by the county board of tax assessors under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be dated and shall contain the name and last known address of the taxpayer. The annual notice shall conform with the state-wide uniform assessment notice which shall be established by the commissioner by rule and regulation and shall contain:

~~(A) The amount of the previous assessment;~~

~~(B) The amount of the current assessment;~~

~~(C) The year for which the new assessment is applicable;~~

~~(D)~~(A) A brief description of the assessed property broken down into real and personal property classifications;

~~(E)~~(B) The fair market value of property of the taxpayer subject to taxation for the prior year and the current year; ~~and the assessed value of the taxpayer's property~~

(C) A list of all ad valorem tax exemptions that have been granted for and are applicable to the current tax year;

(D) The prior and current years' assessed value of the taxpayer's property subject to taxation after being reduced by those ad valorem tax exemptions that have been granted for the property;

~~(F)~~(E) The name, phone number, and contact information of the person in the assessors' office who is administratively responsible for the handling of the appeal and who the taxpayer may contact if the taxpayer has questions about the reasons for the assessment change or the appeals process;

~~(G)~~(F) If available, the website address of the office of the county board of tax assessors; and

~~(H)~~(G) A statement that all documents and records used to determine the current value are available upon request.

(2)~~(A)~~ In addition to the items required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the notice shall contain a statement of the taxpayer's right to an appeal ~~and an estimate of the current year's taxes for all levying authorities~~ which shall be in substantially the following form:

'The amount of your ad valorem tax bill for this year will be based on the appraised and assessed values specified in this notice. You have the right to appeal these values to the county board of tax assessors. At the time of filing your appeal you must select one of the following options:

~~(i)~~(A) An appeal to the county board of equalization with appeal to the superior court;

~~(ii)~~(B) To arbitration without an appeal to the superior court; or

~~(iii)~~(C) For a parcel of nonhomestead property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, or for one or more account numbers of wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-311 with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, to a hearing officer with appeal to the superior court.

If you wish to file an appeal, you must do so in writing no later than 45 days after the date of this notice. If you do not file an appeal by this date, your right to file an appeal will be lost. For further information on the proper method for filing an appeal, you may contact the county board of tax assessors which is located at: (insert address) and which may be contacted by telephone at: (insert telephone number).'

~~(B) The notice shall also contain the following statements in bold print:~~

~~'The estimate of your ad valorem tax bill for the current year is based on the previous or most applicable year's millage rate and the fair market value contained in this notice. The actual tax bill you receive may be more or less than this estimate. This estimate may not include all eligible exemptions.'~~

(3) The annual notice required under this Code section shall be mailed no later than July 1; provided, however, that the annual notice required under this Code section may be sent later than July 1 for the purpose of notifying property owners of corrections and mapping changes."

SECTION 2-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (e)(6)(D) and paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of Code Section 48-5-311, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, as follows:

"(D)(i) The board of equalization shall announce its decision on each appeal at the conclusion of the hearing held in accordance with subparagraph (B) of this paragraph before proceeding with another hearing. The decision of the county board of equalization shall be in writing, shall be signed by each member of the board, shall specifically decide each question presented by the appeal, shall specify the reason or reasons for each such decision as to the specific issues of taxability, uniformity of assessment, value, or denial of homestead exemptions depending

upon the specific issue or issues raised by the taxpayer in the course of such taxpayer's appeal, shall state that with respect to the appeal no member of the board is disqualified from acting by virtue of subsection (j) of this Code section, and shall certify the date on which notice of the decision is given to the parties. Notice of the decision shall be delivered by hand to each party, with written receipt, or given to each party by sending a copy of the decision by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the appellant and by filing the original copy of the decision with the county board of tax assessors. Each of the three members of the county board of equalization must be present and must participate in the deliberations on any appeal. A majority vote shall be required in any matter. All three members of the board shall sign the decision indicating their vote.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (g)(4)(B) of this Code section, the county board of tax assessors shall use the valuation of the county board of equalization in compiling the tax digest for the county for the year in question and shall indicate such valuation as the previous year's value on the property tax notice of assessment of such taxpayer for the immediately following year rather than substituting the valuation which was changed by the county board of equalization.

(iii)(I) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of subsection (g) of this Code section, if ~~If~~ the county's tax bills are issued before an appeal has been finally determined, the county board of tax assessors shall specify to the county tax commissioner the lesser of the valuation in the last year for which taxes were finally determined to be due on the property or 85 percent of the current year's value, unless the property in issue is homestead property and has been issued a building permit and structural improvements have occurred, or structural improvements have been made without a building permit, in which case, it shall specify 85 percent of the current year's valuation as set by the county board of tax assessors. Depending on the circumstances of the property, this amount shall be the basis for a temporary tax bill to be issued; provided, however, that, except as provided in paragraph (4) of subsection (g) of this Code section, a nonhomestead owner of a single property valued at $2 million or more may elect to pay the temporary tax bill which specifies 85 percent of the current year's valuation; or, such owner may elect to pay the amount of the difference between the 85 percent tax bill based on the current year's valuation and the tax bill based on the valuation from the last year for which taxes were finally determined to be due on the property in conjunction with the amount of the tax bill based on valuation from the last year for which taxes were finally determined to be due on the property, to the tax commissioner's office. Only the amount which represents the difference between the tax bill based on the current year's valuation and the tax bill based on the valuation from the last year for which taxes were finally determined to be due will be held in an escrow account by the tax commissioner's office. Once the appeal is concluded, the escrowed funds shall be released by the tax commissioner's office to the prevailing party. The taxpayer may elect to pay the temporary tax bill in the amount of 100 percent of the current year's valuation if no substantial property improvement has

occurred. The county tax commissioner shall have the authority to adjust such tax bill to reflect the 100 percent value as requested by the taxpayer. Such tax bill shall be accompanied by a notice to the taxpayer that the bill is a temporary tax bill pending the outcome of the appeal process. Such notice shall also indicate that, upon resolution of the appeal, there may be additional taxes due or a refund issued.

(II) For the purposes of this Code section, any final value that causes a reduction in taxes and creates a refund that is owed to the taxpayer shall be paid by the tax commissioner to the taxpayer, entity, or transferee who paid the taxes with interest, as provided in subsection (m) of this Code section.

(III) For the purposes of this Code section, any final value that causes an increase in taxes and creates an additional billing shall be paid to the tax commissioner as any other tax due along with interest, as provided in subsection (m) of this Code section."

"(2) An appeal by the taxpayer as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be effected by emailing, if the county board of tax assessors has adopted a written policy consenting to electronic service, or by mailing to or filing with the county board of tax assessors a written petition for review. An appeal by the county board of tax assessors shall be effected by giving a petition for review to the taxpayer. The petition for review given to the taxpayer shall be dated and shall contain the name and the last known address of the taxpayer. The petition for review shall specifically state the grounds for appeal. The petition for review shall be mailed or filed within 30 days from the date on which the decision of the county board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator is delivered pursuant to subparagraph (e)(6)(D), paragraph (7) of subsection (e.1), or division (f)(3)(C)(ix) of this Code section. Within 45 days of receipt of a taxpayer's petition for review and before the petition for review is filed in superior court, the county board of tax assessors shall send to the taxpayer notice that a settlement conference, in which the county board of tax assessors and the taxpayer shall confer in good faith, will be held at a specified date and time which shall be no later than 30 days from the notice of the settlement conference, and notice of the amount of the filing fee for a petition for review, if any, required by the clerk of the superior court. A taxpayer may appear for the settlement conference in person, by his or her authorized agent or representative, or both. The county board of tax assessors, in their discretion and with the consent of the taxpayer, may alternatively conduct the settlement conference by audio or video teleconference or any other remote communication medium. The taxpayer may exercise a one-time option to reschedule the settlement conference to a different date and time acceptable to the taxpayer during normal business hours. After a settlement conference has convened, the parties may agree to continue the settlement conference to a later date. If at the end of the 45 day review period the county board of tax assessors elects not to hold a settlement conference, then the appeal shall terminate and the taxpayer's stated value shall be entered in the records of the board of tax assessors as the fair market value for the year under appeal and the provisions of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-299 shall apply to such value. ~~If the taxpayer~~

~~chooses not to participate in the settlement conference, he or she may not seek and shall not be awarded fees and costs at such time when the petition for review is reviewed in superior court.~~ If neither the taxpayer nor his or her authorized agent or representative attends a properly scheduled settlement conference or does not confer with the board of tax assessors in good faith on the matter, then such taxpayer shall not receive the benefits of any temporary reduction in the amount of taxes due pending the outcome of the appeal and shall not be awarded attorney's fees or costs of litigation in connection with the appeal to the superior court. If at the conclusion of the settlement conference the parties reach an agreement, the settlement value shall be entered in the records of the county board of tax assessors as the fair market value for the tax year under appeal and the provisions of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-299 shall apply to such value. If at the conclusion of the settlement conference the parties cannot reach an agreement, then written notice shall be provided to the taxpayer that the filing fees for the superior court must be paid by the taxpayer by submitting to the county board of tax assessors a check, money order, or any other instrument payable to the clerk of the superior court within 20 days of the date of the conference. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the amount of the filing fee for an appeal under this subsection shall be $25.00. An appeal under this subsection shall not be subject to any other fees or additional costs otherwise required under any provision of Title 15 or under any other provision of law. Within 30 days of receipt of the taxpayer's payment made out to the clerk of the superior court, or, in the case of a petition for review filed by the county board of tax assessors, within 30 days of giving notice of the petition for review to the taxpayer, the county board of tax assessors shall file with the clerk of the superior court the petition for review and any other papers specified by the person appealing, including, but not limited to, the staff information from the file used by the county board of tax assessors, the county board of equalization, the hearing officer, or the arbitrator. Immediately following payment of such $25.00 filing fee to the clerk of the superior court, the clerk shall remit the proceeds thereof to the governing authority of the county which shall deposit the proceeds into the general fund of the county. All papers and information filed with the clerk shall become a part of the record on appeal to the superior court. At the time of the filing of the petition for review, the county board of tax assessors shall serve the taxpayer and his or her attorney of record, if any, with a copy of the petition for review filed in the superior court and with the civil action file number assigned to the appeal. Such service shall be effected in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-5. No discovery, motions, or other pleadings may be filed by the county board of tax assessors in the appeal until such service has been made."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-44.2.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ad valorem taxes' means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the state or any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school district in this state, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) 'Adjusted base year value' means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed 3 percent of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no such value added improvements to the homestead shall be duplicated as to the same addition or improvement.

(3) 'Base year assessed value' means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this Code section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2025 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this Code section is first granted to the applicant.

(4) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40.

(5) 'Previous adjusted base year assessed value' means:

(A) With respect to the year for which the exemption under this Code section is first granted to a person on such person's homestead, the base year assessed value; or

(B) In all other cases, the adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead as calculated in the taxable year immediately preceding the current year, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311.

(6) 'Substantial property change' means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred after the year in which the base year assessed value is determined for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311.

(b)(1) Each resident of this state is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of that homestead, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, exceeds its previous adjusted base year assessed value.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, no exemption

provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(c) The surviving spouse of the person who has been granted the exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall continue to receive the exemption provided under subsection (b) of this Code section, so long as such surviving spouse continues to occupy the residence as a homestead.

(d) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the tax receiver or tax commissioner of his or her respective local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation giving such information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable such tax receiver or tax commissioner to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption or has already filed for and is receiving a homestead exemption and such existing application provides sufficient information to make such determination of eligibility. Such tax receiver or tax commissioner shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(e) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. Such exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person or a person's agent has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this Code section to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(f)(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(2) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the given taxing jurisdiction to which such law applies. In any such event, the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the taxpayer's respective local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is larger or more beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the particular taxing jurisdictions to which more than one base year value homestead exemption applies.

(g) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025."

SECTION 3-2.

The Secretary of State shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting Section 3-1 of this Act to the electors of the entire state for approval or rejection. The Secretary of State shall conduct such election no later than the Tuesday

next following the first Monday in November, 2024, and shall issue the call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The Secretary of State shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of each county in the state. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall a new statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes be
( ) NO approved, which exempts the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds its base year assessed value, provided that such base year assessed value is subject to annual increases of up to 3 percent?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of Section 3-1 of this Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of Section 3-1 of this Act, then Section 3-1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2025. If Section 3-1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, then Section 3-1 of this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following such election date. It shall be the duty of each county election superintendent to certify the results thereof to the Secretary of State.

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 4-2.

Except as provided in Section 3-2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval; provided, however, that Part II of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 4-3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Anderson of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Williams of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Williams was excused.

Senator Orrock of the 36th asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute

was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 42, nays 7.

SB 349, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 430. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to COVID-19 pandemic business safety, so as to revise provisions for rebuttable presumptions of risk by claimants in certain COVID-19 liability claims by repealing certain warning requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 0.

SB 430, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 443. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abatement of nuisances generally, so as to provide for inclusion of claims against promoters and organizers for costs incurred by local governments due to unpermitted events in complaints filed on behalf of the public; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 1.

SB 443, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SR 470. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands; and for other purposes.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Harrell of the 40th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harrell was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland

Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 47, nays 1.

SR 470, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1189. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd and LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Barwick, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3699), so as to authorize the municipal court to collect a technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1217. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Holly of the 116th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to restrict and limit the powers of Clayton County to deny county services to a resident of such county on the basis of any private debts owed by the resident to another private party; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 339. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Crisp County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such

technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 382. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Gilmer County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 397. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Strickland of the 17th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a new Charter for the City of Locust Grove, Georgia, in the county of Henry, approved April 7, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4426), as amended, to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 434. By Senator Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Glascock County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for a supervisor of elections; to provide for vacancies; to provide for certification; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to allow for joint primaries; to provide for meetings; to authorize expenditure of public funds; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 388. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for

educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, so as to provide for a full value exemption for senior and disabled residents; to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 16, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Friday, February 16, 2024
Twenty-second Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Beach of the 21st reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:

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BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 15, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Greg Dolezal and Senator Colton Moore as ex-officio members of the Senate Ethics Committee for the committee meeting to be held on February 15, 2024. Such appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senators shall count as voting members of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

Date: 2/15/24

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SB 512.

Signed: /s/ Elena C. Parent District: 42

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Shawn Still of the 48th
(Primary Author)

Date: 2/15/24

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SB 513.

Signed: /s/ Elena C. Parent District: 42

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Shawn Still of the 48th
(Primary Author)

Date: 2/15/24

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SB 514.

Signed: /s/ Elena C. Parent District: 42

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Shawn Still of the 48th
(Primary Author)

Date: 2/15/24

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SR 616.

Signed: /s/ Elena C. Parent District: 42

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Shawn Still of the 48th
(Primary Author)

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 53. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Meeks of the 178th, Pirkle of the 169th, Dickey of the 145th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the practice of professional forestry, so as to provide that the State Board of Registration for Foresters is an independent state agency attached to the State Forestry Commission for administrative purposes only; to require confirmation of the Senate for members of the State Board of Registration for Foresters appointed by the Governor; to authorize the board to issue cease and desist orders and issue additional penalties for violations; to provide for related

matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 282. By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a minimum course of study in career readiness education for students in grades six through 12 to include instruction and training experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills; to provide for legislative findings; to direct the Department of Education to develop, assemble, and make available instructional resources and materials concerning employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and career oriented learning experiences; to provide for implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 409. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Burchett of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to authorize local authorities to dispose of real property in the same manner as county governing authorities; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 912. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 138th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the definition of "multipurpose off-highway vehicle"; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and motor homes, so as to define "multipurpose off-highway vehicle" and subclassify such vehicles for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide that such vehicles shall not be returned or taxed for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 947. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to create the Judicial System Compensation Commission; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to laws and statutes, so as to temporarily suspend the operation of local laws that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to preserve the authority of the General Assembly to amend or repeal such suspended local laws; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1010. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Dempsey of the 13th, Silcox of the 53rd, Ballard of the 147th, Daniel of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel administration relative to public officers and employees, so as to increase the number of hours permitted for paid parental leave; to specify that individuals employed full time by local education agencies are eligible employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 503. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Summers of the 13th, Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to amend Chapter 41, relating to residential and general contractors; to rename the general contractor license as a commercial general contractor license and to make conforming amendments throughout; to change certain provisions relating to the membership, qualifications, terms, and meetings of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 504. By Senator Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Warren County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 507. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Kennedy of the 18th, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, so as to establish an "America First" specialty license plate; to provide for conditions for the production of such license plates; to provide for discontinuing the manufacture of such license plates in certain instances; to provide for the disposition of funds to the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 508. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to provide for duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts relative to accessibility of certain personal information of state and federal judges, justices, and spouses thereof; to amend Code Section 36-32-40 of the O.C.GA., relating to creation of Council of Municipal Court Judges, membership and organization, purpose, expenses, contracts, assistance to council, and members not ineligible to hold office of judge, so as to require submission of certain information to the Council of Magistrate Court Judges; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 509. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Strickland of the 17th, Robertson of the 29th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education generally, so as to prohibit the

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, and any public postsecondary institution from asking applicants whether they have been arrested, charged, or convicted of certain crimes; to provide for the permitted uses of criminal history record information for admitted students; to provide for conditions for such use; to provide for penalties; to provide for admissibility of criminal history record information in certain civil actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 510. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-8-76.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, so as to provide that all occupants of a passenger vehicle, whether in a front seat or back seat, shall be restrained by a seat safety belt; to provide for an exception for children under eight who are properly restrained; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 511. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Still of the 48th, Tillery of the 19th, Burns of the 23rd, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the university system, so as to require quarterly reports regarding certain funding received from individuals or entities related to China; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 512. By Senators Still of the 48th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Esteves of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, so as to create the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund and the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission; to amend Code Section 16-6-13.3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to civil

forfeiture of proceeds and property, so as to provide for the forfeiture of proceeds or money which is used, intended for use, used in any manner to facilitate, or derived from the criminal offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 513. By Senators Still of the 48th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Esteves of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to provide that the provisions of Code Section 16-6-16, relating to masturbation for hire, shall be applicable only to persons above a certain age; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 514. By Senators Still of the 48th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Esteves of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for hotels; to provide for definitions; to provide for retraining; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SR 612. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Sims of the 12th and Goodman of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Lary Jack Moree and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 616. By Senators Still of the 48th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Esteves of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly by general law may provide for the allocation of certain additional penalties and assessments to the Victims of Human

Trafficking Fund for the purpose of providing care and rehabilitative and social services to individuals in this state who have been or may be sexually exploited; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SR 619. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Public Utility Once Source Billing of Local Governments Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SR 623. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Anderson of the 24th, Hatchett of the 50th, Brass of the 28th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Economic Development, and Department of Community Affairs to cooperate in crafting strategies to promote outdoor recreation in the State of Georgia and establish Georgia as a top destination for outdoor recreation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SR 624. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the contributions of Poder Latinx in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 53. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Meeks of the 178th, Pirkle of the 169th, Dickey of the 145th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the practice of professional forestry, so as to provide that the State Board of Registration for Foresters is an independent state agency attached to the State Forestry Commission for administrative purposes only; to require confirmation of the

Senate for members of the State Board of Registration for Foresters appointed by the Governor; to authorize the board to issue cease and desist orders and issue additional penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

HB 282. By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a minimum course of study in career readiness education for students in grades six through 12 to include instruction and training experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills; to provide for legislative findings; to direct the Department of Education to develop, assemble, and make available instructional resources and materials concerning employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and career oriented learning experiences; to provide for implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 409. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Burchett of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to authorize local authorities to dispose of real property in the same manner as county governing authorities; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 912. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 138th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the definition of "multipurpose off-highway vehicle"; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and motor homes, so as to define "multipurpose off-highway vehicle" and subclassify such vehicles for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide that such vehicles shall not be returned or taxed for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 947. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to create the Judicial System Compensation Commission; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to laws and statutes, so as to temporarily suspend the operation of local laws that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to preserve the authority of the General Assembly to amend or repeal such suspended local laws; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1010. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Dempsey of the 13th, Silcox of the 53rd, Ballard of the 147th, Daniel of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel administration relative to public officers and employees, so as to increase the number of hours permitted for paid parental leave; to specify that individuals employed full time by local education agencies are eligible employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

HB 1189. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd and LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Barwick, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3699), so as to authorize the municipal court to collect a technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1217. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Holly of the 116th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to restrict and limit the powers of Clayton County to deny county services to a resident of such county on the basis of any private debts owed by the resident to another private party; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 82 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Summers of the 13th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Children and Families has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 483 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 413 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Burns of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 384 Do Pass
SB 484 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Walker III of the 20th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 220 Do Pass by substitute
SB 414 Do Pass by substitute
SB 450 Do Pass by substitute
SB 454 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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The State Senate

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 414
Date: February 16th, 2024

Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 414, which passed out of the Senate Committee on Judiciary on February 15th, 2024.

Sincerely,
/s/ Elena C. Parent
Senator Elena Parent of the 42nd District

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 417	Do Pass by substitute	SB 418	Do Pass by substitute
SB 470	Do Pass by substitute	SB 472	Do Pass
SR 570	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 433 Do Pass by substitute
SB 471 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1094 Do Pass
HB 1095 Do Pass
HB 1141 Do Pass
HB 1143 Do Pass
SB 467 Do Pass
SB 468 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Urban Affairs has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 125 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator James of the 35th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 299 Do Pass
SR 527 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Payne of the 54th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 88	SB 351	SB 368	SB 374	SB 399	SB 401
SB 429	SB 440	SB 449	SB 462	SB 464	SB 469
SB 479	SR 579				

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hufstetler was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Davenport of the 44th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Davenport was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Still of the 48th asked unanimous consent that Senator Brass of the 28th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Brass was excused.

Senator Still of the 48th asked unanimous consent that Senator Dixon of the 45th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dixon was excused.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Harbison of the 15th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harbison was excused.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbison	Payne
Anavitarte	Harrell	Rahman
Anderson, L.	Hatchett	Rhett
Anderson, T.	Hickman	Robertson
Beach	Hodges	Seay
Burns	Islam Parkes	Setzler

Butler	Jackson	Sims
Cowsert	James	Still
Dolezal	Kennedy	Strickland
Echols	Kirkpatrick	Summers
Esteves	Lucas	Tillery
Ginn	Mallow	Walker
Gooch	McLaurin	Watson, B.
Goodman	Moore	Watson, S.
Harbin	Parent	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Brass (Excused)	Davenport (Excused)	Dixon (Excused)
Hufstetler (Excused)	Jones, E. (Excused)	Jones, H. (Excused)
Orrock (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Halpern
Merritt		

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Halpern of the 39th introduced the chaplain of the day, Apostle Darryl Winston of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Jeffrey Cooper, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 610. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Goodman of the 8th, Still of the 48th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 22, 2024, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and commending law enforcement officers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 611. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Goodman of the 8th, Still of the 48th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts upon its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 613. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Brass of the 28th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jones II of the 22nd, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the American Korean Friendship Society Inc.; and for other purposes.

SR 614. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Watson of the 1st, Harbison of the 15th and Goodman of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Audrey King; and for other purposes.

SR 615. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Summers of the 13th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

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

SR 617. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Seay of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ed Tarver; and for other purposes.

SR 618. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sweetwater Mission; and for other purposes.

SR 620. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the extraordinary life and legacy of Dexter Scott King, the cherished son of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, and acknowledging his immeasurable contributions to the advancement of civil rights and social justice; and for other purposes.

SR 621. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Goodman of the 8th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) and recognizing February 20, 2024, as PAGE Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 622. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 21, 2024, as Shaheed Dibosh and International Mother Language Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 625. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Harrell of the 40th, James of the 35th, Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Outstanding Atlanta for its dedication to honoring the service, leadership, and achievement of Atlanta young professionals and recognizing February 27, 2024, as Outstanding Atlanta Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Friday, February 16, 2024
Twenty-second Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 467 Williams of the 25th
BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Baldwin County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 468 Williams of the 25th
BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Baldwin County, approved December 26, 1888

(Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 26, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4786), so as to provide for staggered terms for the board of commissioners; to provide for initial terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1094 Williams of the 25th
BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Baldwin County, approved December 26, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 26, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4786), so as to provide for staggered terms for the board of commissioners; to provide for initial terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1095 Williams of the 25th
BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Baldwin County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following two local bills relating to homestead exemptions require a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 1141 Tillery of the 19th
TELFAIR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Telfair County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead up to a maximum amount; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1143 Tillery of the 19th
TELFAIR COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Telfair County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead up to a maximum amount; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional

majority, was passed.

Senator Williams of the 25th asked unanimous consent that SB 467, SB 468, HB 1094, and HB 1095 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and SB 467, SB 468, HB 1094, and HB 1095 were immediately transmitted.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 7-1.10 (b) to allow for the consideration of House action on SB 388. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 388. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, so as to provide for a full value exemption for senior and disabled residents; to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 388:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, so as to provide for a full value exemption for senior and disabled residents; to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure

to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 1A as follows:

"SECTION 1A.

(a)(1) Each resident of the Cherokee County School District who has been granted a homestead exemption for property located within the district for at least five years and who is a senior citizen or who is disabled is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from all Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full value of that homestead.

(2) Each resident of the Cherokee County School District who in 2025 qualifies for and is granted the homestead exemption authorized by this section as it existed in 2024 and who is a senior citizen or who is disabled is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from all Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full value of that homestead."

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The election superintendent of Cherokee County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the Cherokee County School District for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election no later than concurrent with the general primary in 2024, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Cherokee County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides that each resident of the
( ) NO Cherokee County School District who has been granted a homestead exemption for property located within the Cherokee County School District for at least five years or who in 2025 qualifies for and is granted the homestead exemption provided for by existing law and who is at least 62 years of age or over or who is disabled is granted an exemption on that

person's homestead from all Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full value of that homestead?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2025. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of July immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Cherokee County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the Cherokee County School District may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 388.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers

Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 388.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross SB 212, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
N Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 19; the motion prevailed, and SB 212 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 212 Probate Court Judges; relating to elections; end activities and duties (Substitute) (ETHICS-23rd)

SB 322 Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia; increase in dues; provide (Substitute) (RET-20th)

SB 341 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies and certain procedures of the General Assembly; repeal (Substitute) (GvtO-32nd)

SB 436 Farm Use Vehicles; define a term (AG&CA-11th)

SB 448 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission (JUDY-50th)

SR 487 Taiwan; its relations with the United States and the State of Georgia; commend (RULES-33rd)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 212. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to probate courts, and Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, respectively, so as to end activities and duties of probate court judges relating to elections; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to SB 212:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 and Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probate courts and elections, respectively, so as to end activities and duties of probate court judges relating to elections; to provide for county boards of elections and registration in counties where the probate court judge serves as the election superintendent; to provide for their powers and duties; to provide for the composition of the boards and the selection, qualification, and terms of their members; to provide for resignation, succession, and removal of members and for filling vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for meetings and procedures; to provide for election supervisors and the powers and duties of such election supervisors; to provide for board employees and their compensation; to provide for expenditures of public funds for certain purposes; to provide for compensation of the members of the boards and election supervisors; to provide for offices and equipment; to preserve existing boards of elections and boards of elections and registration; to preserve the General Assembly's authority to enact local legislation for such preexisting boards; to provide for the boards' performance of certain functions and duties for certain municipalities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probate courts, is amended in Code Section 15-9-30, relating to subject matter jurisdiction, powers and duties generally, copy of Official Code of Georgia Annotated furnished for each judge, and authority of probate court judges, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) In addition to the jurisdiction granted in subsection (a) of this Code section and unless otherwise provided by law, the probate courts shall have the power to carry out the following duties as assigned by specific laws:

(1) Perform county governmental administration duties;

(2) ~~Perform duties relating to elections;~~

~~(3)~~ Fill vacancies in public offices by appointment;

~~(4)~~(3) Administer oaths to public officers;

~~(5)~~(4) Accept, file, approve, and record bonds of public officers;

~~(6)~~(5) Register and permit certain enterprises;

~~(7)~~(6) Issue marriage licenses;

~~(8)~~(7) Hear traffic cases;

~~(9)~~(8) Hear cases of violations of game and fish laws;

~~(10)~~(9) Hold criminal commitment hearings; and

~~(11)~~(10) Perform such other judicial and ministerial functions as may be provided by law."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 15-9-64, relating to supplement to minimum salaries, as follows:

"15-9-64.

~~The amount of minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-9-63 for the judges of the probate courts of any county presently on a salary who also hold and conduct elections or are responsible for conducting elections for members of the General Assembly under any applicable general or local law of this state shall be increased by $385.90 per month.~~ The amount of the minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-9-63 for the judges of the probate courts on a salary who are responsible for traffic cases under any general or local law of this state shall also be increased by $482.28 per month. A county governing authority shall not be required to pay the compensation provided by this Code section beyond the term for which such judge performs such services."

SECTION 3.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in Code Section 21-2-2, relating to definitions, by revising subparagraph (A) of paragraph (35) as follows:

"(A) Either ~~the judge of the probate court of a county or~~ the county board of elections, the county board of elections and registration, the joint city-county board of elections, or the joint city-county board of elections and registration, if a county has such;"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-2-33.2, relating to extraordinary relief, hearings, suspension and reinstatement of superintendents, and litigation expenses, by repealing and reserving subsection (h) and by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) A majority of the members of a board of elections, board of elections and registration, or county commission; ~~a probate judge who serves as election superintendent,~~ or, for a sole commissioner form of government, a sole commissioner may petition the Secretary of State to continue any hearing scheduled pursuant to this Code section. Upon a showing of good cause, the State Election Board may in its sound discretion continue any such hearing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, deliberations held on such petition by the State Election Board shall not be open to the public; provided, however, that testimony shall be taken in an open meeting and a vote on the recommendation shall be taken in an open meeting following the hearing or at the next regularly scheduled meeting."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-40, relating to General Assembly authorized to create board of elections and board of elections and registration in any county, as follows:

"21-2-40.

(a) ~~The General Assembly may by local Act create a board of elections in any county of~~

~~this state and empower the board with the powers and duties of the election superintendent relating to the conduct of primaries and elections. Such board shall consist of not fewer than three members.~~ In any county in which the judge of the probate court serves as the election superintendent, and a local Act creating a board of elections or board of elections and registration for such county has not been adopted and taken effect on or before January 1, 2025, the governing authority of such county shall and is directed to create a board of elections and registration pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section no later than December 15, 2024. Each such board of elections and registration shall assume the duties of the county's election superintendent, shall have the powers and duties of the election superintendent relating to the conduct of primaries and elections, and shall have the powers and duties of a board of registrars relating to the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures beginning on January 1, 2025.

(b)(1)(A) ~~The General Assembly may by local Act create a board of elections and registration in any county of this state and empower the board with the powers and duties of the election superintendent relating to the conduct of primaries and elections and with the powers and duties of the board of registrars relating to the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures. Such board shall consist of not fewer than three members.~~ Except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, each board shall be composed of three members, each of whom shall be an elector and resident of the particular county, who shall be appointed by the county governing authority.

(B) A county governing authority may adopt an ordinance expanding a board established pursuant to this subsection to five members, each of whom shall be an elector and resident of the particular county, who shall be appointed by the county governing authority.

(C) The county executive committees of the political parties whose candidates at the last preceding regular general election held for the election of Governor that received the largest and second largest number of votes in this state for Governor may submit a list of recommended appointees to a county governing authority for appointment to a board established pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that such governing authority is under no obligation to appoint any person listed on such list of recommended appointees.

(D) Each board established pursuant to this Code section shall select a chairperson from among its members.

(c)(1) Each member of each board shall serve for a term of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified, except in the event of resignation or removal as provided for in subsections (d) and (e) of this Code section.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection to the contrary, for the initial boards provided for by this Code section, one member on a three-person board, or two members on a five-person board, shall be appointed to an initial term of two years so as to provide for the staggering of the terms of office of the board members.

(d) Each member shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, provided that a member cannot serve more than four consecutive terms on each board. Each member shall have

the right to resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the governing authority of the county.

(e) Each member shall be subject to removal from each board at any time, for cause after notice and hearing, in the same manner and by the same authority as provided for removal of registrars.

(f) The governing authority of the county shall file with the clerk of the superior court of the county an affidavit which states the name and residential address of the person appointed and certifies that such member has been duly appointed as provided in this Code section. The clerk of the superior court shall record each such certification on the minutes of the court and shall certify the name of each such member to the Secretary of State and provide for the issuance of appropriate commissions to the members within the same time and in the same manner as provided by law for registrars.

(g) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of each board by removal, death, resignation, or otherwise, except by expiration of term, the county governing authority shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The clerk of the superior court shall be notified of interim appointments and record and certify such appointments in the same manner as the regular appointment of members.

(h) Before entering upon his or her duties, each member of each board shall take substantially the same oath as required by law for registrars. Each member of each board shall have the same privileges from arrest as registrars.

(i) On January 1, 2025, for each county in which a board of elections and registration is established pursuant to this Code section, each previous election superintendent of the county and each board of registrars of the county shall be relieved of all powers and duties to which each board succeeds by the provisions of this Code section; and such election superintendent and board of registrars shall deliver thereafter to the chairperson of each board, upon his or her written request, the custody of all equipment, supplies, materials, books, papers, records, and facilities of every kind pertaining to such powers and duties.

(j)(1) Each board shall be authorized to organize itself, elect its officers, determine its procedural rules and regulations, adopt bylaws, specify the functions and duties of its employees, and otherwise take such action as is appropriate for the management of the affairs committed to its supervision; provided, however, that no such action shall conflict with state law.

(2) Action and decision by each board shall be by a majority of the members of each board.

(k)(1) Each board shall fix and establish, by appropriate resolution entered on its minutes, directives governing the execution of matters within its jurisdiction. Each board shall hold regular monthly meetings at a time and place to be fixed by resolution of each board. All meetings shall comply with the open meetings laws and open records laws of the State of Georgia.

(2) Each board shall maintain a written record of policy decisions that shall be amended to include additions or deletions. Such written record shall be made available for the public to review.

(l) Each board is authorized to select and appoint an administrative director, to be known as the election supervisor, to administer and supervise conduct of elections, primaries, and registration of electors for the county. The election supervisor shall serve at the pleasure of each board.

(m) Each board is authorized to employ such full-time and part-time employees, including a chief clerk, as each board shall deem necessary. The governing authority of the county shall have the right to approve the hiring of any such employee.

(n) With the consent of the governing authority of the county, each board of elections and registration shall be authorized to expend public funds for the purpose of distributing sample ballots, voter information booklets, and other material designed to inform and adequately instruct the electors of the county with regard to elections. No material distributed by each board shall contain or express, in any manner or form, any commentary or expression of opinion or request for support with respect to any political issue or matter of political concern.

(o) Compensation for the members of each board, employees of each board, and the election supervisor shall be fixed by each board with the approval of the governing authority of the county. Such compensation shall be paid from county funds.

(p) The governing authority of the county shall provide each board and the election supervisor with proper and suitable offices and equipment.

(q) Each board is authorized to perform for any municipality located wholly or partially within the county any functions and duties which election superintendents and boards of registrars are authorized by general law to perform on behalf of municipalities under such conditions as provided by general law.

(r)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall affect any board of elections or board of elections and registration established pursuant to a local Act adopted prior to January 1, 2025.

(2) Nothing in this Code section shall affect or limit the power of the General Assembly to adopt a future local Act amending local laws governing a board of elections or board of elections and registration created prior to January 1, 2025."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-2-70, relating to powers and duties of election superintendents, by revising paragraph (15) as follows:

"(15)(A) ~~In the case of a judge of the probate court serving as the election superintendent, such person shall take an oath in the following form upon assuming the duties of election superintendent which shall apply to all primaries and elections conducted by such person throughout such person's tenure as election superintendent:~~

~~I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will as superintendent duly attend all ensuing primaries and elections during the continuance thereof, that I will to the best of my ability prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying on the same, that I will make a true and perfect return of such primaries and elections, and that I will at all times truly, impartially, and faithfully perform my duties in accordance with Georgia laws to the best of my judgment and~~

~~ability.~~

~~(B)~~ In the case of a board of elections, each member of the board shall take an oath in the following form upon becoming a member of the board which shall apply to all primaries and elections conducted by the board throughout such person's tenure on the board:

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will as a member of the board of elections duly attend all ensuing primaries and elections during the continuance thereof, that I will to the best of my ability prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying on the same, that I will make a true and perfect return of such primaries and elections, and that I will at all times truly, impartially, and faithfully perform my duties in accordance with Georgia laws to the best of my judgment and ability.

~~(C)~~(B) In the case of an election supervisor or designee for a board of elections or board of elections and registration, the election supervisor or designee shall take an oath in the following form upon being appointed as an election supervisor or designee of the board which shall apply to all primaries and elections conducted by the board throughout such person's tenure:

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will duly attend all ensuing primaries and elections during the continuance thereof, that I will to the best of my ability prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying on the same, that I will make a true and perfect return of such primaries and elections, and that I will at all times truly, impartially, and faithfully perform my duties in accordance with Georgia laws to the best of my judgment and ability.

~~(D)~~(C) Each ~~judge of the probate court serving as an election superintendent, each~~ member of a board of elections or board of elections and registration, and each election supervisor or designee for a board of elections or board of elections and registration serving on July 1, 2011, shall take the appropriate oath as set forth in this Code section which shall apply to all primaries and elections conducted throughout such person's tenure in that position."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 21-2-74, relating to creation of board to assume duties of superintendent in counties without a board of elections and in which judge of probate court is candidate for public office.

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 21-2-74.1, relating to acting election superintendents during vacancy, filling vacancies, and compensation.

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-76, relating to eligibility of person to serve as county election superintendent, as follows:

"21-2-76.

No person who holds elective office, as defined in this chapter and including every municipal office to which persons can be elected by a vote of the electors under the laws of this state ~~but excluding the office of probate judge~~, shall be eligible to serve as county or municipal election superintendent during the term of such elective office; and the position of any election superintendent ~~other than a probate judge~~ shall be deemed vacant upon such superintendent's qualifying as a candidate for elective public office, as defined in this chapter and including any municipal office to which persons can be elected by a vote of the electors under the laws of this state."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-105, relating to local election official defined, as follows:

"21-2-105.

As used in this part, the term 'local election official' means:

(1) A county board of elections or a county board of elections and registration established pursuant to Code Section 21-2-40; or

(2) ~~A judge of the probate court fulfilling the role of election superintendent; or~~

~~(3)~~ A municipal election superintendent."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-2-414, relating to restrictions on campaign activities, giving of food or water, and public opinion polling within the vicinity of a polling place, cellular phone use prohibited, prohibition of candidates from entering certain polling places, and penalty, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) No person whose name appears as a candidate on the ballot being voted upon at a primary, election, special primary, or special election~~, except a judge of the probate court serving as the election superintendent,~~ shall physically enter any polling place other than the polling place at which that person is authorized to cast his or her ballot for that primary, election, special primary, or special election and, after casting his or her ballot, the candidate shall not return to such polling place until after the poll has closed and voting has ceased or other than to transact business with the board of registrars, so long as the person does not violate any other provision of this Code section. ~~Judges of the probate court serving as election superintendents shall enter polling places only as necessary to fulfill their duties as election superintendents and shall not engage in any practice prohibited by this Code section.~~"

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-4-3, relating to definitions, by revising subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) as follows:

"(B) In the case of any elected county officers, the county board of elections~~, if a county has such, or the judge of the probate court, provided that, if such judge of the probate court is the officer sought to be recalled, then the election superintendent shall~~

~~be the clerk of the superior court~~; and"

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-4-13, relating to recall election — time for holding, officer to call election, publication of call, form of ballots, vote required to effectuate recall, and special election to fill vacancy created, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) If a recall petition is against an officer who is directed by this Code section to call the election, it shall be called~~:~~

~~(1) By~~ by the Secretary of State, if for the Governor~~; or~~

~~(2) By the clerk of the superior court, if for the judge of the probate court and such judge serves as the election superintendent of the county~~."

SECTION 14.

This Act shall become effective for purposes of creation of boards of elections as required by Section 5 of this Act upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and for all other purposes on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 15.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anavitarte	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Vacant, 30th

Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 35, nays 12.

SB 212, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 322. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, so as to provide for an increase in dues; to provide for an increase in the sum to be paid for purchasing prior service credit; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 20, 2023

The Honorable Larry Walker, III
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 421-A
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 43 2823)

Dear Senator Walker:

This bill would amend several provisions relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia. The specific changes outlined in this bill are as follows.

- The cost for members wishing to purchase prior creditable service would increase from $37.50 per month of creditable service purchased to $65 per month.

- Dues paid by active members would increase from $45 per month to $65 per month. It should be noted that members are not required to pay dues once they earn 30 years of creditable service.
- This bill would increase the fees paid to the Fund for civil filings in superior courts, state courts, and magistrate courts. Currently Fund receives $1 for each proceeding. This bill would increase the fees to $5 for each proceeding.
- An additional revenue source would be available to the Fund. Under the provisions of this bill, the Fund would receive $2 from each fee collected prior to adjudication of guilt for purposes of pretrial diversion pertaining to any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statutes, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances.
- The death benefit paid to survivors would increase from $15,000 to $35,000.
- This bill would prohibit the payment of retirement benefits to persons who become members on or after July 1, 2024, and convicted of a felony related to his or her employment.

This is to certify that this bill is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

The Senate Committee on Retirement offered the following substitute to SB 322:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 16 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, so as to provide for an increase in dues; to provide for an increase in the sum to be paid for purchasing prior service credit; to provide for payment to the fund for fees collected in criminal and quasi-criminal cases prior to adjudication of guilt; to increase payments to the fund from fees collected in civil actions; to increase the benefit payable upon the death of certain members of the fund; to prohibit under certain circumstances payments from the retirement system for any sheriff convicted of a felony related to his or her employment with or for the sheriff's office; to provide for the forfeit of accumulated contributions; to provide for inapplicability and determinations by the Department of Law; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 16 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, is amended by revising Code Section 47-16-40, relating to application for membership in the fund, contents of application, and claim for credit for prior service, as follows:

"47-16-40.

In order to become a member of the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

(1) He or she must be a duly qualified and commissioned sheriff of a county of the State of Georgia, serving as sheriff of the superior court of that county at the time he or she files his or her application;

(2) He or she must file his or her application for membership with the secretary-treasurer within one year from the date he or she begins service as a sheriff or within the time limits set forth in Code Section 47-16-41;

(3) He or she must set out in the application for membership his or her correct date of birth;

(4) He or she must list in his or her application for membership all periods of prior service, including credit under Code Section 47-16-80 for services in the armed forces of the United States or as a peace officer, for which service he or she intends to ask credit as basis for his or her future retirement, or shall forever be barred from claiming credit for services not so listed;

(5) The member must tender with the application, within 12 months from the date of that application, or at such other time as the board may provide, a sum equal to the total of ~~$37.50~~ $65.00 per month for credit claimed by the member under paragraph (4) of this Code section for past service from and including January 1, 1961, to the date of application; or if such amount is not paid by the due date, the member shall be conclusively deemed to have waived his or her claim or right for credit for such period of time; or

(6) He or she must also furnish to the board such other information and proof of pertinent facts set out in the application for membership or relative to it as may be required by the board; and failure to do so shall constitute grounds for denial of the application for membership by the board."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-16-43, relating to requirements for continued active membership in the fund, as follows:

"47-16-43.

In order to retain active membership in the fund, each member must:

(1) Continue serving as a sheriff;

(2) Pay to the secretary-treasurer membership dues of ~~$45.00~~ $65.00 per month. Such payment shall be due on or before the tenth day of the following month until the member has made such payments for a total of 30 years; and

(3) Comply with all other mandatory provisions of this chapter and all rules and

regulations promulgated by the board."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-16-60, relating to payments to fund from fines and bonds collected in criminal and quasi-criminal cases, duty of collecting authority to record and remit, and penalty for late payment, as follows:

"47-16-60.

(a) The sum of $2.00 shall be allocated to the board from each fine collected and each bond forfeited and collected in any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state law, including traffic laws, which case is before any court of this state in which a sheriff of a superior court or a duly authorized deputy of such sheriff acts as sheriff to such court by virtue of his or her office, provided that such fine or bond, which shall be construed to include costs, is at least $5.00. The clerk or other collecting authority for the court in which the fine or bond is collected shall pay such amounts to the secretary-treasurer each quarter or at such other times as the board may provide. These sums shall be paid to the secretary-treasurer before the payment of any costs or any claim whatsoever against such fine or forfeiture, provided that this shall not be construed to repeal any existing priorities established under the laws of this state. It shall be the duty of the clerk or other collecting authority for each court to keep accurate records of the amounts due to the board and to remit the amounts due promptly. Such records may be audited by the board at any time. The sums remitted to the board under this Code section shall be used only for the purposes provided for in this chapter.

(b) Two dollars of each fee collected prior to adjudication of guilt for purposes of pretrial diversion pertaining to any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statutes, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 15-18-80, which case is before any court or tribunal in this state, shall be paid to the secretary-treasurer. The clerk of court as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 15-18-80 shall pay such amounts to the secretary-treasurer on the first day of the month following that in which they were collected or at such other time as the board may provide. With such payments, there shall be filed an acceptable form from the clerk of court which shows the number of cases in each of the above categories and the amounts due in each category. It shall be the duty of the clerk of court to keep accurate records of the amounts due the board so that records may be audited or inspected at any time by any representative of the board under its direction.

~~(b)~~(c) If the person or authority whose duty it is to collect and remit moneys to the secretary-treasurer under subsection (a) of this Code section shall fail to remit such moneys within 60 days of the date on which such remittal is due, such moneys shall be delinquent; and there shall be imposed, in addition to the principal amount due, a specific penalty in the amount of 5 percent of the principal amount per month for each month during which the moneys continue to be delinquent, provided that such penalty shall not exceed a total of 25 percent of the principal due. In addition to such penalty, interest shall be charged on the delinquent moneys at the rate of 6 percent per annum from the date such moneys become delinquent until they are paid. All moneys due on or before May 1,

1968, and not paid shall be delinquent after the expiration of 60 days from that date. By affirmative vote of all the members, the board, upon the payment of the delinquent moneys together with interest and for good cause shown, may waive the specific penalty otherwise charged under this subsection."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 47-16-61, relating to payments to fund from fees collected in civil actions, duty to record and remit sums collected, and penalties on delinquent amounts, as follows:

"(a) In addition to all other legal costs, the sum of ~~$1.00~~ $5.00 shall be charged and collected in each civil action, case, or proceeding, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all adoptions, charters, petitions for review, applications by personal representative for leave to sell or invest, trade name registrations, applications for change of name, and all other proceedings of a civil nature filed in the superior courts. The clerks of the superior courts shall collect such fees, and the fees so collected shall be remitted to the board quarterly or at such other time as the board may provide. It shall be the duty of the clerks of the superior courts to keep accurate records of the amounts due the board under this subsection, and such records may be audited by the board at any time. The sums remitted to the board under this subsection shall be used only for the purposes provided for in this chapter.

(b) In addition to all other legal costs, the sum of ~~$1.00~~ $5.00 shall be charged and collected in each civil action, case, or proceeding, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all adoptions, charters, petitions for review, applications by personal representative for leave to sell or invest, trade name registrations, applications for change of name, and all other proceedings of a civil nature filed in the state courts and magistrate courts of this state in which the sheriff of the superior court also fulfills the function as sheriff of such inferior court. The clerks of such state courts and magistrate courts shall collect such fees, and the fees so collected shall be remitted to the board quarterly or at such other time as the board may provide. It shall be the duty of the clerks of such state courts and magistrate courts to keep accurate records of the amounts due the board under this subsection, and such records may be audited by the board at any time. The sums remitted to the board under this subsection shall be used only for the purposes provided for in this chapter."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-16-102, relating to death benefits, beneficiaries, and procedure for designation of beneficiary to receive such benefits, as follows:

"47-16-102.

In addition to the retirement benefits provided in this chapter, death benefits shall be paid to members in accordance with the following:

(1) If any member of this fund dies before retirement, whether such member is active or inactive, an amount equal to the total amount which has been paid by such member

into the fund as dues shall be paid, without interest, to such member's surviving spouse, if any, to such member's named beneficiary, if any, or to such member's estate, in that order. If any member dies after retirement without having received an amount equal in benefits to the total amount which he or she has paid into the fund as dues, the difference, without interest, shall be paid to his or her surviving spouse, if any, to his or her named beneficiary, if any, or to such member's estate, in that order;

(2) In addition to the death benefits provided in paragraph (1) of this Code section, upon the death of any inactive member who would otherwise qualify to be carried upon the active membership rolls but for the fact that the member no longer holds the office of sheriff, any member who is receiving retirement benefits, or any member who is otherwise qualified to receive retirement benefits from this fund except that the member has not reached the age of 55 years or has not filed an application or has not been approved for retirement benefits, the sum of ~~$15,000.00~~ $35,000.00 shall be paid as additional death benefits to the surviving spouse of such member, if any, to the member's named beneficiary, if any, or to the member's estate, in that order. Upon the death of any active member, the sum of ~~$15,000.00~~ $35,000.00 shall be paid as additional death benefits to the surviving spouse of such member, if any, to the member's named beneficiary, if any, or to the member's estate, in that order;

(3) At the time any member submits his or her application for membership in this fund, at the time any member submits his or her application for retirement benefits, and from time to time any member of this fund, whether carried on the active or inactive rolls of this fund, and any person who is receiving retirement benefits from this fund shall be afforded the opportunity to name a designated beneficiary to receive the death benefits provided for in this Code section; provided, however, that such named beneficiary shall be entitled to receive such death benefits only in the event such member or person does not leave surviving a spouse at the time of his or her death. The procedure by which a member or person receiving retirement benefits names a beneficiary to receive the death benefits provided for in this Code section shall be determined and established by the board, which shall have authority to establish forms and procedures for payment of the death benefits; and

(4) Upon the death of an active member before or after the retirement of such member, the surviving spouse of such member shall receive death benefits in the form of an annuity for the life of such spouse, such annuity to be determined and paid under paragraph (2) of subsection (a), subsection (b), and subsection (c) of Code Section 47-16-101 to the same extent as if such member had died while receiving retirement benefits under Option Two; and in the case of the death of an active member who is not already receiving retirement benefits, such annuity shall be determined and based upon the period of creditable service which such member has at the time of his or her death. Such benefit shall be in addition to benefits under paragraph (2) of this Code section, and in lieu of benefits under paragraph (1) of this Code section."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"47-16-104.

(a) For individuals who first or again become members of this retirement system on or after July 1, 2024, if any member of this retirement system is convicted in any state or federal court of a felony that is related, in any way, to his or her employment with or for a sheriff's office in this state, he or she shall be subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section.

(b)(1) Upon any such conviction described in subsection (a) of this Code section, all benefits payable from this retirement system on account of such member shall immediately cease.

(2) If such a conviction of a member of this retirement system is overturned on appeal or otherwise vacated, such benefit payments shall resume and any back payments shall be payable with interest at a market rate to be determined by the board.

(3) If such conviction stands, after all possible appeals related to the member's conviction have been exhausted, all contributions to the fund made by or on behalf of such member, including any interest thereon, shall be forfeited to the fund. Any such individual shall no longer be a member of the fund and shall be prohibited from any future membership in the fund.

(c) The provisions of this Code section shall not supersede the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title. Each member shall be subject to the provisions of this Code section in lieu of said article only in the event the Department of Law determines that the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title are inapplicable or that the provisions of this Code section apply in a manner that is more punitive than those provided for in said article."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2024, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following Fiscal Notes were read by the Secretary:



DOAA
Georgia Department
of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 6, 2024

The Honorable Rick Williams, Chairman
Senate Retirement Committee
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 327-B
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to Senate Bill 322 (LC 56 0100S)

Dear Chairman Williams:

This bill would amend several provisions relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia. Specifically, this bill would (1) increase the cost to purchase creditable service from $37.50 per month of creditable service to $65 per month; (2) increase the monthly membership dues from $45 to $65; (3) increase the death benefit from $15,000 to $35,000; and (4) prohibit the payment of retirement benefits to any person who becomes a member on or after July 1, 2024 and is convicted of a felony related to his or her employment.

The provisions of the substitute bill would also provide for the increase in fees collected on behalf of the Fund. Specifically, this substitute bill would (1) increase the fees collected from each civil filing from $1 to $5; and (2) allow the Fund to receive $2 from each fee collected prior to the adjudication of guilt for purposes of pretrial diversion pertaining to any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statues, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances. Currently, no portion of the fee is remitted to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund.

This is to certify that this substitute bill is a reduction in cost amendment as defined in the Public Retirement System Standards Law. A revised actuarial investigation and State Auditor's Certification is attached for Senate Bill 322 (LC 56 0100S).

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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Georgia Department
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State Auditor

February 6, 2024

The Honorable Rick Williams
Chairman, Senate Retirement Committee
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 327-B
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Actuarial Investigation
Substitute to Senate Bill 322 (LC 56 0100S)
Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia

Dear Chairman Williams:

This substitute bill would amend several provisions relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia. Specifically, this bill would (1) increase the cost to purchase creditable service from $37.50 per month of creditable service to $65 per month; (2) increase the monthly membership dues from $45 to $65; (3) increase the death benefit from $15,000 to $35,000; and (4) prohibit the payment of retirement benefits to any person who becomes a member on or after July 1, 2024 and is convicted of a felony related to his or her employment.

Furthermore, this substitute bill would provide for the increase in fees collected on behalf of the Fund. Specifically, this substitute bill would (1) increase the fees collected from each civil filing from $1 to $5; and (2) allow the Fund to receive $2 from each fee collected prior to the adjudication of guilt for purposes of pretrial diversion pertaining to any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statues, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances. Currently, no portion of the fee is remitted to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund.

The first-year cost to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund would be $29,445 in order to meet the concurrent funding requirements of O.C.G.A. §47-20-50. However, under the provisions of this substitute bill, the Fund would realize an increase in collections from fees of $2,250,000 annually. This increase includes an additional $2,217,000 for the $4 increase to the civil filing fee and $33,000 for the $2 fee related to pretrial diversions. Based on current revenues and the projected additional revenues outlined above, the Fund would have sufficient funds to cover this first-year cost. This cost estimate is based on current member data of 157 active sheriffs, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. It should be noted that changes in any of these variables cost affect the cost of this legislation. Any future costs would be paid through a portion of fines and bond forfeitures.

The following is a summary of the relevant findings included in the actuarial investigation for this bill. The investigation was completed pursuant to a request from the Senate Retirement Committee. The investigation was to be conducted according to O.C.G.A. §47-20-36, which outlines the factors to be considered in an actuarial investigation.

(1)	The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 2,250,596
(2)	The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 185,111*
(3)	The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by the bill would be amortized.	20
(4)	The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill.	$ (37,271)
(5)	The employer contribution rate currently in effect for members of the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund.	Fines and Bond Forfeitures
(6)	The employer contribution rate recommended for the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in O.C.G.A. §47-20-10).	Fines and Bond Forfeitures
(7)	The total dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition.	$ 0**

*The increase in unfunded actuarial accrued liability will result in an annual amortization cost of $185,111. However, since the Fund currently has a surplus amortization amount, the actual cost is only $66,716 each year for the next 20 years.

** The first-year cost would be $29,445. However, it is projected that the Fund would generate an additional $2,250,000 from fees collected from fines and bond forfeitures. This additional revenue is more than sufficient to cover the recommended employer contribution if Senate Bill 322 (LC 56 0100S) is enacted.

It should be noted that any subsequent changes in the retirement bill could invalidate the actuarial investigation and the findings included therein.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 1.

SB 322, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 341. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to revise committee names; to repeal provisions relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies and certain procedures of the General Assembly; to make conforming changes throughout the Code; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight offered the following substitute to SB 341:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to revise committee names; to repeal provisions relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies and certain procedures of the General Assembly; to make conforming changes throughout the Code; to revise certain provisions relating to the Legislative Services Committee; to revise provisions relating to the legislative fiscal office's scope of authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Name Correction
SECTION 1-1.

Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 2-10-53.1, relating to oversight by legislative advisory committee, membership, duties, and expiration, as follows:

"(1) The chairpersons of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Economic Development and Tourism and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Agriculture and ~~Consumer Affairs~~ Natural Resources or their designees, ex officio;"

PART II
Senate Committee Name Correction
SECTION 2-1.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended by revising Code Section 10-9-20, relating to Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority Overview Committee created, composition, officers, and duties, as follows:

"10-9-20.

There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority Overview Committee to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, five members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, the chairperson of the House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism or his or her designee, and the chairperson of the ~~Senate Economic Development~~

~~Committee~~ Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism or his or her designee. The members of the committee shall serve two-year terms concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments from the membership of the committee, and the vice chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House from the membership of the committee. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve terms of two years concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly. Vacancies in an appointed member's position or in the offices of chairperson or vice chairperson of the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. The committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with which the authority is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as provided in this chapter."

PART III

Georgia Education Authority (Schools)

SECTION 3-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Article 11 of Chapter 2, relating to public school property and facilities, by repealing Part 3, relating to the Georgia Education Authority (Schools), and designating said part as reserved.

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-3-152, relating to the Georgia Education Authority (University) creation, members, officers, and staff, quorum, procedural rules and regulations, and assignment to Department of Administrative Services, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The authority shall elect one of its members as ~~chairman~~ chairperson and another as ~~vice-chairman~~ vice chairperson and a secretary and treasurer, who need not necessarily be a member of the authority ~~but who shall be the same as the secretary and treasurer of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools)~~. The majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the authority. The members of the authority shall not be entitled to compensation for their services but shall be entitled to and shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. ~~The staff of the authority shall be the same as the staff of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools).~~ The authority shall make rules and regulations for its own government. It shall have perpetual existence. Any change in name or composition of the authority shall in no way affect the vested rights of any person under the provisions of this article or impair the obligations of any contracts existing under this article."

SECTION 3-3.

Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is amended in Code Section 29-3-32, relating to investment of funds, by repealing paragraph (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.

SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-32, relating to investment of estate funds by conservator, by repealing paragraph (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.

SECTION 3-5.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by revising Code Section 45-15-13, relating to representation of state authorities by Attorney General, as follows:

"45-15-13.

As used in Code Sections 45-15-14 through 45-15-16, the term 'state authorities' means the following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia Building Authority, ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools),~~ Georgia Education Authority (University), Georgia Highway Authority, Georgia Ports Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Jekyll Island—State Park Authority, Stone Mountain Memorial Association, Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, and Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority."

SECTION 3-6.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-17-21, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (9) as follows:

"(9) 'State authorities' means the following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia Building Authority, ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools),~~ Georgia Education Authority (University), Georgia Highway Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Georgia Ports Authority, Georgia Development Authority, Jekyll Island—State Park Authority, Stone Mountain Memorial Association, North Georgia Mountains Authority, Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority, Groveland Lake Development Authority, Georgia Higher Education Assistance Authority, the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, and other instrumentalities of the state created by the General Assembly and authorized to issue debt and not specifically exempt from this article."

SECTION 3-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-17-22, relating to State Financing and Investment Commission, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(2) There shall be a construction division of the commission administered by a director who shall not be a member of the commission and who shall also serve as the executive secretary for the commission. The director and the staff of the construction division shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commission, shall provide

administrative support for all personnel of the commission, and shall account for and keep all records pertaining to the operation and administration of the commission and its staff. The director, as executive secretary, shall prepare agendas and keep minutes of all meetings of the commission. In construction and construction related matters, the construction division shall act in accordance with the policies, resolutions, and directives of the ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools) and the~~ Georgia Education Authority (University) until such time as such policies, resolutions, or directives are changed or modified by the commission. In carrying out its responsibilities in connection with the application of any funds under its control, including the proceeds of any debt or any appropriation made directly to it for construction purposes, the commission is specifically authorized to acquire and construct projects for the benefit of any department or agency of the state or to contract with any such department or agency for the acquisition or construction of projects under policies, standards, and operating procedures to be established by the commission; provided, however, that the commission shall contract with the Department of Transportation or the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority or any combination of the foregoing for the supervision of and contracting for design, planning, building, rebuilding, constructing, reconstructing, surfacing, resurfacing, laying out, grading, repairing, improving, widening, straightening, operating, owning, maintaining, leasing, and managing any public roads and bridges for which general obligation debt has been authorized. The construction division also shall perform such construction related services and grant administration services for state agencies and instrumentalities and for local governments, instrumentalities of local governments, and other political subdivisions as may be assigned to the commission or to the construction division by executive order of the Governor."

SECTION 3-8.

Any assets of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART IV

General Assembly

SECTION 4-1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by repealing Code Section 28-1-17, relating to prefiling of proposed bills and resolutions prior to each legislative session and administrative procedure.

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-3-24.1, relating to public distribution of

legislative information in electronic format, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives may provide legislative information in electronic format to the GeorgiaNet Division of the Georgia Technology Authority for purposes of public distribution as provided in Code Section 50-25-14. The information may be provided on at least a daily basis in the most current format available. The information provided may include at a minimum: available schedules and agenda for committee meetings; available bill and resolution status information; and full text of all available ~~prefiled and~~ introduced versions of bills and resolutions, including amendments and substitutes. The information provided may include such other matters as will in the determination of the Secretary and the Clerk contribute to the purposes of this Code section. The Georgia Technology Authority shall work with the General Assembly to develop a single ~~Internet site~~ public website for the Georgia General Assembly. The content and the format of the General Assembly ~~Internet site~~ public website shall be determined by the Legislative Services Committee."

PART V

Legislative Services Committee

SECTION 5-1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended in Chapter 4, relating to legislative services, by revising Code Section 28-4-1, relating to the Legislative Services Committee, creation, membership, compensation, and members, as follows:

"28-4-1.

(a) There is created the Legislative Services Committee, hereinafter called the committee, to be composed of the:

(1) Speaker of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(2) President of the Senate~~, the~~;

(3) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate~~, the~~;

(4) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(5) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate~~, the~~;

(6) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(7) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee of the Senate~~, the~~;

(8) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(9) President Pro Tempore of the Senate~~, the~~;

(10) Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(11) Majority ~~majority~~ leader of the Senate~~, the~~;

(12) Majority ~~majority~~ leader of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(13) Minority ~~minority~~ leader of the Senate~~, the~~;

(14) Minority ~~minority~~ leader of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;
(15) Secretary of the Senate~~, and the~~; and
(16) Clerk of the House of Representatives. ~~The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be chairperson of the committee, and the Secretary of the Senate shall be secretary of the committee.~~

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be cochairpersons; provided, however, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be the presiding chairperson of the committee each odd-numbered year, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be the presiding chairperson of the committee each even-numbered year. The President of the Senate shall at all times serve as the vice chairperson.

(c) The Secretary of the Senate shall be secretary of the committee each odd-numbered year and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the secretary of the committee each even-numbered year.

~~(b)~~(d) The members of the committee shall receive no additional allowances for service on the committee while the General Assembly is in session; but, for each day spent in the performance of their duties under this chapter between sessions, the members shall receive the allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees.

~~(c)~~(e) The committee shall meet at least twice during each calendar year. Additional meetings may be held upon the call of the presiding chairperson or upon the call of a majority of the members of the committee. Nine members of the committee shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present at a meeting of the committee, provided such members present constitute a quorum, shall be necessary to transact business of the committee. The presiding chairperson shall be entitled to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the committee. In the event that the presiding chairperson for the then-current year is unable to chair a meeting of the committee convened at the call of a majority of the members of the committee, the committee shall be chaired by the other cochairperson."

SECTION 5-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-4-3, relating to Office of Legislative Counsel, creation, qualifications, and powers and duties, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(4) Provide legal services for the legislative branch of government and, with the approval of the committee or the ~~chairman~~ presiding chairperson of such committee, to represent the interests of the legislative branch in matters involving litigation; and "

SECTION 5-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-4-6, relating to employment, powers, and duties of legislative fiscal officer, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The legislative fiscal officer is authorized on behalf of the legislative branch to pay any properly authorized invoice which does not exceed $5,000.00; provided, however,

that the legislative fiscal officer may pay an invoice for fees incurred for legal services not to exceed $12,000.00. Any invoice which exceeds $5,000.00, or $12,000.00 for fees incurred for legal services, may not be paid by such fiscal officer without prior approval from the committee. The committee may provide for such approval to be given at meetings of the committee, or in writing between meetings by a majority of the members of the committee, or in such other manner as the committee may establish. All invoices shall contain in detail a description of the work performed, materials used or purchased, and any other information pertinent to the obligation. Before the fiscal officer may pay any invoice, a requisition or purchase order covering such invoice and signed by the person or persons authorized by the Legislative Services Committee to do so plus evidence of delivery must have been submitted to the fiscal officer. A list of all invoices which have been paid shall be submitted by the fiscal officer to the committee on a monthly basis."

PART VI

Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee

SECTION 6-1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by repealing Chapter 10, relating to the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee, and designating said chapter as reserved.

SECTION 6-2.

Any assets of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART VII

Reports of the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

SECTION 7-1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-53-6, relating to the compiling of reports and public dissemination of data, as follows:

"31-53-6.

(a) The office shall compile reports received from the following boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices pursuant to each such entity's respective statutory reporting requirements:

(1) The Maternal Mortality Review Committee;

~~(2) The Office of Women's Health;~~

~~(3) The Kidney Disease Advisory Committee;~~
~~(4)~~(2) The Hemophilia Advisory Board;
~~(5)~~(3) The Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness;
~~(6)~~(4) The Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council;
~~(7)~~(5) The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission;
~~(8)~~(6) The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council;
~~(9)~~(7) The Department of Public Health on behalf of the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry;
~~(10)~~(8) The Office of Cardiac Care; and
~~(11)~~(9) The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission.

(b) The office shall maintain a website that permits public dissemination of data compiled by the boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices listed in subsection (a) of this Code section."

PART VIII

Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee

SECTION 8-1.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended by repealing Code Section 36-91-111, relating to the creation and administration of the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 8-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 36-91-112, relating to model guidelines, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Prior to executing any comprehensive agreement for the development or operation of a qualifying project pursuant to an unsolicited proposal received by a local government under this article, the local government shall adopt ~~either:~~

~~(1) The model guidelines from the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee; or~~

~~(2) Its~~ its own guidelines as a policy, rule, regulation, or ordinance, which shall contain each of the factors identified in subsection (b) of this Code section."

PART IX

Georgia World War I Centennial Commission

SECTION 9-1.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by repealing Article 3 of Chapter 13, relating to the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission, and designating said article as reserved.

SECTION 9-2.

Any assets of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART X

State Personnel Oversight Commission

SECTION 10-1.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by repealing Chapter 24, relating to the "Governmental Reorganization and Termination from Employment Reform Act of 1977."

SECTION 10-2.

Any assets of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XI

Small Business Assistance Advisory Council

SECTION 11-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by repealing Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 5, relating to small business assistance, and designating said part as reserved.

PART XII

Commission on Regional Planning

SECTION 12-1.

Said title is further amended by repealing Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 8, relating to the Commission on Regional Planning.

SECTION 12-2.

Any assets of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XIII

Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol

SECTION 13-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by repealing Code Section 50-16-5.1, relating to the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol.

SECTION 13-2.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended in Code Section 45-13-72, relating to submission of recommendations to achieve highest museum standards, and designation of area as Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The Capitol Art Standards Commission, in cooperation with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia ~~and the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol~~, shall designate areas within the capitol museum as the Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas. Such areas shall include information, artifacts, photographs, monuments, or other related items which tell the history and importance of agriculture to this state's economic growth. Except as provided for in this part, the Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas of the capitol museum shall be maintained, operated, and managed in the same manner as the other areas of the capitol museum."

SECTION 13-3.

Any assets of the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XIV

Senate Committee Name Correction

SECTION 14-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 50-27-34, relating to the Georgia Lottery Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, as follows:

"(a) There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly, the Georgia Lottery Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, to be composed of the members of the House Committee on Regulated Industries and the ~~Senate Economic Development Committee~~ Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. The chairpersons of such committees shall serve as cochairpersons of the oversight

committee. The oversight committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with which the ~~authority~~ corporation is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as provided in this chapter. The oversight committee may conduct any independent audit or investigation of the ~~authority~~ corporation it deems necessary."

PART XV
Effective Dates
SECTION 15-1.

(a) The provisions of Part V of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.
(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PART XVI
General Repealer
SECTION 16-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SB 341, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 436. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1B of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of farm use vehicles, so as to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SB 436, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 448. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 17th, Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

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

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
N Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 2.

SB 448, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SR 487. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd and Brass of the 28th:

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

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	E Orrock	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SR 487, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

SB 13. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Dugan of the 30th, Payne of the 54th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 9-13-161, 44-14-162, and 48-4-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where and when sales under execution held and change of place of public sales by court order, sales made on foreclosure under power of sale, and procedures for sales under

tax levies and executions, respectively, so as to authorize online public sales under tax levies and executions; to provide a time frame for sales of real estate under foreclosure powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committees of Conference on SB 13 recommend that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committees of Conference Substitute to SB 13 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
/s/ Senator Albers of the 56th	/s/ Representative Smith of the 18th
/s/ Senator Strickland of the 17th	/s/ Representative Martin of the 49th
	/s/ Representative Blackmon of the 146th

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO SB 13

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Sections 9-13-161 and 44-14-162 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where and when sales under execution held and change of place of public sales by court order, sales made on foreclosure under power of sale, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize online public sales under tax levies and executions; to provide a time frame for sales of real estate under foreclosure powers; to provide for procedures for an appointed levying officer to conduct certain sales; to require registration to participate in sales conducted in a certain manner; to provide for registration requirements; to replace constables with sheriffs as the proper officer for collecting and levying tax executions on behalf of the tax collector or tax commissioner; to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to add hearing officer review for tax assessment of certain business personal property; to further extend the maximum time allowed to meet the job creation requirement for a tax credit for large-scale projects; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 9-13-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where and when sales under execution held and change of place of public sales by court order, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a)(1) Unless otherwise provided, sales of property taken under execution shall be made by the sheriffs ~~or coroners only~~ at the courthouse of the county where the levy was made on the first Tuesday ~~in each~~ of the month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.; at a time and place ordered by the court; or at a time and place within the discretion of the sheriff, and at public outcry; provided, however, that, ~~should~~ if the first Tuesday of the month ~~fall~~ falls on New Year's Day or Independence Day, such sales shall take place on the immediately following Wednesday. A change in the time of such sales from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month as provided in this subsection shall also apply to all public sales within the county required to be conducted at the time of the sheriff's sales.

(2)(A) Sales of property taken under execution, as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, may also, at the discretion of the sheriff, be conducted through internet enabled technology and digital media, including, but not limited to, websites and consumer applications accessible through computers, smartphones, or other electronic devices.

(B) Sales conducted pursuant to this paragraph shall require a bidder to register prior to participation. Such registration shall require submission of:

(i) A completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9; and

(ii) The name, address, and telephone number of the bidder.

(C) Any fee, including, but not limited to, a buyer's premium, charged to any purchaser for a sale conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be applied at the time of the sale and shall not exceed $250.00.

(b) In all cases where any sheriff~~, coroner,~~ or other levying officer shall levy any execution or other legal process upon any corn, lumber, timber of any kind, bricks, machinery, or other articles difficult and expensive to transport, the officer may sell the property without carrying and exposing the same at the courthouse door on the day of sale, but the levying officer shall give a full description of the property and the place where it is located in the advertisement of the sale."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 44-14-162 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales made on foreclosure under power of sale, manner of advertisement and conduct necessary for validity, and filing, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) No sale of real estate under powers contained in mortgages, deeds, or other lien contracts shall be valid unless the sale shall be advertised and conducted at the ~~time and place and in the usual manner of the sheriff's sales~~ courthouse in the county in which such real estate or a part thereof is located ~~and~~ on the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., and at public outcry; provided, however, that, if the first Tuesday of the month falls on New Year's Day or Independence Day, such sale shall

take place on the immediately following Wednesday; provided, further, that no such sale shall be valid unless notice of the sale shall have been given as required by Code Section 44-14-162.2. If the advertisement contains the street address, city, and ZIP Code of the property, such information shall be clearly set out in bold type. In addition to any other matter required to be included in the advertisement of the sale, if the property encumbered by the mortgage, security deed, or lien contract has been transferred or conveyed by the original debtor to a new owner and an assumption by the new owner of the debt secured by said mortgage, security deed, or lien contract has been approved in writing by the secured creditor, then the advertisement should also include a recital of the fact of such transfer or conveyance and the name of the new owner, as long as information regarding any such assumption is readily discernable by the foreclosing creditor. Failure to include such a recital in the advertisement, however, shall not invalidate an otherwise valid foreclosure sale."

SECTION 3.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-4-1, relating to procedures for sales under tax levies and executions, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, when a levy is made upon real or personal property, the property shall be advertised and sold in the same manner as provided for executions and judicial sales. Except as otherwise provided in this title, the sale of real or personal property under a tax execution shall be made in the same manner as provided for judicial sales; provided, however, that, in addition to such other notice as may be required by law, in any sale under a tax execution made pursuant to this chapter, the defendant shall be given ten days' written notice of such sale by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested. The notice required by this Code section shall be sent:

(A) In cases of executions issued by a county officer for ad valorem taxes, to the defendant's last known address as listed in the records of the tax commissioner of the county that issued the tax execution;

(B) In cases of executions issued by a municipal officer for ad valorem taxes, to the defendant's last known address as listed in the records of the municipal officer of the municipality that issued the tax execution; or

(C) In cases of executions issued by a state officer, to the defendant's last known address as listed in the records of the department headed by the issuing officer.

(2) A copy of the notice provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall also be sent by the same tax officer sending the notice to the defendant to the appropriate tax official of the state, county, or municipality which also has issued an execution with respect to such property.

(3)(A) A sale for taxes due may be conducted by the tax commissioner or tax collector or his or her duly authorized officer and may be held in the office of the tax commissioner or tax collector or at such other location as may be identified in the notice required by this Code section. Such notice shall also be posted in a conspicuous

location in the appropriate courthouse.

(B) Sales for taxes due pursuant to this subsection may also, at the discretion of the tax commissioner or tax collector, be conducted through internet enabled technology and digital media, including, but not limited to, websites and consumer applications accessible through computers, smartphones, or other electronic devices. Sales conducted pursuant to this subparagraph shall require a bidder to register prior to participation. Such registration shall require submission of:

(i) A completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9; and

(ii) The name, address, and telephone number of the bidder."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-4-3, relating to duties of levying officers, as follows:

"48-4-3.

The tax collector or tax commissioner may place his or her executions in the hands of ~~any constable~~ the sheriff of the county or a levying officer, who shall be authorized to collect or levy the executions in any part of the county. The ~~constable~~ sheriff or other levying officer to whom the tax collector or tax commissioner delivers the tax executions for collection shall proceed promptly to enforce by levy and sale the collection of the executions. Such sheriff or other levying officer shall be authorized to conduct any sale in the same manner and under the same conditions as set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 48-4-1. The levying or collecting officer shall make prompt settlements with the tax collector or tax commissioner and in no event shall be allowed longer than 90 days from the time the executions are placed in his or her hands within which to make final settlement with the tax collector or tax commissioner and return to the tax collector or tax commissioner the tax collected and the uncollected executions with proper entries on the executions. Any ~~constable~~ sheriff or other levying officer who fails or refuses to make a final return or settlement within the time provided in this Code section shall forfeit all costs due him or her on the executions and shall be subject to be ruled before any court of competent jurisdiction and made to account as required by this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(2)(A) In addition to the items required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the notice shall contain a statement of the taxpayer's right to an appeal and an estimate of the current year's taxes for all levying authorities which shall be in substantially the following form:

'The amount of your ad valorem tax bill for this year will be based on the appraised and assessed values specified in this notice. You have the right to appeal these values to the county board of tax assessors. At the time of filing your appeal, you must select one of the following options:

(i) An appeal to the county board of equalization with appeal to the superior court;
(ii) To arbitration without an appeal to the superior court; or
(iii) To a hearing officer with appeal to the superior court for any:
(I) Parcel ~~For a parcel~~ of nonhomestead property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section;~~, or for one~~
(II) One or more account numbers of wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-311 with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section~~, to a hearing officer with appeal to the superior court~~; or
(III) One or more account numbers of any taxable tangible personal property other than wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-311 with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $200,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section.

If you wish to file an appeal, you must do so in writing no later than 45 days after the date of this notice. If you do not file an appeal by this date, your right to file an appeal will be lost. For further information on the proper method for filing an appeal, you may contact the county board of tax assessors which is located at: (insert address) and which may be contacted by telephone at: (insert telephone number).'

(B) The notice shall also contain the following statements in bold print:

'The estimate of your ad valorem tax bill for the current year is based on the previous or most applicable year's millage rate and the fair market value contained in this notice. The actual tax bill you receive may be more or less than this estimate. This estimate may not include all eligible exemptions.'"

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-311, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, by revising subparagraph (e)(1)(A) of subsection (e) and paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e.1) as follows:

"(e) **Appeal.**

(1)(A) Any taxpayer or property owner as of the last date for filing an appeal may elect to file an appeal from an assessment by the county board of tax assessors to:

(i) The county board of equalization as to matters of taxability, uniformity of assessment, and value, and, for residents, as to denials of homestead exemptions pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(ii) An arbitrator as to matters of value pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section;

(iii) A hearing officer as to matters of value and uniformity of assessment for a parcel of nonhomestead real property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, and any contiguous nonhomestead real property owned by

the same taxpayer, pursuant to subsection (e.1) of this Code section; ~~or~~

(iv) A hearing officer as to matters of values or uniformity of assessment of one or more account numbers of wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of this Code section with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, pursuant to subsection (e.1) of this Code section; or

(v) A hearing officer as to matters of values or uniformity of assessment of one or more account numbers of any taxable tangible personal property other than wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of this Code section with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $200,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, pursuant to subsection (e.1) of this Code section."

"(e.1) **Appeals to hearing officer.**

(1)(A) For any dispute involving the value or uniformity of a parcel of nonhomestead real property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, at the option of the taxpayer, an appeal may be submitted to a hearing officer in accordance with this subsection. If such taxpayer owns nonhomestead real property contiguous to such qualified nonhomestead real property, at the option of the taxpayer, such contiguous property may be consolidated with the qualified property for purposes of the hearing under this subsection.

(B)(i) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'wireless property' means tangible personal property or equipment used directly for the provision of wireless services by a provider of wireless services which is attached to or is located underneath a wireless cell tower or at a network data center location but which is not permanently affixed to such tower or data center so as to constitute a fixture.

(ii) For any dispute involving the values or uniformity of one or more account numbers of wireless property as defined in this subparagraph with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, at the option of the taxpayer, an appeal may be submitted to a hearing officer in accordance with this subsection.

(C) For any dispute involving the values or uniformity of one or more account numbers of any taxable tangible personal property other than wireless property as defined in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $200,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, at the option of the taxpayer, an appeal may be submitted to a hearing officer in accordance with this subsection.

(2)(A) Individuals desiring to serve as hearing officers and who are either:

(i) State ~~state~~ certified general real property appraisers or state certified residential real property appraisers as classified by the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board for real property appeals; or ~~are~~

(ii) Designated ~~designated~~ appraisers by a nationally recognized appraiser's organization for wireless property appeals

shall complete and submit an application, a list of counties the hearing officer is willing to serve, disqualification questionnaire, and resume and be approved by the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board to serve as a hearing officer. The Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board ~~Such board~~ shall annually publish a list of qualified and approved hearing officers for Georgia.

(B)(i) Any individual who is a former or current Appraiser IV or chief appraiser and desires to serve as a hearing officer for tangible personal property other than wireless property shall complete and submit an application, a list of counties the hearing officer is willing to serve, a disqualification questionnaire, and a resume to the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board for review and approval to serve as a hearing officer with respect to tangible personal property appeals provided for in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(ii) The Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board shall annually publish a list of such qualified and approved hearing officers and a list of counties such hearing officers are willing to serve.

(iii) With respect to this subparagraph and subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, no Appraiser IV or chief appraiser shall be eligible to serve as a hearing officer for any county for which such person served as an Appraiser IV or chief appraiser."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-7-40.24, relating to tax credits for jobs associated with large-scale projects, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(5) 'Job creation requirement' means the requirement that no later than the close of the sixth taxable year following the withholding start date, the business enterprise will have a minimum of 1,800 eligible full-time employees. If at the close of the sixth taxable year following the withholding start date a minimum of $600 million in qualified investment property has been purchased or acquired by the business enterprise to be used with respect to a qualified project, the job creation requirement shall be extended for an additional two-year period. If at the close of the eighth taxable year following the withholding start date a minimum of $800 million in qualified investment property has been purchased or acquired by the business enterprise to be used with respect to a qualified project, the job creation requirement shall be extended for an additional four-year period after the sixth taxable year following the withholding start date. If at the close of the tenth taxable year following the withholding start date a minimum of $1 billion in qualified investment property has been purchased or acquired by the business enterprise to be used with respect to a qualified project, the job creation requirement shall be extended for an additional two-year period after the tenth taxable year following the withholding start date."

SECTION 8.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that the Senate disagree with the Conference Committee Report on SB 13 and instruct the Committee to renew its conference with the House and prepare a new report.

Senator Moore of the 53rd asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on SB 13, pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Moore was excused.

On the motion by Senator Albers of the 56th, there was no objection; the motion prevailed, and the Senate disagreed with the Conference Committee Report on SB 13, and the Committee was instructed to renew its conference with the House and prepare a new report.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
Twenty-third Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024

RE: GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS

The Committee on Assignments has recommended that the appointments made by the Governor that require Senate confirmation be confirmed as submitted to the Senate on February 13, 2024. The appointments are attached for your convenient reference.

Consideration and vote on these appointments has been set as a special order of business

for Wednesday, February 21, 2024, immediately preceding the Third Reading and Consideration of General Bills and Resolutions.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 546. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Stephens of the 164th and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-4-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Georgia Pharmacy Practice Act," so as to revise the definition of "pharmacy care"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 872. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Parrish of the 158th, Bennett of the 94th, Cooper of the 45th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical professionals for rural assistance, so as to expand the service cancelable loan program for physicians and other health care providers in underserved areas to include dental students; to provide for criteria; to provide for length of loans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 874. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Greene of the 154th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to require automated external defibrillators in all schools; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of emergency action plans to address a person in cardiac arrest; to provide for internal response teams; to provide for practice drills; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 988. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Camp of the 135th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official

Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, so as to provide for an annual inventory of artificial intelligence usage by state agencies; to provide for annual reports of such; to provide for the authority to develop and establish certain policies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1058. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 33rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Collins of the 71st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 353. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries; to amend weight and dimension requirements for modular unit transporters; to amend Code Section 45-16-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of power by coroner or county medical examiner and qualifications of those authorized to perform examinations, so as to allow for delegation of duties when death results from an accident upon a highway in certain instances; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required by a state agency, so as to exempt certain records from public disclosure requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 506. By Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Esteves of the 6th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pleadings and motions, so as to authorize movants to file notices of uncontested motions in superior courts and state courts; to provide for uncontested motions to be deemed granted; to provide for review by chief judge of any judge with two uncontested motions deemed

granted on his or her docket; to require management reports regarding each such review; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 515. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding emergency medical services, so as to provide for a two-year pilot program to provide additional ambulances to certain areas of this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for acquisition of the ambulances; to provide for termination of the pilot program and automatic repeal of the statute; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 516. By Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Summers of the 13th, Goodman of the 8th, Jackson of the 41st, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions, so as to add as an example of unfair or deceptive acts or practices the making of false or misleading statements regarding the limited supply of or the duration of discounted purchase prices for consumer goods; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 517. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse under defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to provide for immunity from certain criminal prosecutions against law enforcement officers whose threat or use of force is justified or otherwise lawful; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding defenses to tort actions, so as to provide for immunity from civil liability against law enforcement officers whose threat or use of force is justified or otherwise lawful; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective

date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 518. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to change the state floral emblem to the Sweetbay Magnolia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 519. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Harbin of the 16th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to prohibit prescribing or administering certain hormone replacement therapies and puberty blocking medications for certain purposes to minors; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to prohibit prescribing or administering certain hormone replacement therapies and puberty blocking medications for the treatment of gender dysphoria for certain purposes; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

SB 520. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Hatchett of the 50th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to change and clarify provisions relating to income withholding orders; to provide for definitions; to align state law terminology with that of federal law by replacing the term "income deduction order" with "income withholding order"; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

SB 521. By Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Butler of the 55th, Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide protections for freelance workers; to provide for timely payment of freelance workers by hiring parties; to prohibit retaliation; to provide for a complaint and information facilitating procedure; to provide for duties, powers, and authority of the Commissioner of Labor; to provide for civil enforcement; to provide for enforcement by the Attorney General; to restrict when provisions or contracts are void; to provide for the Department of Labor to conduct a public awareness outreach campaign; to require the department to track and collect data and report results; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 522. By Senators Parent of the 42nd and Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Brady Law regulations, so as to provide for the establishment of a voluntary do not sell list for firearms; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedures and conditions for registration and removal from such list; to provide for penalties; to provide for limitation on the records relating to registration or removal; to provide for forms and rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 523. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and safety, so as to provide for criminal offenses related to material support of terrorism; to provide for penalties; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for the creation of guidelines for law enforcement investigations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 524. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 1st, Dixon of the 45th, Strickland of the 17th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for the certification of community health workers; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Community Health Worker Certification Committee; to provide for membership, powers, and duties of the committee; to provide for accreditation requirements for certified community health worker education and training programs; to provide for a certification process for certified community health workers; to provide for eligibility requirements for certified community health workers; to provide for Medicaid reimbursement and insurance coverage; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 525. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10, 48, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, revenue and taxation, and state government, respectively, so as to prohibit the sale of ethanol gasoline within the state; to remove ethanol from definitions allowing for tax credits and tax exemptions; to repeal a program providing grants for the promotion of E-85 gasoline; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 526. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Harrell of the 40th, Burns of the 23rd, Orrock of the 36th and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to establish the Georgia Good Faith Grant Program; to provide for definitions; to provide for grant eligibility and requirements; to provide for continuing eligibility; to provide for funding; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 527. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Esteves of the 6th, Jones II of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of clothing and school related supplies for limited periods of time; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SR 626. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Seay of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Spike Lee and recognizing February 20, 2024, as Spike Lee Day; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 631. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Still of the 48th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Dr. Jim Morrow and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 632. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of maximizing the expenditure of public funds for the direct benefit of student learning and teaching in Georgia's public schools and urging all local boards of education and other governing bodies responsible for the operation of public schools to exceed the requirements of the "Classrooms First for Georgia Act" and ensure that more than 65 percent of all public school expenditures are for activities directly associated with the interaction between teachers and students; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SR 633. By Senators Gooch of the 51st and Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the lives of Jerry Lee Waller, Sr., and Mary Frances Rogers Waller and dedicating an intersection in their memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 634. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the United States government to oppose further enabling the World Health Organization; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 546. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Stephens of the 164th and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-4-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Georgia Pharmacy Practice Act," so as to revise the definition of "pharmacy care"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical professionals for rural assistance, so as to expand the service cancelable loan program for physicians and other health care providers in underserved areas to include dental students; to provide for criteria; to provide for length of loans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to require automated external defibrillators in all schools; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of emergency action plans to address a person in cardiac arrest; to provide for internal response teams; to provide for practice drills; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 988. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Camp of the 135th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, so as to provide for an annual inventory of artificial intelligence usage by state agencies; to provide for annual reports of such; to provide for the authority to develop and establish certain policies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

HB 1058. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 33rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Collins of the 71st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 915	Do Pass by substitute
SB 475	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Tillery of the 19th District, Chairman

February 20, 2024

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Assignments has had under consideration the appointments made by the Governor that require Senate confirmation submitted to the Senate on February 13, 2024, and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

That the appointments be confirmed as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Burt Jones
Hon. Burt Jones, Chairman

Consideration of the Governor's Appointments is made a special order of business for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 immediately preceding Third Reading and Consideration of General bills and Resolutions.

Mr. President,

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10 (b), the Committee on Rules has referred the following legislation from the General Calendar:

SB 293 to the Committee on Rules

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Vice-Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 125	SB 384	SB 413	SB 414	SB 417	SB 418
SB 433	SB 450	SB 454	SB 470	SB 471	SB 472
SB 483	SB 484	SR 527	SR 570		

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be

excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	Merritt
Anavitarte	Harbin	Moore
Anderson, L.	Harbison	Orrock
Anderson, T.	Harrell	Payne
Beach	Hatchett	Rhett
Brass	Hickman	Robertson
Burns	Hodges	Seay
Butler	Hufstetler	Setzler
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Sims
Davenport	James	Still
Dixon	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Summers
Echols	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Lucas	Watson, B.
Gooch	Mallow	Watson, S.
Goodman	McLaurin	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Jackson (Excused) Parent (Excused) Rahman (Excused)
Tate (Excused)

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Harbison of the 15th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Curtis Crocker of Columbus, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Indran Indrakrishnan, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced Admiral Casey Coane and Mission: Readiness, commended by SR 497 and SR 498, both adopted previously. Admiral Coane addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Orrock of the 36th introduced Clark Atlanta University and its President, Dr. George T. French, Jr., commended by SR 600, adopted previously. Dr. French addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Orrock of the 36th introduced the 2024 Georgia Teacher of the Year, Christy Todd, commended by SR 547, adopted previously. Ms. Todd addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 637. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Butler of the 55th, Esteves of the 6th, McLaurin of the 14th, Islam Parkes of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing the Partnership Against Domestic Violence and its CEO, Katha Blackwell; and for other purposes.

Senator Merritt of the 9th introduced the Partnership Against Domestic Violence and its CEO, Katha Blackwell, commended by SR 637. Mrs. Blackwell addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 627. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Watson of the 1st, Anderson of the 24th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Kia's vehicle manufacturing and impact on the state and recognizing February 13, 2024, as Kia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 628. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbison of the 15th, Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2023 Technical College System of Georgia awards winners; and for other purposes.

SR 629. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Watson of the 1st and Hodges of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Rufus Earl Dabbs, Sr.; and for other purposes.

SR 630. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th and Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Valwood School Varsity Football Team on winning the 2023 GIAA 3A Football Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 635. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Butler of the 55th, McLaurin of the 14th, Esteves of the 6th, Islam Parkes of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the School Social Workers Association of Georgia for its work; and for other purposes.

SR 636. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Harbison of the 15th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Echols of the 49th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 28, 2024, as the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Williams of the 25th asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 3-1.2 (a) to first read legislation and assign to committee. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 528. By Senators Williams of the 25th and Harbin of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide that the State Ethics Commission shall not accept or reject complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 638. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Sims of the 12th, Harbison of the 15th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Clayton State University and recognizing February 20, 2024, as Clayton State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 639. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Sims of the 12th, Harbison of the 15th, Jones II of the 22nd, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2024, as Lupus Advocacy Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
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SB 370 Human Trafficking Hotline Information; certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information; require (RI&U-3rd)

SB 360 Capital Outlay Funds; used for educational facilities for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided by the school system; provide (ED&Y-4th)

SB 449 Certified Nursing Aid; certain military medical personnel from an examination requirement; exempt (Substitute) (RI&U-20th)

SB 374 "Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021"; land surveyor interns and professional land surveyors; change provisions (Substitute) (RI&U-20th)

SB 232 Courts; provide for probate court fees; funding of the State Children's Trust Fund; requirement of permit for conduct of fireworks display; amend (Substitute) (JUDY-18th)

SB 427 Commerce and Trade; disclosure requirements for advertisements for legal services and for drugs; provide (JUDY-19th)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 370. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet, so as to require certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information; to amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, so as to provide for human trafficking awareness training for board members; to provide for inspections of massage therapy

practices; to require licensees to display a photograph along with their massage therapy practice licenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Brass of the 28th, Dolezal of the 27th, and Butler of the 55th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 370 (LC 48 1068-EC) by inserting between lines 20 and 21 the following:
"(6.1) 'Manufacturing facility' means any facility that manufactures finished products; provided that more than 300 individuals are employed at such facility."

By deleting "and" *on line 45.*

By deleting "." *and replacing with* "; and" *on line 46.*

By inserting between lines 46 and 47 the following:
(17) Manufacturing facilities."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Brass amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.

Y Halpern	N Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 370, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/20/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 370. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

/s/ Ginn of the 47th

SB 360. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that capital outlay funds may be used for educational facilities for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided by the school system; to provide that student projection counts may include pre-kindergarten; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator James of the 35th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still

Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

SB 360, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 449. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-7-12.8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certification as nursing aid and employer sponsored training and competency examination program, to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to personnel regarding emergency medical services; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to licensed practical nurses; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 449:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-7-12.8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification as nursing aid and employer sponsored training and competency examination program, so as to exempt certain military medical personnel from an examination requirement to qualify as a certified nursing aide; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel regarding emergency medical services, so as to exempt certain military medical personnel from certain requirements to qualify as a paramedic, cardiac technician, or an emergency medical technician; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensed practical nurses, so as to exempt certain military medical personnel from certain requirements to qualify as a licensed practical nurse; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-7-12.8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification as nursing aide and employer sponsored training and competency examination program, is amended by adding two subsections to read as follows:

"31-7-12.8.

(a) The department shall certify an applicant for certification as a certified nurse aide who meets the following qualifications:

(1) Has relevant professional or educational experience as determined by the department; and

(2) Has achieved a minimum score, as established by rule of the department, on a certified nurse aide competency examination consisting of a written portion and a skills-demonstration portion, as approved by the department.

(b) The department shall approve employer based programs sponsored by or offered in assisted living communities, private home care providers, personal care homes, or other long-term care facilities licensed by the department for certified nurse aide training and competency examination programs, in the same manner as such programs are approved in nursing homes, as determined by the department. The department shall require all employer based programs to meet the requirements set forth in 42 C.F.R. 483.152 and other applicable laws and regulations.

(c) The department, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may be certified as a nurse aide without meeting the examination requirements provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(d) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 24 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 2.

Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel regarding emergency medical services, is amended by revising Code Section 31-11-52, relating to certification and recertification of, and training for, paramedics and cardiac technicians and qualifications by felons, as follows:

"31-11-52.

(a) The department shall establish procedures and standards for certifying and recertifying paramedics and cardiac technicians. An applicant for initial certification as a paramedic or a cardiac technician ~~must~~ shall:

(1) Submit a completed application on a form to be prescribed by the department, which

shall include evidence that the applicant is 18 years of age or older and is of good moral character;

(2) Submit from the department a notarized statement that the applicant has completed a training course approved by the department;

(3) Submit to the department a fee as set forth in the regulations of the department; and

(4) Meet such other requirements as are set forth in the rules and regulations of the department.

(b) The department shall also adopt procedures and standards for its approval of paramedic training courses and cardiac technician training courses. The department shall adopt such regulations after consultation with appropriate public and private agencies and organizations concerned with medical education and the practice of medicine. Procedures and standards adopted by the department shall be consistent with the purposes and provisions of this chapter.

(c) An applicant convicted of a felony more than five but less than ten years prior to application shall not be disqualified for certification, provided that such applicant has:

(1) Successfully completed a training program approved by the department and sponsored by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Code Section 42-5-57; and

(2) Met all other requirements as set forth in this chapter.

(d) The department, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may be certified or recertified as paramedics and cardiac technicians without meeting the requirements provided for in paragraphs (2) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(e) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 24 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 3.

Said article of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel, is further amended by revising Code Section 31-11-53, relating to services which may be rendered by certified emergency medical technicians and trainees, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"31-11-53.

(a) Upon certification by the department, emergency medical technicians may do any of the following:

(1) Render first-aid and resuscitation services as taught in the United States Department of Transportation basic training courses for emergency medical technicians or an equivalent course approved by the department;

(2) Upon the order of a duly licensed physician, administer approved intravenous solutions and opioid antagonists; and

(3) Upon the order of a duly licensed physician during a public health emergency, as defined in Code Section 31-12-1.1, administer vaccines.

(b) While in training preparatory to becoming certified, emergency medical technician trainees may perform any of the functions specified in this Code section under the direct supervision of a duly licensed physician or a registered nurse.

(c) The department, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may be certified as emergency medical technicians without additional training, experience, or examination.

(d) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 24 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 4.

Article 2 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensed practical nurses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-26-36, relating to application for licensure and examination, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(c) Notwithstanding Code Section 43-1-35, or any other provision of law, the board, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may be licensed as a licensed practical nurse without meeting the requirements provided for in paragraphs (3), (5), and (6) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(d) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 24 months of seeking licensure pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 449, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 374. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th, Ginn of the 47th, Halpern of the 39th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021," so as to change provisions relating to land surveyor interns and professional land surveyors; to provide for educational requirements; to provide for apprenticeships; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 374:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021," so as to change provisions relating to professional land surveyors; to provide new powers to the Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board concerning land surveyor intern certificates; to repeal provisions relating to land surveyor intern certificates; to provide for experience and educational requirements for licensure as a professional land surveyor; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021," is amended in Code Section 43-15-6, relating to general powers of board, injunctions, and continuing education, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) In addition to the other powers conferred upon the board under this chapter, the board shall be authorized to issue land surveyor intern certificates. To be eligible for such certification, an applicant shall earn a high school diploma or its equivalent, subsequently pass a board approved examination on the fundamentals of land surveying, and complete such additional requirements as are required by the board through rules and regulations."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 43-15-12, relating to surveyor intern certificate and eligibility, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-15-13, relating to professional land surveyor license and eligibility, as follows:

"43-15-13.

~~To be eligible for a license as a professional land surveyor, an applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:~~

~~(1)(A) Obtain certification as a land surveyor intern under subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) and paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-12;~~

~~(B) Acquire a specific record of the equivalent of not less than four years of combined office and field experience in land surveying with a minimum of three years' experience in responsible charge of land surveying projects under the supervision of a professional land surveyor or such other supervision deemed by the board to be the equivalent thereof; and~~

~~(C) Subsequently pass a written examination on the principles and practices of land surveying and the laws of this state relating to land surveying (professional land surveyor examination);~~

~~(2)(A) Obtain certification as a land surveyor intern under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) and paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-12;~~

~~(B) Acquire an additional specific record of the equivalent of not less than four years of combined office and field experience in land surveying which, together with the qualifying experience under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-12, includes not less than four years' experience in responsible charge of land surveying projects under the supervision of a professional land surveyor or such other supervision deemed by the board to be the equivalent thereof; and~~

~~(C) Subsequently pass a written examination on the principles and practices of land~~

~~surveying and the laws of Georgia relating to land surveying (professional land surveyor examination); or~~

~~(3)(A) Obtain certification as a land surveyor intern under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) and paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-12;~~

~~(B) Acquire an additional specific record of not less than four years of experience in land surveying which, together with the qualifying experience under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-12, includes not less than six years' experience in responsible charge of land surveying projects under the supervision of a professional land surveyor or such other supervision deemed by the board to be the equivalent thereof and of a grade and character satisfactory to the board indicating that the applicant is competent to practice land surveying; and~~

~~(C) Subsequently pass a written examination on the principles and practices of land surveying and laws of this state relating to land surveying (professional land surveyor examination).~~

To be eligible for licensure as a professional land surveyor, an applicant must meet the minimum requirements set forth in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of this Code section as follows:

(1) Complete the following:

(A) Earn a bachelor's degree in a curriculum approved by the board. Such education shall include a minimum of 18 semester hours of credit, or its equivalent, in land surveying subjects acceptable to the board. These credit hours may be a part of a degree requirement or unrelated to such requirement;

(B) Subsequent to satisfying the education requirements in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, pass the board approved fundamentals of surveying examination. The applicant may, upon request to the board, obtain a certificate as a land surveyor intern after the requirements in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and this subparagraph have been satisfied. Such certificate shall not be required for licensure;

(C) Subsequent to passing the fundamentals of surveying examination as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, pass the board approved principles and practices of land surveying examination;

(D) Subsequent to passing the principles and practices of land surveying examination as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, pass the board approved examination on the laws and history of land surveying in Georgia, the Georgia Professional Land Surveyor examination;

(E) Acquire not less than three years of combined office and field experience in land surveying of a nature satisfactory to the board; and

(F) When the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (E) of this paragraph have been satisfied, the applicant shall be eligible for licensure as a professional land surveyor;

(2) Complete the following:

(A) Earn an associate's degree in a curriculum approved by the board. Such education shall include a minimum of 18 semester hours of credit, or its equivalent, in land surveying subjects acceptable to the board. These credit hours may be a part of a

degree requirement or unrelated to such requirement;

(B) Subsequent to satisfying the education requirements in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, pass the board approved fundamentals of surveying examination. The applicant may, upon request to the board, obtain a certificate as a land surveyor intern after the requirements in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and this subparagraph have been satisfied. Such certificate shall not be necessary for licensure;

(C) Subsequent to passing the fundamentals of surveying examination, pass the board approved principles and practices of land surveying examination;

(D) Subsequent to passing the principles and practices of land surveying examination, pass the board approved examination on the laws and history of land surveying in Georgia, the Georgia Professional Land Surveyor examination;

(E) Acquire not less than five years of combined office and field experience in land surveying of a nature satisfactory to the board; and

(F) When the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (E) of this paragraph have been satisfied, the applicant shall be eligible for licensure as a professional land surveyor; or

(3) Complete the following:

(A) Earn a high school diploma or its equivalent. In addition, such education shall include a minimum of 18 semester hours of credit, or its equivalent, in land surveying subjects acceptable to the board;

(B) Subsequent to satisfying the education requirements in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, pass the board approved fundamentals of surveying examination. The applicant may, upon request to the board, obtain a certificate as a land surveyor intern after the requirements of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and this subparagraph have been satisfied. This certificate is not necessary for licensure;

(C) Subsequent to passing the fundamentals of surveying examination, pass the board approved principles and practices of land surveying examination;

(D) Subsequent to passing the principles and practices of land surveying examination, pass the board approved examination on the laws and history of land surveying in Georgia, the Georgia Professional Land Surveyor examination;

(E) Acquire not less than eight years of combined office and field experience in land surveying of a nature satisfactory to the board; and

(F) When the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (E) of this paragraph have been satisfied, the applicant will be eligible for licensure as a professional land surveyor."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute

was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 374, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 232. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to provide for probate court fees; to provide for funding of the State Children's Trust Fund; to revise provisions regarding additional fees; to amend Code Section 25-10-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to requirement of permit for conduct of fireworks display, application, imposition of conditions as to granting of permit, duration and transfer of permit, disposition of excess fireworks, and fees, and Chapter 6 of Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to judges of probate courts as custodians of certain funds, so as to repeal a provision regarding compensation of probate court judges; to provide for related matters; to provide

for an effective date and applicability; repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 232:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for probate court fees; to provide for definitions; to provide for funding of the State Children's Trust Fund; to revise provisions regarding additional fees; to provide for cross-references; to amend Code Section 25-10-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirement of permit for conduct of fireworks display, application, imposition of conditions as to granting of permit, duration and transfer of permit, disposition of excess fireworks, and fees, and Chapter 6 of Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judges of probate courts as custodians of certain funds, so as to repeal a provision regarding compensation of probate court judges; to provide for cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by repealing Code Section 15-9-60, relating to fees of probate courts, in its entirety, and enacting a new Code Section 15-9-60 to read as follows:

"15-9-60.

(a) The judges or clerks of the probate courts of this state shall charge and collect the fees enumerated in this Code section.

(b) All sums that the probate courts may be required to collect pursuant to Code Sections 15-23-7, 15-9-60.1, and 36-15-9 and all other sums required by law shall be in addition to the fees provided for in this Code section. The fees in this Code section are in addition to any costs for service of process, fees for publication of citation or notice, or any other sums that may be required by law.

(c) The fees in this Code section shall be paid into the county treasury or otherwise remitted as provided by law.

(d) Unless a party files an affidavit of indigence stating that he or she is unable to pay fees due to indigence, all fees in this Code section shall be paid at the time of filing or when other specified services are rendered. In accordance with Code Section 15-9-61, a filing party may pay a $30.00 fee deposit before filing any item listed in subsection (e), (f), (g), or (h) of this Code section except that no deposit shall be paid if no fee is required.

(e) As used in this subsection, 'fiduciary compliance report' shall include all reporting as required by Code Sections 53-7-30 or 53-7-67. For each estate filing, as provided in

Title 53, the filing fees shall be as follows:

(1) Petition	$175.00
(2) Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat	75.00
(3) Fiduciary compliance report with assets	40.00
(4) Fiduciary compliance report with no assets	No fee

(f) As used in this subsection, 'fiduciary compliance report' shall include all reporting as required by Code Sections 29-3-30, 29-3-60, or 29-3-61. For each conservatorship of minor or guardianship of minor filing, as provided in Title 29, the filing fees shall be as follows:

(1) Petition, except petition to terminate guardianship of minor and petition for temporary letters of guardianship of minor	$175.00
(2) Petition for temporary letters of guardianship of minor	125.00
(3) Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat	75.00
(4) Petition to terminate guardianship of minor	40.00
(5) Fiduciary compliance report with assets	40.00
(6) Fiduciary compliance report with no assets	No fee

(g) As used in this subsection, 'fiduciary compliance report' shall include all reporting as required by Code Sections 29-5-30, 29-5-60, or 29-5-61. For each conservatorship of adult or guardianship of adult filing, as provided in Title 29, the filing fees shall be as follows:

(1) Petition	$175.00
(2) Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat	75.00
(3) Fiduciary compliance report with assets	40.00
(4) Fiduciary compliance report with no assets	No fee

(h) For each involuntary treatment, habilitation, temporary placement filing, or filing pursuant to Chapter 20 of Title 31, the filing fees shall be as follows:

(1) Petition	$175.00
(2) Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat	75.00
(3) Petition in support, affidavit in support, or issuance of an order to apprehend	No fee

(i) For each account accepted by the judge of the probate court as custodian for a minor, incapacitated adult, or missing or unknown heir or beneficiary, a one-time fee of 8 percent of the fund shall be deducted from the fund when such custodianship is accepted by the

judge to pay to the county treasury.

(j) For all services rendered by the judge or clerk of the probate court in the exercise of concurrent jurisdiction pursuant to Code Section 15-9-127 for which no cost is set forth in this Code section, the sums charged shall be the same as those charged for such services in the superior court pursuant to Code Section 15-6-77 or other applicable law.

(k) For each miscellaneous and administrative item, the fees shall be as follows:

(1) Issuance of veteran's license	No fee
(2) Issuance of writ of fieri facias (fi. fa.)	No fee
(3) Copies (per page)	$ 1.00
(4) Certificate of residence	10.00
(5) Certified copy of letters (including copy cost)	10.00
(6) Certification of publication for insurance company charter	10.00
(7) Certification under seal of copies (excluding copy cost)	10.00
(8) For filing a bond of official, officer, or employee of any:	
(A) Municipality or authority within county	10.00
(B) For filing of bond of county official or officer	No fee
(9) For examination of records or files by employee of the probate court to provide abstract of information contained therein or to provide copies therefrom (per estate or name)	10.00
(10) Junk dealer registration	10.00
(11) Subpoena	10.00
(12) Application for weapons carry license (exclusive of fees charged by other agencies for the examination of criminal records and mental health records)	30.00
(13) Replacement of weapons carry license (lost, stolen, name change, or address change	6.00
(14) Personal identification cards to a judge or Supreme Court justice	Fee shall be determined by Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 15-25-3
(15) Marriage license with premarital education pursuant to Code Section 19-3-30.1	No Fee

(16) Marriage license without premarital education	$40.00
(17) Marriage certificate	10.00
(18) Creditor's claim	15.00
(19) Declination to serve of nominated personal representative	15.00
(20) Exemplification	15.00
(21) Recording of marks and brands (each)	15.00
(22) Renunciation of right of succession	15.00
(23) Will filed for safekeeping	15.00
(24) Petition for declaration of exemptions	25.00
(25) Appeal to superior court (petition for review)	30.00
(26) Preparation of record and transcript to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals (per page)	1.00
(27) For appeals to the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals, where a transcript of the evidence and proceedings is filed with the clerk and does not require recopying, the clerk shall not receive the fee herein prescribed with respect to such transcript but shall receive, for filing and transmission of such transcript	35.00
(28) Petition to establish lost papers	50.00
(29) Fireworks application	50.00
(30) Application for writ of habeas corpus	75.00
(31) Petition for Authority to Open Safety Deposit Box	75.00
(32) Petition to amend marriage license application	75.00
(33) Petition to amend vital record	75.00
(34) Any other petition filed in the probate court other than those proceedings and actions set forth in Title 29 or Title 53 and not specifically set forth in subsections (e) through (k) of this Code section	75.00"

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-9-60.1, relating to additional marriage license fee for Children's Trust Fund, as follows:

"15-9-60.1.

In addition to any fees required in subsection (k) of Code Section 15-9-60 for ~~receiving~~

marriage applications~~, issuing marriage licenses, and recording relative thereto,~~ the judge of the probate court shall charge an additional fee of $15.00 for issuing a marriage license. No amount of this additional fee shall be paid into the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia provided for in Chapter 11 of Title 47 or be used for the purpose of calculating retirement benefits for judges of the probate courts. Each judge of the probate court shall collect the additional fees for issuing marriage licenses as provided in this Code section and shall pay such moneys over to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority by the last day of the month there following, to be deposited by the authority into the general treasury for the State Children's Trust Fund. The authority shall, on a quarterly basis, make a report and accounting of all funds collected pursuant to this Code section and shall submit such report and accounting to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office no later than 60 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-21A-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to additional filing fees, application fee for indigent defense services, and remittance of funds, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'civil action' means:

(A) With regard to decedents' estates, only the following ~~proceedings~~ petitions: petition for letters of administration; petition to probate a will in solemn form; petition for an order declaring no administration necessary; petition to probate a will in solemn form and for letters of administration with will annexed; petition to probate a will in common form; and petition for year's support;

(B) A petition in ~~With regard to~~ a minor guardianship or conservatorship matter as set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of Code Section 15-9-60~~, the proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked~~;

(C) A petition in ~~With regard to~~ an adult guardianship or conservatorship matter as set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of Code Section 15-9-60~~, the proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked~~; and

(D) An application for writ of habeas corpus, as set forth in paragraph (30) of subsection (k) of Code Section 15-9-60.

(2) In addition to all other legal costs, there shall be charged to the filing party and collected by the clerk an additional fee of $15.00 in each civil action filed in the probate court. For the purposes of the imposition of the civil filing fee required by this subsection, the probate court shall collect the civil filing fee on each ~~proceeding~~ petition listed in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection involving a decedent but once only in ~~a~~ an adult or minor guardianship or conservatorship matter involving the same ward or an application for writ of habeas corpus involving the same applicant."

SECTION 4.

Code Section 25-10-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirement of permit for conduct of fireworks display, application, imposition of conditions as to

granting of permit, duration and transfer of permit, disposition of excess fireworks, and fees, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) ~~The judge of the probate court shall receive $10.00 for his or her services in granting or refusing the original permit and $1.00 for each copy issued, to be paid by the applicant.~~ The judge of the probate court shall provide the Safety Fire Commissioner a copy of each permit granted prior to the proposed date of the public exhibition or display."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 6 of Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judges of probate courts as custodians of certain funds, is amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 29-6-7, relating to compensation of judges.

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall apply to fees paid in a probate court on and after such date.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator McLaurin of the 14th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator McLaurin was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anavitarte	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, L.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery

Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Vacant, 30th
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Walker
Y Gooch	E McLaurin	Y Watson, B.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Watson, S.
Y Halpern	Y Moore	Y Williams
Y Harbin	Y Orrock	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 232, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 427. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Setzler of the 37th and Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10 and 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade and food, drugs, and cosmetics, respectively, so as to provide for disclosure requirements for advertisements for legal services and for drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 427 (LC 49 1659) by replacing lines 39 through 42 with the following:

(a) Each advertisement of a drug in this state shall include within such advertisement each disclosure required by federal law.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that SB 427 be placed on the Table. The consent was granted, and SB 427 was placed on the Table.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 793. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Hatchett of the 155th, Hutchinson of the 106th, Cooper of the 45th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to licensing provisions regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to authorize applicants for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree program to take the master's social work licensing examination in their final semester of the program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 946. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th, Cox of the 28th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to revise requirements for intergovernmental agreements between counties and qualified municipalities for collection of such tax; to provide for standards for disbursement of proceeds for municipalities absent from an intergovernmental agreement; to revise the maximum amount and time frame for the collection of such tax when an intergovernmental agreement has been entered into between a

county and all qualified municipalities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 987. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Burchett of the 176th, Yearta of the 152nd, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-165 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equalization grants, annual calculations, and allocation, so as to revise the definition of the term "qualified local school system school" by reducing the minimum required millage rate or equivalent millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 995. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Ballard of the 147th, Sainz of the 180th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to effectiveness of educational programs, so as to require the administration of a nationally recognized multiple-aptitude battery assessment that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military to public school students in grades 11 and 12 who choose to participate; to prohibit the use of assessment results in education accountability programs; to provide for parents and guardians to opt their children out of participating in such assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1020. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Ballard of the 147th, Burchett of the 176th, LaHood of the 175th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for business enterprises in less developed areas, so as to revise the military zones that qualify for designation as less developed areas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1229. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

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fees; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for the sale of property; to provide for penalties; to provide for an independent school system; to provide for public utilities; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for fire and police departments and chiefs thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for prior ordinances and pending matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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HB 1241. By Representatives Stoner of the 40th, Cummings of the 39th and Anulewicz of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Smyrna, approved August 27, 1931 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 955), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3951), so as to revise the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1242. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Bell of the 75th, Holly of the 116th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Clayton County Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1243. By Representatives Anulewicz of the 42nd, Stoner of the 40th, Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th, Williams of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 2, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3675), so as to change the compensation of the clerk of the probate court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1246. By Representatives Anulewicz of the 42nd, Stoner of the 40th, Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th, Williams of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4317), so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1248. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Elbert County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1249. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Elbert County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain senior citizens in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and

eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1250. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Elbert County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 529. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Halpern of the 39th and Butler of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice relative to physicians, so as to provide for certain licensure for qualifying foreign medical graduates; to provide for a nonrenewable limited provisional license under certain conditions; to provide for a renewable restricted license under certain conditions; to provide for the application for full licensure under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 530. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Burns of the 23rd and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the placement of certificated professional personnel on the state minimum salary schedule; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 531. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4094), so as to change the compensation of the members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 532. By Senators Dixon of the 45th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to prohibit sex education for public school students in this state before fifth grade; to require the State Board of Education to approve age- and grade-appropriate content standards for sex education curricula; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to revise the "Parents Bill of Rights" to provide for parents to revocably opt-in to sex education for their children; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 533. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to proceedings upon plea of mental incompetency to stand trial, so as to provide for jail-based competency restoration programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 534. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th, Still of the 48th and Merritt of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as provide that the failure of a marketplace innkeeper to provide a consumer with an itemized receipt detailing certain taxes and fees is an unlawful business practice; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 535. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd and Harbison of the 15th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 536. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Walker III of the 20th and Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dietitians, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Dietitian Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians to administer the compact in this state; to authorize the board to conduct national background checks; to provide for a short title; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 537. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 6th, Harrell of the 40th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxes on tobacco and vaping products, so as to increase the rate of the tax on consumable vapor products; to provide

that the proceeds derived from such increase are intended to be appropriated for healthcare purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 538. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 6th, Lucas of the 26th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that interfering with poll workers shall be punished as a misdemeanor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxes on tobacco and vaping products, so as to increase the rate of the tax on each pack of cigarettes; to provide that the proceeds derived from such increase are intended to be appropriated for healthcare purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 540. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th and Butler of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-3-202 and Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unlawful practices in selling or renting dwellings and exceptions, and landlord and tenant in general, respectively, so as to require landlords or managers for certain apartment buildings or complexes to provide services when certain crimes have been reported or investigated on the property; to provide for an additional declared unlawful act relative to fair housing; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 541. By Senator Merritt of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to provisions applicable to the Department of Banking and Finance and financial institutions generally; to amend Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade; to amend Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 14 of the O.C.G.A., relating to reports of business corporations; to amend Code Section 44-14-162 of the O.C.G.A., relating to sales made on foreclosure under power of sale, manner of advertisement and conduct necessary for validity, and filing, to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for separate bidding for certain ad valorem tax foreclosure sales; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 542. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water rights, so as to remove references to the public trust doctrine; to provide legislative findings relative to the public's right to use navigable streams; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

SB 543. By Senators Brass of the 28th and Hodges of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bingo, so as to change certain provisions relating to bingo games operated by nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations; to remove certain limitations regarding premises on which such bingo games may be held; to change certain provisions relating to the prizes and proceeds of such bingo games; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Dalton in Whitfield County, Georgia; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a municipal court and the judge or judges thereof; to provide for practices and procedures; to provide for taxation and fees; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for the sale of property; to provide for penalties; to provide for an independent school system; to provide for public utilities; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for fire and police departments and chiefs thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for prior ordinances and pending matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1246. By Representatives Anulewicz of the 42nd, Stoner of the 40th, Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th, Williams of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4317), so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1248. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Elbert County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1249. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Elbert County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain senior citizens in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,

effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1250. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Elbert County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 494 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Goodman of the 8th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 876 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Summers of the 13th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Children and Families has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 324 Do Pass by substitute
SB 520 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 147 Do Pass by substitute
SB 365 Do Pass
SB 459 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dixon of the 45th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

ELENA C. PARENT
District 42
Senate Democratic Caucus, Chair
121-A State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Phone: (404) 656-5109

E-mail: Elena.Parent@senate.ga.gov

COMMITTEES:

Education & Youth
Judiciary
Government Oversight
Appropriations

The State Senate

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 365

February 21, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 365, which Education & Youth passed out on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
Senator Elena Parent
Member of Education & Youth
Chair, Senate Democratic Caucus

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 293 Do Pass by substitute
SR 474 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 473 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Setzler of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 979	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1025	Do Pass
HB 1063	Do Pass	HB 1085	Do Pass
HB 1086	Do Pass	HB 1087	Do Pass
HB 1088	Do Pass	HB 1106	Do Pass
HB 1145	Do Pass	HB 1174	Do Pass
SB 482	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 583	Do Pass by substitute
SR 609	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dolezal of the 27th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 915 SB 475

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Islam Parkes was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Walker III of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Walker III was excused.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Goodman	Moore
Anavitarte	Halpern	Payne
Anderson, L.	Harbin	Rahman
Anderson, T.	Harbison	Rhett
Beach	Harrell	Robertson
Brass	Hatchett	Seay
Burns	Hickman	Setzler
Butler	Hodges	Sims
Cowsert	Hufstetler	Strickland
Davenport	James	Summers
Dixon	Jones, H.	Tillery
Echols	Kennedy	Watson, B.
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Watson, S.
Ginn	Lucas	Williams
Gooch	McLaurin	

Not answering were Senators:

Islam Parkes (Excused)	Jackson (Excused)	Jones, E. (Excused)
Mallow (Excused)	Parent (Excused)	Tate (Excused)
Walker (Excused)	Dolezal	Merritt
Orrock	Still	

The following communication from the Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State, certifying the Senator-elect in the Special Election held on February 13, 2024 was received and read by the Secretary:

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that the attached page numbered 1 of 1 are the aggregated results as shown on the certified returns for the Special Election held on February 13, 2024, for State Senate, District 30 and the same appearing on the official record in this office.

Having received the majority of votes cast, Timothy J. Bearden was duly elected as State Senator, District 30.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eight.*

(Seal)

/s/ Brad Raffensperger
Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State

The President introduced Judge Dustin W. Hightower, Judge of the Superior Court of the Coweta Judicial Circuit, who administered the oath of office to Senator-elect Tim Bearden as confirmed by the following communications:

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE SENATOR
SENATOR TIM BEARDEN
SENATE DISTRICT 30

I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this state and of the United States and, on all questions and measures which may come before me, I will so conduct myself as will, in my judgment, be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of this state.

I further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state, or due any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, of any other state, or any foreign state, which by law I am prohibited from holding; that I have been a resident of my district for the time required by the Constitution and the laws of this state; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

So help me God.

This 21st day of February, 2024
/s/ Tim Bearden
Hon. Tim Bearden
Georgia Senate

COWETA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
311 NEWNAN STREET
CARROLLTON, GA. 30117

Mr. David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

I, Dustin W. Hightower, Superior Court Judge of the Coweta Judicial Circuit, do hereby certify by my signature below that I have this date, February 21, 2024, at 10:15 a.m., in the Senate Chamber, Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, administered the following Oath of Office to the Senator-Elect Tim Bearden of the Georgia Senate for the 2023 - 2024 term:

"I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this state and of the United States and, on all questions and measures which may come before me, I will so conduct myself as will, in my judgment, be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of this state.

I further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state, or due any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, of any other state, or any foreign state, which by law I am prohibited from holding; that I have been a resident of my district for the time required by the Constitution and the laws of this state; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

So help me God."

SIGNED: /s/ Dustin W. Hightower
Dustin W. Hightower
Judge of the Superior Court
Coweta Judicial Circuit

DATED: February 21, 2024

The President introduced the newly elected Senator to the Senate. The Senator was seated by the Senate without objection.

Senator Bearden of the 30th addressed the Senate briefly.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
240 STATE CAPITOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 21, 2024

Senator Tim Bearden
121-F State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Bearden,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you to the following standing committees of the Senate:

Banking & Financial Institutions
Education & Youth
Science & Technology
Veterans, Military, & Homeland Security

Your appointments are effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Senator John F. Kennedy
President Pro Tempore

/s/ Steve Gooch
Senator Steve Gooch
Majority Leader

/s/ Brandon L. Beach
Senator Brandon Beach
Committee on Assignments

/s/ Greg Dolezal
Senator Greg Dolezal
Committee on Assignments

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BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 21, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary Cook,

I write to inform you that, pursuant to Senate Rules 2-3.2(a), the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed Senator Jason Esteves of the 6th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Ethics Committee. This appointment was made at the request of Senator Max Burns, who chairs the Ethics Committee and is in response to his concern regarding repeated excused absences from committee meetings by Senator Valencia Seay.

Senator Esteves's appointment is effective immediately. As an ex-officio member, he shall count as a voting member for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at any given meeting and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Harbin of the 16th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Josh Saefkow of Fayetteville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Allison Paine, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Echols of the 49th introduced the 80th Youth Assembly of the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement, commended by SR 596, adopted previously. Mary Eloise Tymchuk, Youth Governor of the 80th Youth Assembly, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Seay of the 34th introduced Temple Lester, commended by SR 556, adopted previously. Ms. Lester addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 640. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Watson of the 1st and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kayla Hill; and for other purposes.

SR 641. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Watson of the 1st and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Janette Velez; and for other purposes.

SR 642. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Watson of the 1st and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Tara Jenkins; and for other purposes.

SR 643. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Watson of the 1st and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Adrienne Baldwin; and for other purposes.

SR 644. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Hickman of the 4th, Setzler of the 37th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the designation of February 27, 2024, as Georgia's All Funeral Professionals Recognition Day; and for other purposes.

SR 645. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Mallow of the 2nd, Hodges of the 3rd, Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Sgt. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett; and for other purposes.

SR 646. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Hyundai Motor Group's dedication to the State of Georgia and recognizing February 26, 2024, as Hyundai Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 647. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Esteves of the 6th and Islam Parkes of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Evangelist Willie Bell Brack; and for other purposes.

SR 648. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and Parent of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mrs. Peggy Wilson; and for other purposes.

SR 649. By Senators Payne of the 54th and Dixon of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 21, 2024, as Charter Schools Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 650. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Sims of the 12th, Rhett of the 33rd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 80th anniversary of the United Negro College Fund; and for other purposes.

SR 651. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Dixon of the 45th, Williams of the 25th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

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

SR 652. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, McLaurin of the 14th, Esteves of the 6th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia residents who have type 1 diabetes and whose families continually educate and advocate and recognizing March 14, 2024, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Harbin of the 16th asked unanimous consent that the following bills be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Education and Youth and committed to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight:

SB 379. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-182 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program weights to reflect funds for payment of salaries and benefits, maximum class size, reporting requirements, and application to specific school years, so as to authorize local school systems

and public schools to employ or accept as a volunteer school chaplains; to provide that school chaplains shall provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 501. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Harbison of the 15th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 19A of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to American history recognition and significant documents, so as to authorize public elementary and secondary schools to display the Ten Commandments; to provide for the display of the Ten Commandments in each public elementary and secondary school classroom in this state, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly or other available funding; to provide for specifications for such displays; to authorize the expenditure of public funds for the purchase of such displays; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 379 and SB 501 were committed to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Twenty-fourth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 482 Sims of the 12th
SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to revise and restate the law relating to the Sumter County board of education and school superintendent, approved February 26, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3503), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of said board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 979 Setzler of the 37th
Hufstetler of the 52nd
PROBATE COURT BARTOW COUNTY

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

HB 1063 Moore of the 53rd
BOARD OF ELECTIONS CHATTOOGA COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Chattooga County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for the election supervisor; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for required training; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1085 Harrell of the 40th
CITY OF CHAMBLEE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Chamblee Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to provide for the validation of such bonds and to fix the venue for jurisdiction of actions relating to any provision of this Act; to provide for immunity and exemption from liability for torts and negligence; to provide that the property of the authority shall not be subject to levy and sale; to provide that certain moneys are trust funds; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon

dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1106 Watson of the 1st
MUNICIPAL COURT OF CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Tybee Island to charge a technology fee; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may be applied; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1174 Robertson of the 29th
HARRIS COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Harris County Public Improvements Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the Authority, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4052), so as to revise the purpose of the authority; to revise a definition; to provide for the acquisition of property through condemnation; to provide for reversion of assets upon dissolution; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following five local bills relating to homestead exemptions require a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 1025 Albers of the 56th
Beach of the 21st
Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
CHEROKEE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, so as to provide for a full value exemption for senior and disabled residents; to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory

execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1086 Dixon of the 45th
Cowsert of the 46th
Ginn of the 47th
BARROW COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Barrow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens with certain maximum incomes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1087 Dixon of the 45th
Cowsert of the 46th
Ginn of the 47th
BARROW COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Barrow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens with certain maximum incomes; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1088 Dixon of the 45th
Cowsert of the 46th
Ginn of the 47th
BARROW COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from

Barrow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens with certain maximum incomes; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1145 Setzler of the 37th
Hufstetler of the 52nd
BARTOW COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain Bartow County School District ad valorem taxes for education purposes in the amount of $28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are disabled and who do not have a gross income from all sources, including Social Security and any other retirement or disability income and including the income of all members of the family residing within said homestead, exceeding $20,000.00 per annum for the immediately preceding year, approved April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4900), so as to increase the income cap to $36,000.00; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.8 (b), Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd filed the following objection:

As provided in Senate Rule 4-2.8 (b), we, the undersigned Senators, hereby file an objection to HB 1025, which is on the Local Consent Calendar for today, and hereby request that it be moved to the Senate Local Contested Calendar.

/s/ Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
/s/ Albers of the 56th
/s/ Beach of the 21st

Date: 2/21/24

Pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.8 (b), HB 1025 was removed from the Senate Local Consent Calendar and placed on the Senate Local Contested Calendar for today.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

*HB 979:

Senators Setzler of the 37th and Hufstetler of the 52nd offered the following substitute to HB 979:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Bartow County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) The clerk of the Probate Court of Bartow County is hereby authorized to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the probate court in an amount not to exceed $5.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court and not to exceed $5.00 as a surcharge on each fine paid. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological needs of the Probate Court of Bartow County. Such uses shall include only the following:

(1) Computer hardware and software purchases;

(2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware;

(3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, recording, and printing equipment and software; and

(4) Purchase of services and equipment for the conservation of court records and archiving the same to digital contents for public access.

(b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by the clerk of the probate court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this section.

(c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on July 1, 2029, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b) of this section shall remain dedicated to general Bartow County technology uses.

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bills as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Local Consent Calendar, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local bills, the yeas were 51, nays 2.

The bills on the Local Consent Calendar, except HB 979, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

HB 979, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following local, contested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Contested Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONTESTED CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Twenty-fourth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following local bill relating to homestead exemptions requires a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 1025 Albers of the 56th
Beach of the 21st
Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
CHEROKEE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, so as to provide for a full value exemption for senior and disabled residents; to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that HB 1025 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations from the Local Contested Calendar. The consent was granted, and HB 1025 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Confirmation of Governor's Appointments

THIRD READING AND CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

SB 375 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; add commissioner of veterans service (VM&HS-17th)

SB 385 Georgia Military College; legislative intent language regarding certain postsecondary study beyond the second year level; revise (VM&HS-25th)

SB 398 Georgia Joint Defense Commission; commission's operations; revise (VM&HS-32nd)

SR 527 Senate Study Committee on Veterans' Mental Health and Housing; create (VM&HS-54th)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that the Senate dispense with the reading of the Governor's Appointments.

There was no objection, and the reading of the Governor's Appointments was dispensed with.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that one roll call suffice for the confirmation of the appointments in their entirety.

There was no objection, and the Senate agreed to consider the appointments with one roll call.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Governor's Appointments be confirmed as submitted.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 5; the motion prevailed, and the Governor's Appointments were confirmed.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 375. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jackson of the 41st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st and Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 37-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, membership, meetings, and obligations, so as to add the commissioner of veterans service as a member of such council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 375, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 385. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to funding, donations, property, and scholarships with respect to Georgia Military College, so as to revise legislative intent language regarding certain postsecondary study beyond the second year level; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

SB 385, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/21/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 385. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Rahman of the 5th

SB 398. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, so as to revise the commission's operations; to expand the commission's membership; to revise the term lengths of commission members; to revise definitions; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to authorize the Department of Economic Development to assist the Georgia Joint Defense Commission in certain activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
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Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 2.

SB 398, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SR 527. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, McLaurin of the 14th, Kennedy of the 18th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Veterans' Mental Health and Housing; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
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Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SR 527, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 22, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, February 22, 2024
Twenty-fifth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
240 STATE CAPITOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 22, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Russ Goodman as an ex-officio member of the Senate Ethics Committee for the committee meeting to be held on February 22, 2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 472. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Blackmon of the 146th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to allow sworn law enforcement officers serving in and the commissioner and deputy commissioner of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division and the Capitol Police Division of the Department of Public Safety to be eligible for regular retirement benefits at the age of 55 years, certain disability benefits, and certain provisions for purchasing creditable service; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 896. By Representatives New of the 64th, Lott of the 131st, Gullett of the 19th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to divorce, so as to provide for a process by which individuals may change their married surname to a prior surname or the given surname on their birth certificate following a divorce; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 904. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd, Jackson of the 128th, Campbell of the 171st, Mainor of the 56th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8, 10, 36, 43, and 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to buildings and housing, commerce and trade, local government, professions and businesses, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as change certain provisions relating to certain professions practicing in this state; to change certain provisions

relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 907. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Smith of the 18th, Mathis of the 149th, Jasperse of the 11th, Collins of the 71st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to right of way for operators of motor vehicles, so as to revise responsibilities of motor vehicle operators when encountering a funeral procession on a two-lane highway; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 994. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 51 and 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating torts and waters of the state, ports, and watercraft, respectively, so as to revise liability for the negligent operation of a vessel; to require boat liveries to obtain and maintain certain insurance; to provide for notice of insurance coverage; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1001. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th and Collins of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide that presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format satisfies the requirement to possess a driver's license while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit the compelling of a licensee to produce a wireless telecommunications device to a law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1041. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Jackson of the 165th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-7-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority, membership, and powers, so as to increase the

maximum amount of bonded indebtedness of the authority; to authorize the authority to condemn public property; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1054. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Hitchens of the 161st, Vance of the 133rd, Holcomb of the 81st and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-13-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to signature on citations required, effect of failure to sign, exemption for out-of-state drivers, and electronic capture of signature, so as to provide for the issuance of refusal to sign citation; to provide for penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1069. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Pirkle of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assessment of standing timber, penalty for failure to timely report, effect of reduction of property tax digest, and supplemental assessment, so as to authorize the disclosure of records to the State Forestry Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1072. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Parrish of the 158th, Jackson of the 128th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the drug repository program, so as to revise definitions; to provide for pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratios in the program; to require reverse drug distributors to make and document diligent efforts to donate drugs rather than destroy them; to provide for substitution of drugs in some instances; to provide for the intent of the General Assembly with respect to settlement funds received by the state relating to prescription drugs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales to or by certain eligible recipients; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1077. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Silcox of the 53rd and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to create a grant program to provide funding to eligible institutions for additional behavioral health workforce training positions; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for funding sources; to provide for applications; to provide for funding limitations; to create a behavioral health provider loan repayment program; to provide for definitions; to provide for written contracts with program participants; to provide for payment criteria; to provide for maximum amounts; to provide for prioritization of applications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1150. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Corbett of the 174th, Sainz of the 180th, Pirkle of the 169th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-8-73.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tinting of windows or windshields of motor vehicles, so as to provide that fingerprints shall not be obtained for offenses relating to operation of a motor vehicle with unauthorized levels of window or windshield tinting or unlawful installation of such; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1183. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stoner of the 40th and Mathiak of the 74th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes whenever other health information is provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1193. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Hong of the 103rd and Collins of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to require the operation of flashing or revolving amber lights upon certain vehicles; to provide for penalties; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1235. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 138th, Burchett of the 176th and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for vehicle registration of special mobile equipment that are self-propelled cranes in order to authorize operation of such upon public highways; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions from certain federal requirements for certain vehicles and equipment; to authorize the issuance of certificates of title for self-propelled cranes; to provide for an annual licensing fee for such equipment; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 544. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest by law enforcement officers generally, so as to provide that arrested women submit to pregnancy testing protocols under certain circumstances; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inmate policies, so as to revise provisions relating to the treatment of pregnant and postpartum female inmates; to revise a definition; to enact a provision regarding delayed sentencing for pregnant or postpartum female inmates; to provide for the reporting of certain information; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 545. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding child custody proceedings, so as to provide for judicial discretion in determining the right of a surviving parent to custody of a child when such surviving parent is criminally charged with the murder or voluntary manslaughter of the other parent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 546. By Senators James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to repeal provisions relating to the practice of midwifery; to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the licensure and regulation of community midwives; to provide for a short title; to require written disclosures to clients; to provide for authorized acts and duties; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 547. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Still of the 48th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 548. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Merritt of the 9th, McLaurin of the 14th, Islam Parkes of the 7th and Jackson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to prohibit merchants from refusing to accept cash for purchases; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

SB 549. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Merritt of the 9th, Esteves of the 6th, McLaurin of the 14th and Islam Parkes of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to prohibit retailers from conditioning the issuance

of refunds on the buyer returning goods to any place other than the retail establishment where such goods were purchased; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

SB 550. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 6th, Parent of the 42nd, McLaurin of the 14th and Merritt of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-1A-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of early care and education programs, so as to provide for a minimum salary schedule for Georgia's Pre-K Program lead teachers, subject to appropriations; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 551. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to public property, so as to provide for priority parking spaces for veterans on state owned properties; to provide for definitions; to provide for required signage; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.

SB 552. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 6th, Jones of the 10th, Anderson of the 43rd and Merritt of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for the General Assembly, so as to require the Office of Legislative Counsel to prepare demographic notes for certain proposed legislation that outline the potential effects of such legislation on disparities within the state; to provide for procedures and limitations regarding such notes; to require the legislative counsel to establish and report additional procedures; to require cooperation by state departments, agencies, and institutions; to authorize the use of funds for training; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 553. By Senator Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate the Sunday following Veterans Day each year as "National Warrior Call Day" in Georgia; to provide for recognition of the tragically high rate of suicides among service members and veterans; to encourage community outreach to such persons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.

SB 554. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to create a presumption for the qualification for indemnification benefits based on a public safety officer having COVID-19 at the time of death, if certain requirements are met; to provide a definition; to allow applications for indemnification for such circumstances to be made during a certain time period; to authorize the Department of Administrative Services to purchase annuities for certain purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SR 653. By Senator Hatchett of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Ms. Courtney Faith Zajdowicz and dedicating an intersection in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 655. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Goodman of the 8th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd, Still of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Tim Howard and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 658. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Esteves of the 6th, Davenport of the 44th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April as Minority Health Month to encourage cholesterol screening; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 660. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION urging the State of Georgia to designate areas of the City of Atlanta as Nobel Peace District No. 1; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Institutions and Property.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 472. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Blackmon of the 146th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to allow sworn law enforcement officers serving in and the commissioner and deputy commissioner of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division and the Capitol Police Division of the Department of Public Safety to be eligible for regular retirement benefits at the age of 55 years, certain disability benefits, and certain provisions for purchasing creditable service; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to divorce, so as to provide for a process by which individuals may change their married surname to a prior surname or the given surname on their birth certificate following a divorce; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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HB 907. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Smith of the 18th, Mathis of the 149th, Jasperse of the 11th, Collins of the 71st and others:

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Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 994. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 51 and 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating torts and waters of the state, ports, and watercraft, respectively, so as to revise liability for the negligent operation of a vessel; to require boat liveries to obtain and maintain certain insurance; to provide for notice of insurance coverage; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 1001. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th and Collins of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide that presentation of a driver's license

in a certain electronic format satisfies the requirement to possess a driver's license while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit the compelling of a licensee to produce a wireless telecommunications device to a law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1041. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Jackson of the 165th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-7-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority, membership, and powers, so as to increase the maximum amount of bonded indebtedness of the authority; to authorize the authority to condemn public property; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 1054. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Hitchens of the 161st, Vance of the 133rd, Holcomb of the 81st and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-13-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to signature on citations required, effect of failure to sign, exemption for out-of-state drivers, and electronic capture of signature, so as to provide for the issuance of refusal to sign citation; to provide for penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1069. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Pirkle of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assessment of standing timber, penalty for failure to timely report, effect of reduction of property tax digest, and supplemental assessment, so as to authorize the disclosure of records to the State Forestry Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1072. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Parrish of the 158th, Jackson of the 128th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the drug repository program, so as to revise definitions; to provide for pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratios in the program; to require reverse drug distributors to make and document diligent efforts to donate drugs rather than destroy them; to provide for substitution of drugs in some instances; to provide for the intent of the General Assembly with respect to settlement funds received by the state relating to prescription drugs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales to or by certain eligible recipients; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1077. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Silcox of the 53rd and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to create a grant program to provide funding to eligible institutions for additional behavioral health workforce training positions; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for funding sources; to provide for applications; to provide for funding limitations; to create a behavioral health provider loan repayment program; to provide for definitions; to provide for written contracts with program participants; to provide for payment criteria; to provide for maximum amounts; to provide for prioritization of applications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1150. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Corbett of the 174th, Sainz of the 180th, Pirkle of the 169th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-8-73.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tinting of windows or windshields of motor vehicles, so as to provide that fingerprints shall not be obtained for offenses relating to operation of a motor vehicle with unauthorized levels of window or windshield tinting or unlawful installation of such; to provide for

related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1183. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stoner of the 40th and Mathiak of the 74th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes whenever other health information is provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 1193. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Hong of the 103rd and Collins of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to require the operation of flashing or revolving amber lights upon certain vehicles; to provide for penalties; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1235. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 138th, Burchett of the 176th and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for vehicle registration of special mobile equipment that are self-propelled cranes in order to authorize operation of such upon public highways; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions from certain federal requirements for certain vehicles and equipment; to authorize the issuance of certificates of title for self-propelled cranes; to provide for an annual licensing fee for such equipment; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 154	Do Pass by substitute	SB 394	Do Pass by substitute
SB 423	Do Pass	SB 432	Do Pass
SB 532	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dixon of the 45th District, Chairman

The following communications were read by the Secretary:

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The State Senate

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 154

February 22, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 154, which Education and Youth passed out on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
Senator Elena Parent
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To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 394

February 22, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 394, which Education and Youth passed out on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
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To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 532

February 22, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 532, which Education and Youth passed out on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
Senator Elena Parent
Member of Education & Youth
Chair, Senate Democratic Caucus

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 221 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Burns of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 383 Do Pass
SB 403 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 346 Do Pass
SB 379 Do Pass by substitute
SB 390 Do Pass by substitute
SB 498 Do Pass by substitute
SB 501 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Harbin of the 16th District, Chairman

The following communications were read by the Secretary:

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To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 379

February 22, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 379, which Government Oversight passed out on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
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To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 390

February 22, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 390, which Government Oversight passed out on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 501

February 22, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 501, which Government Oversight passed out on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
Senator Elena Parent
Member of Government Oversight
Chair, Senate Democratic Caucus

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the

following recommendation:

SB 460	Do Pass	SB 480	Do Pass
SB 481	Do Pass	SB 491	Do Pass by substitute
SB 515	Do Pass by substitute	SB 524	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 970	Do Pass
HB 985	Do Pass
SB 497	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hickman of the 4th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 283	Do Pass by substitute	SB 347	Do Pass
SB 371	Do Pass	SB 391	Do Pass
SB 465	Do Pass by substitute	SB 466	Do Pass
SB 474	Do Pass by substitute	SB 493	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 167	Do Pass by substitute	HB 348	Do Pass by substitute
SB 507	Do Pass	SB 508	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 499	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 876	SB 324	SB 365	SB 459	SB 473	SB 494
SB 520	SR 583	SR 609			

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Burns of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Goodman of the 8th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Goodman was excused.

Senator Beach of the 21st asked unanimous consent that Senator Dolezal of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dolezal was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	Merritt
Anavitarte	Harbin	Moore
Anderson, L.	Harbison	Payne
Anderson, T.	Harrell	Rahman
Beach	Hatchett	Rhett
Bearden	Hickman	Robertson
Brass	Hodges	Seay
Burns	Hufstetler	Setzler
Butler	Islam Parkes	Sims
Cowsert	Jackson	Still
Davenport	James	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, H.	Summers
Echols	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Mallow	Watson, B.
Gooch	McLaurin	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Dolezal (Excused)	Goodman (Excused)	Jones, E. (Excused)
Lucas (Excused)	Orrock (Excused)	Parent (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Watson, S.	

Senator Watson of the 11th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Robertson of the 29th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Donald McDuffie of Gainesville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:

Date: 2/21/24

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SB 554.

Signed: /s/ Randy Robertson District: 29

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Jason Anavitarte
(Primary Author)

Date: 2/21/24

Hon. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of SB 554.

Signed: /s/ John Albers District: 56

I hereby consent to adding the above-named Senator as a cosponsor of the referenced legislation:
/s/ Jason Anavitarte
(Primary Author)

The President recognized Congressman Rich McCormick.

Senator Sims of the 12th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Koosh Desai, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hickman of the 4th introduced the 2023 Technical College System of Georgia awards winners, commended by SR 628, adopted previously. Greg Dozier, Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia, Kayla Hill, Tara Jenkins, Adrienne Baldwin, and Janette Velez addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd introduced Judge Angela Brown, Judge Kellie Hill, and Cobb County Solicitor General Makia Metzger, commended by SR 462, SR 463, and SR 464, all adopted previously. Judge Brown, Judge Hill, and Solicitor General Metzger addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 667. By Senator Mallow of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Colonel Chris C. Wright on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd introduced Colonel Chris C. Wright, commended by SR 667. Colonel Wright addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized former Senator John Wilkinson.

Senator Sims of the 12th recognized the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce.

The President recognized former Senator Renee Unterman.

Senator Orrock of the 36th recognized the family of the late Dexter Scott King, commended by SR 620, adopted previously. Leah Weber King, the wife of Dexter Scott King, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Watson of the 1st asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 4-2.1 (a) to allow for the reading of committee reports. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 455 Do Pass by substitute
SB 456 Do Pass by substitute
SB 495 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 142 Do Pass by substitute
SB 186 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Walker III of the 20th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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Children and Family
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To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate

From: Sen. Nikki Merritt

Re: Minority Report on SB 186

February 22, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 186, which Insurance & Labor passed out on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

/s/ Nikki A. Merritt
Senator Nikki Merritt
Member of Insurance & Labor

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 654. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Quinton and Mittie King; and for other purposes.

SR 656. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th, Rhett of the 33rd and Hickman of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Kennesaw State University upon its 60th anniversary and Southern Polytechnic State University upon its 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 657. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Halpern of the 39th, Payne of the 54th and Harrell of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 25th Anniversary of Peer Support and the Associated Certified Peer Specialists Workforce; and for other purposes.

SR 659. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Walker III of the 20th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 7, 2024, as Nurses Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 661. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Delandra Vinson, Jasmine Bradfield, Nyasha Bonner, Sarah Henderson, Crystal Hanner, Tracy Goddard-Johnson, Rachel Hart, Rhonda Nar Sanders, Melissa Renae Burgess, Paige Beckett, Beverly Maria Cranford, Tamara Taitt, Anjli Hinman, Marsha Ford, Kaci Griffin, Bethany Erby, Janisa Camille Simmons, Teri Boles, Stephanie Crunk, Meka Hall, and Morgan Karaj and recognizing February 21, 2024, as Certified Community Midwife Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 662. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Gloria Jenkins for receiving the 2024 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

SR 663. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION commending Whitney Green, Lithonia High School's 2023 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 664. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION commending Ashley Thomas, Stephenson High School's

2023 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 665. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION commending Nalini Babb, Miller Grove High School's 2023 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 666. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Beach of the 21st, Esteves of the 6th, Watson of the 1st and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and for other purposes.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor and committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety:

SB 554. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to create a presumption for the qualification for indemnification benefits based on a public safety officer having COVID-19 at the time of death, if certain requirements are met; to provide a definition; to allow applications for indemnification for such circumstances to be made during a certain time period; to authorize the Department of Administrative Services to purchase annuities for certain purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 554 was committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 20, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 427. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Setzler of the 37th and Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10 and 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade and food, drugs, and cosmetics, respectively, so as to provide for disclosure requirements for advertisements for legal services and for drugs; to provide for related matters; to

provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th objected.

Senator Bearden of the 30th asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on SB 427 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Bearden was excused.

On the motion to take SB 427 from the Table, Senator Butler of the 55th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	E Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Payne
N Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
E Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
E Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
N Dixon	N Jones, H.	N Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	E Lucas	E Walker
N Ginn	Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 26, nays 18; the motion prevailed, and SB 427 was taken from the Table.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 6-3.5 (b), SB 427, having been taken from the Table, was placed at the foot of the Senate Rules Calendar.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 376 Juvenile Code; improve timely permanent placement of a child removed from their home; clarify requirements (Substitute) (C&F-19th)

SB 387 Identification Cards; certain applicants who are either homeless or in the legal custody of the Division of Family and Children Services do not require signatures; provide (C&F-32nd)

HB 915 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 (Substitute) (APPROP-19th) Burns-159th

SB 401 Senate Foster Care and Adoption Study Committee; implement recommendations (Substitute) (C&F-32nd)

SB 483 Minors; enter into the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children; definitions; provisions; provide (C&F-50th)

SR 471 Senate Study Committee on Access to Affordable Child Care; create (C&F-56th)

SR 474 Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children; quality legal representation for parents, children and youth, and child welfare agencies at all stages of child welfare proceedings; urge partnership (RULES-1st)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 376. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Burns of the 23rd, Payne of the 54th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to clarify requirements of parents, DFCS, and court in order to improve timely permanent placement of a child removed from their home; to provide for a hearing to be held prior to a dependent child's fifteenth month in foster care to review a determination of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services not to petition to terminate parental rights; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Children and Families offered the following substitute to SB 376:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to clarify requirements of parents, DFCS, and court in order to improve timely permanent placement of a child removed from their home; to provide that, at a periodic review hearing, a court shall determine whether the parent has made substantial progress toward completion of the case plan; to provide that a court shall timely review and adopt any revised case plans; to provide that a court shall include certain information in its written findings of fact after a periodic review hearing; to provide that a court shall include certain information in its written findings of fact at a permanency plan hearing; to provide that termination of parental rights may not be in the best interests of a child when such child is being cared for by a relative that intends to be a permanent placement for such child; to provide for a hearing to be held prior to a dependent child's fifteenth month in foster care to review a determination of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services not to petition to terminate parental rights; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, is amended by revising Code Section 15-11-216, relating to periodic review hearing, required evidence, and consideration of hearsay evidence, as follows:

"15-11-216.

(a) All cases of children in DFCS custody shall be initially reviewed within 75 days following a child adjudicated as a dependent child's removal from his or her home and shall be conducted by the court. An additional periodic review shall be held within four months following the initial review and shall be conducted by the court or by judicial citizen review panels established by the court, as the court directs, meeting such standards and using such procedures as are established by court rule by the Supreme Court, with the advice and consent of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges. The court shall have the discretion to schedule any subsequent review hearings as necessary.

(b) At any periodic review hearing, the paramount concern shall be the health and safety of a child adjudicated as a dependent ~~child's health and safety~~ child.

(c) At the initial 75 day periodic review, the court shall approve the completion of the relative search, schedule the subsequent four-month review to be conducted by the court or a judicial citizen review panel, and shall determine:

(1) Whether a child adjudicated as a dependent child continues to be a dependent child;

(2) Whether the existing case plan is still the best case plan for such child and his or her family and whether any changes need to be made to the case plan, including whether a concurrent case plan for nonreunification is appropriate;

(3) The extent of compliance with the case plan by all participants;

(3.1) Whether the parent has made substantial progress toward completion of the case plan;

(4) The appropriateness of any recommended changes to such child's placement;

(5) Whether appropriate progress is being made on the permanency plan;

(6) Whether all legally required services are being provided to a child adjudicated as a dependent child, his or her foster parents if there are foster parents, and his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian;

(7) Whether visitation is appropriate and, if so, approve and establish a reasonable visitation schedule consistent with the age and developmental needs of a child adjudicated as a dependent child;

(8) Whether, for a child adjudicated as a dependent child who is 14 years of age or older, the services needed to assist such child to make a transition from foster care to independent living are being provided; and

(9) Whether reasonable efforts continue to be made to prevent or eliminate the necessity of such child's removal from his or her home and to reunify the family after removal of a child adjudicated as a dependent child, unless reasonable efforts were not required.

(d) If at any review subsequent to the initial 75 day review the court finds that there is a lack of substantial progress ~~towards~~ toward completion of the case plan, the court shall order DFCS to develop a case plan for nonreunification or a concurrent case plan contemplating nonreunification within 14 days of such review. The court shall review and adopt the revised case plan, as submitted or as amended, within 45 days of such review or at a previously scheduled hearing.

(d.1) At each review hearing held with respect to a child who remains placed in a qualified residential treatment program, the department shall submit evidence documenting that:

(1) Ongoing assessment of the strengths and needs of the child continues to support the determination that the needs of the child cannot be met through placement in a foster family home;

(2) Placement in a qualified residential treatment program provides the most effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive environment;

(3) Placement in a qualified residential treatment program is consistent with the short-term and long-term goals for the child, as specified in the permanency plan for the child;

(4) The specific treatment or service needs that will be met for the child in the placement and the length of time the child is expected to need the treatment or services; and

(5) The efforts made by the department to prepare the child to return home or to be placed with a fit and willing relative, a legal guardian, or an adoptive parent, or in a foster family home.

(e) At the time of each review of a child adjudicated as a dependent child in DFCS custody, DFCS shall notify the court whether and when it intends to proceed with the termination of parental rights.

(f) The court may consider any evidence, including hearsay evidence, that the court finds to be relevant, reliable, and necessary to determine the needs of a child adjudicated as a dependent child and the most appropriate case plan and permanency plan."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-218, relating to content of orders following periodic review hearings or reports by judicial citizen review panels, as follows:

"(a) At the conclusion of a periodic review hearing, or upon review of a report by a judicial citizen review panel, the court shall issue written findings of fact that include:

(1) Why a child adjudicated as a dependent child continues to be a dependent child;

(2) Whether the existing case plan is still the best case plan for a child adjudicated as a dependent child and his or her family and whether any changes need to be made to the case plan including whether a concurrent case plan for nonreunification is appropriate;

(3) The extent of compliance with the case plan by all participants;

(3.1) Whether the parent has made substantial progress toward completion of the case plan;

(4) The basis for any changes to the placement of a child adjudicated as a dependent child;

(5) Whether visitation is or continues to be appropriate;

(6) A description of progress being made on the permanency plan;

(7) Whether all legally required services are being provided to a child adjudicated as a dependent child, his or her foster parents if there are foster parents, and his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian;

(8) Whether, for a child adjudicated as a dependent child who is 14 years of age or older, the services needed to assist such child to make a transition from foster care to independent living are being provided; and

(9) Whether reasonable efforts continue to be made to prevent or eliminate the necessity of the removal of a child adjudicated as a dependent child and to reunify his or her family after removal, unless reasonable efforts were not required."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-232, relating to permanency plan hearing and findings, as follows:

"(a) At the permanency plan hearing, the court shall make written findings of fact that include the following:

(1) Whether DFCS has made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan which is in effect at the time of the hearing;

(2) The continuing necessity for and the safety and appropriateness of the placement;

(3) Compliance with the permanency plan by DFCS, parties, and any other service providers;

(3.1) Whether the parent has made substantial progress toward completion of the case

plan;

(4) Efforts to involve appropriate service providers in addition to DFCS staff in planning to meet the special needs of a child adjudicated as a dependent child and his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian;

(5) Efforts to eliminate the causes for the placement of a child adjudicated as a dependent child outside of his or her home and toward returning such child safely to his or her home or obtaining a permanent placement for such child;

(6) The date by which it is likely that a child adjudicated as a dependent child will be returned to his or her home, placed for adoption, or placed with a permanent guardian or in some other alternative permanent placement;

(7) Whether, in the case of a child adjudicated as a dependent child placed out of state, the out-of-state placement continues to be appropriate and in the best interests of such child;

(8) In the case of a child adjudicated as a dependent child who is 14 years of age or older, the services needed to assist such child to make a transition from foster care to independent living;

(9) In the case of a child for whom another planned permanent living arrangement is the permanency plan:

(A) Whether DFCS has documented intensive, ongoing, and, as of the date of the hearing, unsuccessful efforts to return the child to the home or to secure a placement for the child with a fit and willing relative, a legal guardian, or an adoptive parent, including through efforts that utilize search technology, including social media, to find biological family members for the children;

(B) Whether DFCS has documented the steps it is taking to ensure that the child's foster family home or child care institution is following the reasonable and prudent parent standard and the child has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities, including by consulting with the child in an age-appropriate manner about the opportunities of the child to participate in the activities; and

(C) After asking the child, what his or her desired permanency outcome is;

(10) If a child has attained the age of 14 years old, whether the permanency plan developed for the child, and any revision or addition to the plan, was developed in consultation with the child and, at the option of the child, with not more than two members of the permanency planning team who were selected by the child and who are not a foster parent of or caseworker for the child in accordance with subparagraph ~~(A) of paragraph (15)~~ (b)(15)(B) of Code Section 15-11-201; and

(11) In the case of a child placed in a qualified residential treatment program:

(A) Whether DFCS has documented ongoing assessments of the strengths and needs of the child that continues to support the determination that the needs of the child cannot be met through placement in a foster family home;

(B) Whether DFCS has documented that placement in a qualified residential treatment program provides the most effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive environment;

(C) Whether DFCS has documented that the child's placement in a qualified residential treatment program is consistent with the short-term and long-term goals for the child, as specified in the permanency plan for the child;

(D) Whether DFCS has documented the specific treatment or service needs that will be met for the child in the placement and the length of time the child is expected to need the treatment or services; and

(E) Whether DFCS has documented their efforts to prepare the child to return home or to be placed with a fit and willing relative, a legal guardian, or an adoptive parent, or in a foster family home."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 15-11-233, relating to termination of parental rights and exceptions, as follows:

"15-11-233.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, DFCS shall file a petition to terminate the parental rights of a parent of a child adjudicated as a dependent child or, if such a petition has been filed by another party, seek to be joined as a party to the petition, and, concurrently, to identify, recruit, process, and approve a qualified family for an adoption if:

(1) A child adjudicated as a dependent child has been in foster care under the responsibility of DFCS for 15 of the most recent 22 months;

(2) The court has made a determination that the parent has subjected his or her child to aggravated circumstances; or

(3) The court has made a determination that the parent of a child adjudicated as a dependent child has been convicted of:

(A) The murder of another child of such parent;

(B) Murder in the second degree of another child of such parent;

(C) Voluntary manslaughter of another child of such parent;

(D) Voluntary manslaughter of the other parent of such child;

(E) Aiding or abetting, attempting, conspiring, or soliciting to commit murder or voluntary manslaughter of another child of such parent;

(F) Aiding or abetting, attempting, conspiring, or soliciting to commit murder or voluntary manslaughter of the other parent of such child; or

(G) Committing felony assault that has resulted in serious bodily injury to such child or to another child of such parent.

(b) Termination of parental rights may not be in the best interests of a child adjudicated as a dependent child when:

(1) Such child is being cared for by his or her relative <u>that intends to be a permanent placement for such child in accordance with a permanency plan approved by the court and in a time frame that is consistent with the developmental needs of such child</u>;

(2) The case plan documents a compelling reason for determining that filing such a petition would not be in the best interests of such child. Such compelling reasons may include, but not be limited to:

(A) A parent of such child is successfully participating in services that will make it possible for his or her child to safely return home;

(B) Another permanency plan is better suited to meet the health and safety needs of such child. Documentation that another permanent plan is better suited to meet the health and safety needs of such child may include documentation that:

(i) Such child is 14 years of age or older and objects to termination of parental rights. Prior to accepting a child's objection, the court shall personally question such child in chambers to determine whether the objection is a voluntary and knowing choice;

(ii) Such child is 16 years of age or older and specifically requests that emancipation be established as his or her permanent plan;

(iii) The parent of such child and such child have a significant bond, but such parent is unable to care for such child because of an emotional or physical disability and such child's caregiver has committed to raising such child to the age of majority and facilitating visitation with such disabled parent; or

(iv) Such child is in a residential treatment facility that provides services specifically designed to address his or her treatment needs and the court determines that his or her needs could not be served by a less restrictive placement;

(C) Such child is living with his or her relative who is unable or unwilling to adopt such child, but who is willing and capable of providing such child with a stable and permanent home environment and the removal of such child from the physical custody of his or her relative would be detrimental to such child's emotional well-being;

(D) The court or judicial citizen review panel, in a prior hearing or review, determined that while the case plan was to reunify the family, DFCS did not make reasonable efforts; or

(E) Such child is an unaccompanied refugee or there are international legal obligations or foreign policy reasons that would preclude terminating parental rights; or

(3) DFCS has not provided to the family of such child services deemed necessary for his or her safe return to his or her home, consistent with the specific time frames for the accomplishment of the case plan goals.

(c) The recommendation by DFCS that termination of parental rights is not in the best interests of a child shall be based on the present family circumstances of such child and shall not preclude a different recommendation at a later date if the family circumstances of a child adjudicated as a dependent child change.

(d) At least 30 days prior to the fifteenth month a child has been in foster care and when the court deems appropriate, the court shall review DFCS's determination that filing a petition to terminate parental rights would not be in the best interests of such child, as provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section. Such hearing may be in conjunction with other matters of the case. At such hearing, the court may appoint an attorney guardian ad litem, who may, after his or her own determination, file a petition to terminate parental rights on behalf of the child. The court in its sole discretion may

make any additional rulings."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all dependency and termination of parental rights cases currently pending, and all such cases later filed, in the juvenile court.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	E Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	E Sims
E Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 376, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be

excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

SB 387. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to identification cards for persons without drivers' licenses, so as to provide that personal identification card applications of certain applicants who are either homeless or in the legal custody of the Division of Family and Children Services do not require signatures by the applicant's parent, guardian, or responsible adult; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to children and youth services, so as to authorize the Department of Human Services to establish programs that will provide a child or youth entering foster care with a photograph; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	E Sims
E Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 387, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 915. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 264), to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 915
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
PART I

An Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023, is amended by striking everything following the Part I designation up to but not including the Part II designation and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

HB 915 (FY 2024A)		Governor	House	SAC
Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$37,512,773,362	$37,512,773,362	$37,512,773,362
State General Funds		$32,457,737,195	$32,457,737,195	$32,457,737,195
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs		$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
State Motor Fuel Funds		$2,185,931,199	$2,185,931,199	$2,185,931,199
Lottery Proceeds		$1,511,932,238	$1,511,932,238	$1,511,932,238
Tobacco Settlement Funds		$148,572,487	$148,572,487	$148,572,487
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund		$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
State Children’s Trust Funds		$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds		$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
Trauma Care Trust Funds		$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds		$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,996,085	$8,996,085	$8,996,085
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$155,666,898	$155,666,898	$155,666,898
Hospital Provider Fee	$407,945,221	$407,945,221	$407,945,221
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,579,632,784	$18,522,578,458	$18,479,682,658
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,106,049,066	$6,106,049,066	$6,106,049,066
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$227,917,447	$227,917,447	$227,917,447
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$81,759,372	$81,759,372	$81,759,372
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$16,975,266	$16,975,266	$16,975,266
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,502,952,007	$9,445,897,681	$9,389,393,687
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$4,695,265
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$52,654,959	$52,654,959	$52,654,959
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$481,068,688
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$369,516,820	$369,516,820	$369,516,820
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$368,253,772	$368,253,772	$368,253,772
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,810,192,491	$5,810,828,319	$5,810,732,491
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$2,180,902	$2,180,902	$2,180,902
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$2,180,902	$2,180,902	$2,180,902
Reserved Fund Balances	$20,834,667	$21,470,495	$21,374,667
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$20,834,667	$21,470,495	$21,374,667

Interest and Investment Income	$8,926,262	$8,926,262	$8,926,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,926,262	$8,926,262	$8,926,262
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,676,990,480	$1,676,990,480	$1,676,990,480
Hospital Authorities	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$484,728,957	$484,728,957	$484,728,957
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$540,389,862	$540,389,862	$540,389,862
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$540,389,862	$540,389,862	$540,389,862
Royalties and Rents	$1,125,058	$1,125,058	$1,125,058
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$1,125,058	$1,125,058	$1,125,058
Sales and Services	$3,555,925,353	$3,555,925,353	$3,555,925,353
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$873,509,256	$873,509,256	$873,509,256
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,681,724,059	$2,681,724,059	$2,681,724,059
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,553,415,193	$5,553,415,193	$5,553,415,193
State Funds Transfers	$5,549,853,066	$5,549,853,066	$5,549,853,066
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$135,332,403	$135,332,403	$135,332,403
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$14,616,052	$14,616,052	$14,616,052
Health Insurance Payments	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Merit System Assessments	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	$84,087,441	$84,087,441	$84,087,441
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,565,000	$1,565,000	$1,565,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,565,000	$1,565,000	$1,565,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,997,127	$1,997,127	$1,997,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,902,598,637	$61,846,180,139	$61,803,188,511
Changes in Fund Availability			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,076,086,512	$5,076,086,512	$5,076,086,512
State General Funds	$4,635,846,919	$4,635,846,919	$4,635,846,919
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
State Motor Fuel Funds	$57,919,528	$57,919,528	$57,919,528
Lottery Proceeds	($2,713,077)	($2,713,077)	($2,713,077)
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536
Ambulance Provider Fees	$226,770	$226,770	$226,770
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$2,981,404	$2,981,404	$2,981,404
Hospital Provider Fee	$22,372,044	$22,372,044	$22,372,044
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,882,177	$115,827,851	$72,932,051
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$172,882,177	$115,827,851	$59,323,857
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$0	$0	$750,265
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$0	$0	$12,857,929
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	($79,952)	$555,876	$460,048
Reserved Fund Balances	$0	$635,828	$540,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$0	$635,828	$540,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,248,888,737	$5,192,470,239	$5,149,478,611

Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application

Section 1: Georgia Senate

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,918,856	$15,918,856	$15,918,856
State General Funds	$15,918,856	$15,918,856	$15,918,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,998,808	$15,998,808	$15,998,808

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,267,183	$16,267,183	$16,785,045
State General Funds	$16,267,183	$16,267,183	$16,785,045
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,267,183	$16,267,183	$16,785,045

Lieutenant Governor's Office		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231
State General Funds	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231

1.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations, staff retention initiatives and growth of field constituent programs.*

State General Funds	$53,737	$53,737	$53,737

1.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds			$8,612

1.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for a statewide workforce study initiative.*

State General Funds			$200,000

1.1000 Lieutenant Governor's Office			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,844,968	$1,844,968	$2,053,580
State General Funds	$1,844,968	$1,844,968	$2,053,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,844,968	$1,844,968	$2,053,580

Secretary of the Senate's Office		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336
State General Funds	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336

2.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$44,590	$44,590	$44,590

2.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,612

2.1000 Secretary of the Senate's Office			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,530,926	$1,530,926	$1,539,538
State General Funds	$1,530,926	$1,530,926	$1,539,538
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,530,926	$1,530,926	$1,539,538

Senate		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,641,289	$12,641,289	$12,641,289
State General Funds	$12,641,289	$12,641,289	$12,641,289
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,721,241	$12,721,241	$12,721,241

3.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$488,201
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)
Total Public Funds:	$170,048	$170,048	$408,249

3.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$62,437

3.3 *Utilize existing funds ($75,000) for a consortium study on educational testing. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

3.1000 Senate			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,891,289	$12,891,289	$13,191,927
State General Funds	$12,891,289	$12,891,289	$13,191,927
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,891,289	$12,891,289	$13,191,927

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
State General Funds	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497
State General Funds	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497

House of Representatives		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
State General Funds	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039

4.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$488,201	$488,201	$488,201

4.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$103,257	$103,257

4.1000 House of Representatives			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497
State General Funds	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346
State General Funds	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,658,194	$19,089,902	$19,089,902
State General Funds	$18,658,194	$19,089,902	$19,089,902
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,658,194	$19,089,902	$19,089,902

Ancillary Activities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730
State General Funds	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730

5.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$229,515	$599,046	$599,046

5.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$23,316	$23,316

5.1000 Ancillary Activities **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,705,245	$12,098,092	$12,098,092
State General Funds	$11,705,245	$12,098,092	$12,098,092
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,705,245	$12,098,092	$12,098,092

Legislative Fiscal Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an

account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680
State General Funds	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680

6.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$30,314	$30,314	$30,314

6.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$7,773	$7,773

6.1000 Legislative Fiscal Office **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,545,994	$1,553,767	$1,553,767
State General Funds	$1,545,994	$1,553,767	$1,553,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,545,994	$1,553,767	$1,553,767

Office of Legislative Counsel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936
State General Funds	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936

7.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$106,019	$106,019	$106,019

7.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$31,088	$31,088

7.1000 Office of Legislative Counsel			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,406,955	$5,438,043	$5,438,043
State General Funds	$5,406,955	$5,438,043	$5,438,043
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,406,955	$5,438,043	$5,438,043

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,891,338	$44,891,338	$44,891,338
State General Funds	$44,891,338	$44,891,338	$44,891,338
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,951,338	$44,951,338	$44,951,338
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,238,079	$46,174,825	$46,174,825
State General Funds	$46,238,079	$46,174,825	$46,174,825
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,298,079	$46,234,825	$46,234,825

Audit and Assurance Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,680,185	$36,680,185	$36,680,185
State General Funds	$36,680,185	$36,680,185	$36,680,185

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,740,185	$36,740,185	$36,740,185

8.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective April 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$290,223	$0	$0

8.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to invest in expanding Department of Audits and Accounts' (DOAA) strategic data analytics capabilities to enhance operational efficiency and optimize our services to the legislature, clients, and the public.*

State General Funds	$873,678	$873,678	$873,678

8.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$239,393	$239,393

8.1000 Audit and Assurance Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,844,086	$37,793,256	$37,793,256
State General Funds	$37,844,086	$37,793,256	$37,793,256
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,904,086	$37,853,256	$37,853,256

Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029
State General Funds	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029

9.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective April 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$23,399	$0	$0

9.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to invest in expanding Department of Audits and Accounts' (DOAA) strategic data analytics capabilities to enhance operational efficiency and optimize our services to the legislature, clients, and the public.*

State General Funds	$70,199	$70,199	$70,199

9.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$15,790	$15,790

9.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAA)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,191,627	$3,184,018	$3,184,018
State General Funds	$3,191,627	$3,184,018	$3,184,018
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,191,627	$3,184,018	$3,184,018

Legislative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

10.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective April 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$1,003	$0	$0

10.1000 Legislative Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,244,003	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,244,003	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,244,003	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124
State General Funds	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124

11.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective April 1, 2024.*			
State General Funds	$22,060	$0	$0
11.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to invest in expanding Department of Audits and Accounts' (DOAA) strategic data analytics capabilities to enhance operational efficiency and optimize our services to the legislature, clients, and the public.*			
State General Funds	$66,179	$66,179	$66,179
11.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*			
State General Funds		$18,248	$18,248

11.1000 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest	**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level	

of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,958,363	$2,954,551	$2,954,551
State General Funds	$2,958,363	$2,954,551	$2,954,551
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,958,363	$2,954,551	$2,954,551

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,419,560	$27,419,560	$27,419,560
State General Funds	$27,419,560	$27,419,560	$27,419,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,569,560	$27,569,560	$27,569,560

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,576,879	$27,540,195	$27,540,195
State General Funds	$27,576,879	$27,540,195	$27,540,195
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,726,879	$27,690,195	$27,690,195

Court of Appeals **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,585,681	$25,585,681	$25,585,681
State General Funds	$25,585,681	$25,585,681	$25,585,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,735,681	$25,735,681	$25,735,681

12.1 *Increase funds to annualize temporary senior judge's salary and commute cost.*

State General Funds	$127,069	$0	$0

12.2 *Increase funds for cost of changes to docket necessitated by credit card service vendor.*

State General Funds	$23,750	$23,750	$23,750

12.3 *Increase funds for an increase in annual cyber security insurance premium.*

State General Funds	$6,500	$0	$0

12.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$96,885	$96,885

12.1000 Court of Appeals **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,743,000	$25,706,316	$25,706,316
State General Funds	$25,743,000	$25,706,316	$25,706,316
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,893,000	$25,856,316	$25,856,316

Georgia State-wide Business Court **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
State General Funds	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879

13.1 *Utilize existing funds to authorize expenditures to comply with O.C.G.A. 15-5A-9(a)(2) and 15-5A-9(a)(3). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

13.1000 Georgia State-wide Business Court			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
State General Funds	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879

Section 6: Judicial Council

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,187,869	$20,187,869	$20,187,869
State General Funds	$20,187,869	$20,187,869	$20,187,869
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,644,556	$24,644,556	$24,644,556

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,750,820	$20,443,777	$21,093,777
State General Funds	$20,750,820	$20,443,777	$21,093,777
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,207,507	$24,900,464	$25,550,464

Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606
State General Funds	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606

14.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459

14.1000 Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$926,606	$933,065	$933,065
State General Funds	$926,606	$933,065	$933,065
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$926,606	$933,065	$933,065

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

15.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$2,153	$2,153

15.1000 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$2,153	$2,153
State General Funds	$0	$2,153	$2,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$489,365	$489,365

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$822,352	$822,352	$822,352
State General Funds	$822,352	$822,352	$822,352
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,775,555	$1,775,555	$1,775,555

16.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.			
State General Funds		$8,612	$8,612

16.1000 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$822,352	$830,964	$830,964
State General Funds	$822,352	$830,964	$830,964
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,775,555	$1,784,167	$1,784,167

Judicial Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,341,232	$16,341,232	$16,341,232
State General Funds	$16,341,232	$16,341,232	$16,341,232
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,357,504	$19,357,504	$19,357,504

17.1 *Increase funds for an economic impact study on access to justice initiatives.*

State General Funds	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000

17.2 *Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients.*

State General Funds	$419,000	$0	$0

17.3 *Increase funds for Council of Municipal Court Judges operations.*

State General Funds	$18,951	$18,951	$18,951

17.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$89,350	$89,350

17.5 *Increase funds to procure and manage information technology and data migration for the Juvenile Courts.*

State General Funds			$650,000

17.1000 Judicial Council **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,904,183	$16,574,533	$17,224,533
State General Funds	$16,904,183	$16,574,533	$17,224,533
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,920,455	$19,590,805	$20,240,805

Judicial Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679
State General Funds	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679

18.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383

18.1000 Judicial Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,303,062	$1,303,062
State General Funds	$1,297,679	$1,303,062	$1,303,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,303,062	$1,303,062

Resource Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
State General Funds	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000

19.1000 Resource Center **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private

attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
State General Funds	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,501,119	$9,501,119	$9,501,119
State General Funds	$9,501,119	$9,501,119	$9,501,119
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,568,605	$9,568,605	$9,568,605

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,744,119	$9,706,884	$9,706,884
State General Funds	$9,744,119	$9,706,884	$9,706,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,811,605	$9,774,370	$9,774,370

Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,522	$1,986,522	$1,986,522
State General Funds	$1,986,522	$1,986,522	$1,986,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,054,008	$2,054,008	$2,054,008

20.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765		$10,765

20.1000 Council of Juvenile Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,522	$1,997,287	$1,997,287
State General Funds	$1,986,522	$1,997,287	$1,997,287
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,054,008	$2,064,773	$2,064,773

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597
State General Funds	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597

21.1 *Increase funds for grants to counties for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-52 effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$12,500	$12,500	$12,500

21.2 *Increase funds for grants to counties for the Coweta Judicial Circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-52 effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$12,500	$12,500	$12,500

21.3 *Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges' salary supplement pursuant to the General Appropriations for FY2023 (Act 865, HB911, 2022 Session). (S:Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges' salary supplement. Beginning in FY2023, a $6,000 supplement has been paid to Juvenile Court Judges who certified no backlog of cases existed in their courts. There is ambiguity surrounding whether the purpose of this allocation has been followed. A new data system should answer questions concerning case backlogs. Therefore, this $6,000 supplement shall cease on December 1, 2024 for any Juvenile Court Judge who has not adopted a uniform case management system that at a minimum provides the period of time that a child has been in Division of*

Family and Children Services (DFCS) custody pending permanency)			
State General Funds	$218,000	$170,000	$170,000

21.1000 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,757,597	$7,709,597	$7,709,597
State General Funds	$7,757,597	$7,709,597	$7,709,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,757,597	$7,709,597	$7,709,597

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,266,535	$116,266,535	$116,266,535
State General Funds	$116,266,535	$116,266,535	$116,266,535
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,395,240	$118,395,240	$118,395,240

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,266,535	$116,180,009	$116,180,009
State General Funds	$116,266,535	$116,180,009	$116,180,009
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,395,240	$118,308,714	$118,308,714

Conflict Case **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727
State General Funds	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727

22.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459

22.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds	($46,646)	($46,646)

22.1000 Conflict Case **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,761,540	$1,761,540
State General Funds	$1,801,727	$1,761,540	$1,761,540
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,761,540	$1,761,540

Council of Superior Court Clerks **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
State General Funds	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166

23.1000 Council of Superior Court Clerks **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
State General Funds	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166

District Attorneys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,321,999	$104,321,999	$104,321,999
State General Funds	$104,321,999	$104,321,999	$104,321,999
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,450,704	$106,450,704	$106,450,704

24.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$845,053	$845,053

24.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds	($93,228)	($93,228)

24.1000 District Attorneys **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,321,999	$105,073,824	$105,073,824
State General Funds	$104,321,999	$105,073,824	$105,073,824
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,450,704	$107,202,529	$107,202,529

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643
State General Funds	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643
25.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*			
State General Funds		$49,519	$49,519
25.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*			
State General Funds		($3,933)	($3,933)
25.3 *Reduce funds for the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds		($843,750)	($843,750)

25.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,159,479	$9,159,479
State General Funds	$9,957,643	$9,159,479	$9,159,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,159,479	$9,159,479

Section 9: Superior Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,790,503	$88,790,503	$88,790,503
State General Funds	$88,790,503	$88,790,503	$88,790,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,871,628	$88,871,628	$88,871,628
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,745,128	$89,059,466	$89,059,466
State General Funds	$88,745,128	$89,059,466	$89,059,466
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,826,253	$89,140,591	$89,140,591

Council of Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,861,834	$1,861,834	$1,861,834
State General Funds	$1,861,834	$1,861,834	$1,861,834
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,886,834	$1,886,834	$1,886,834

26.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,688	$9,688

26.1000 Council of Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the

Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,861,834	$1,871,522	$1,871,522
State General Funds	$1,861,834	$1,871,522	$1,871,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,886,834	$1,896,522	$1,896,522

Judicial Administrative Districts **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,396,756	$3,396,756	$3,396,756
State General Funds	$3,396,756	$3,396,756	$3,396,756
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,407,881	$3,407,881	$3,407,881

27.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530

27.1000 Judicial Administrative Districts **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,396,756	$3,418,286	$3,418,286
State General Funds	$3,396,756	$3,418,286	$3,418,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,407,881	$3,429,411	$3,429,411

Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,531,913	$83,531,913	$83,531,913
State General Funds	$83,531,913	$83,531,913	$83,531,913
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,576,913	$83,576,913	$83,576,913

28.1 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the South Georgia circuit new judgeship created in HB624 (2022 Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

28.2 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Blue Ridge circuit new judgeship created in HB56 (2022 Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

28.3 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Mountain circuit new judgeship created in SB395 (2022 Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

28.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$283,120	$283,120

28.1000 Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,486,538	$83,769,658	$83,769,658
State General Funds	$83,486,538	$83,769,658	$83,769,658

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,531,538	$83,814,658	$83,814,658

Section 10: Supreme Court

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
State General Funds	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,131,960	$20,131,960	$20,131,960

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,298,461	$18,383,505	$18,383,505
State General Funds	$18,298,461	$18,383,505	$18,383,505
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,158,284	$20,243,328	$20,243,328

Supreme Court of Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
State General Funds	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823

Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,131,960	$20,131,960	$20,131,960

29.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement, with the Supreme Court.*

State General Funds	$10,067	$10,067	$10,067

29.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) administered self-insurance premiums.*

State General Funds	$16,257	$16,257	$16,257

29.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$85,044	$85,044

29.1000 Supreme Court of Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,298,461	$18,383,505	$18,383,505
State General Funds	$18,298,461	$18,383,505	$18,383,505
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,158,284	$20,243,328	$20,243,328

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,951,047	$7,951,047	$7,951,047
State General Funds	$7,951,047	$7,951,047	$7,951,047

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,537,212	$34,537,212	$34,537,212

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,618,174	$8,618,174	$8,618,174
State General Funds	$8,618,174	$8,618,174	$8,618,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,204,339	$35,204,339	$35,204,339

Administration (SAO) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$355,246	$355,246	$355,246
State General Funds	$355,246	$355,246	$355,246
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,268,618	$1,268,618	$1,268,618

30.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

30.1000 Administration (SAO) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$360,629	$360,629	$360,629
State General Funds	$360,629	$360,629	$360,629

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,274,001	$1,274,001	$1,274,001

Financial Systems **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
State Funds Transfers	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
Accounting System Assessments	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250

31.1000 Financial Systems **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
State Funds Transfers	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
Accounting System Assessments	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250

Shared Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$938,390	$938,390	$938,390
State General Funds	$938,390	$938,390	$938,390
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786

Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,802,176	$2,802,176	$2,802,176

32.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836

32.1000 Shared Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$964,226	$964,226	$964,226
State General Funds	$964,226	$964,226	$964,226
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,828,012	$2,828,012	$2,828,012

Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,792,418	$2,792,418	$2,792,418
State General Funds	$2,792,418	$2,792,418	$2,792,418
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
State Funds Transfers	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
Accounting System Assessments	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,927,175	$2,927,175	$2,927,175

33.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301

33.2 *Increase funds for the consolidation of data collection systems used to develop the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to prepare for NextGen project implementation.*

State General Funds	$560,000	$560,000	$560,000

33.1000 Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,370,719	$3,370,719	$3,370,719
State General Funds	$3,370,719	$3,370,719	$3,370,719
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
State Funds Transfers	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
Accounting System Assessments	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,505,476	$3,505,476	$3,505,476

State Ethics Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449
State General Funds	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449

34.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301

34.2 *Increase funds to enhance the e-filing system to improve customer service and transparency in reporting.*

State General Funds	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000

34.998 *Change the name of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission to the State Ethics Commission pursuant to HB572 (2023 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

34.1000 State Ethics Commission			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,035,750	$3,035,750	$3,035,750
State General Funds	$3,035,750	$3,035,750	$3,035,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,035,750	$3,035,750	$3,035,750

Georgia State Board of Accountancy			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544
State General Funds	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544

35.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*			
State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306
35.2 *Utilize existing funds ($26,476) for costs related to office relocation and administrative hearings. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*			
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

35.1000 Georgia State Board of Accountancy			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$886,850	$886,850	$886,850
State General Funds	$886,850	$886,850	$886,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$886,850	$886,850	$886,850

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,520,988	$6,520,988	$6,520,988
State General Funds	$6,520,988	$6,520,988	$6,520,988
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$48,160,504	$48,160,504	$48,160,504
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Sales and Services	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Funds Transfers	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$51,144,343	$51,144,343	$51,144,343
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Merit System Assessments	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$273,085,988	$273,085,988	$273,085,988
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$413,187,687	$413,187,687	$413,187,687
State General Funds	$413,187,687	$413,187,687	$413,187,687
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$48,160,504	$48,160,504	$48,160,504
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Sales and Services	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Funds Transfers	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$51,144,343	$51,144,343	$51,144,343
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Merit System Assessments	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$679,752,687	$679,752,687	$679,752,687

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

36.1000 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

Departmental Administration (DOAS)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,517,735	$4,517,735	$4,517,735
Intergovernmental Transfers	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Sales and Services	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Funds Transfers	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,302	$1,653,302	$1,653,302
Merit System Assessments	$2,251,287	$2,251,287	$2,251,287
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,232,324	$9,232,324	$9,232,324

37.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672

37.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAS)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$861,672	$861,672	$861,672
State General Funds	$861,672	$861,672	$861,672
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,517,735	$4,517,735	$4,517,735
Intergovernmental Transfers	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Sales and Services	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Funds Transfers	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,302	$1,653,302	$1,653,302
Merit System Assessments	$2,251,287	$2,251,287	$2,251,287
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,283,996	$9,283,996	$9,283,996

Fleet Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739

38.1000 Fleet Management **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739

Human Resources Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
State Funds Transfers	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
Merit System Assessments	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,079,059	$13,079,059	$13,079,059

39.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836

39.1000 Human Resources Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836
State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
State Funds Transfers	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
Merit System Assessments	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,104,895	$13,104,895	$13,104,895

Risk Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,430,000	$2,430,000	$2,430,000
State General Funds	$2,430,000	$2,430,000	$2,430,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Funds Transfers	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$210,504,783	$210,504,783	$210,504,783

40.1 *Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($2,000,000) to pay negotiated Workers' Compensation settlements to reduce outstanding claims and associated costs (Total Funds: $125,000,000).*

State General Funds	$123,000,000	$123,000,000	$123,000,000

40.2 *Increase funds to reduce outstanding obligations relating to the State Liability program.*

State General Funds	$75,000,000	$75,000,000	$75,000,000

40.3 *Increase funds to meet the cost of excess insurance and projected future claims expenses for the property risk pool.*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000

40.1000 Risk Management **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner

with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,430,000	$250,430,000	$250,430,000
State General Funds	$250,430,000	$250,430,000	$250,430,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Funds Transfers	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$458,504,783	$458,504,783	$458,504,783

State Purchasing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184

41.1000 State Purchasing **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority

business vendors.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184

Surplus Property **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

42.1000 Surplus Property **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,675,240	$2,675,240	$2,675,240
State General Funds	$2,675,240	$2,675,240	$2,675,240

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Funds Transfers	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,750,341	$5,750,341	$5,750,341

43.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$27,989

43.1000 Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,703,229	$2,703,229	$2,703,229
State General Funds	$2,703,229	$2,703,229	$2,703,229
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Funds Transfers	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,778,330	$5,778,330	$5,778,330

Georgia Tax Tribunal **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242
State General Funds	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242

44.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

44.2 *Increase funds to purchase tax law research software.*

State General Funds	$3,400	$3,400	$3,400

44.1000 Georgia Tax Tribunal			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$572,872	$572,872	$572,872
State General Funds	$572,872	$572,872	$572,872
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$572,872	$572,872	$572,872

State Treasurer, Office of the			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262

45.1000 State Treasurer, Office of the			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000

Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

46.1 *Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, for the modernization of the NextGen Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, the Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance system, the Professional Standards Commission Educator Certification Case Management system, the Board of Regents ERP system, and the Department of Human Services $TARS Case Management system.*

State General Funds	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572

46.1000 Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572
State General Funds	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,743,086	$61,743,086	$61,743,086
State General Funds	$59,615,358	$59,615,358	$59,615,358
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,319,932	$73,319,932	$73,319,932
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$65,303,191	$64,938,569	$62,336,506
State General Funds	$63,175,463	$62,810,841	$60,208,778
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,880,037	$76,515,415	$73,913,352

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
State General Funds	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552

47.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
State General Funds	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552

Consumer Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,571,608	$34,571,608	$34,571,608
State General Funds	$34,571,608	$34,571,608	$34,571,608
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,242,753	$44,242,753	$44,242,753

48.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$412,300	$412,300	$412,300

48.2 *Transfer funds from the Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority program ($322,800) to the Consumer Protection program and increase funds for equipment and vehicles to implement the Georgia Electric Vehicle Charging Program pursuant to SB146 (2023 Session). (H:NO; Reduce funds to reflect delayed implementation)(S:Increase funds for equipment and vehicles to begin implementation of the Georgia Electric Vehicle Charging Program pursuant to SB146 (2023 Session))*

State General Funds	$3,315,000	$0	$250,000

48.3 *Increase funds to establish the Georgia Pet Education Campaign and Portal.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$150,000

48.4 *Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($94,422)	($101,685)

48.1000 Consumer Protection **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,298,908	$35,039,486	$35,282,223
State General Funds	$38,298,908	$35,039,486	$35,282,223

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,970,053	$44,710,631	$44,953,368

Departmental Administration (DOA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,663,878	$7,663,878	$7,663,878
State General Funds	$7,663,878	$7,663,878	$7,663,878
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,713,878	$8,713,878	$8,713,878

49.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$59,208	$59,208	$59,208

49.2 *Increase funds to establish the Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund (SB220, 2023 Session).*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$0

49.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for long-term planning for the Atlanta Farmers Market capital needs. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to update prior long-term studies for Atlanta Farmers Market capital needs)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$50,000

49.1000 Departmental Administration (DOA)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,723,086	$10,223,086	$7,773,086
State General Funds	$7,723,086	$10,223,086	$7,773,086
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,773,086	$11,273,086	$8,823,086

Marketing and Promotion			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,029,741	$8,029,741	$8,029,741
State General Funds	$5,902,013	$5,902,013	$5,902,013
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,885,442	$8,885,442	$8,885,442

50.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$34,448

50.1000 Marketing and Promotion			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,064,189	$8,064,189	$8,064,189
State General Funds	$5,936,461	$5,936,461	$5,936,461
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,919,890	$8,919,890	$8,919,890

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

51.1000 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578
State General Funds	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578

52.1 *Transfer funds from the Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority program to the Consumer Protection program to align budget with expenditures. (S:Reduce funds to reclaim funds disregarded in the FY2024 General Budget)*

State General Funds	($322,800)	$0	($322,800)

52.1000 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$1,222,578	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778	$1,222,578	$899,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$1,222,578	$899,778

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672
State General Funds	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672

53.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$31,219	$31,219	$31,219

53.2 *Increase funds for the replacement of one vehicle.*			
State General Funds	$30,730	$30,730	$30,730
53.3 *Increase funds to develop and implement a Master Farmer Program.*			
State General Funds		$72,000	$0

53.1000 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,219,621	$3,291,621	$3,219,621
State General Funds	$3,219,621	$3,291,621	$3,219,621
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,219,621	$3,291,621	$3,219,621

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948
State General Funds	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,419,758	$14,419,758	$14,419,758
State General Funds	$14,419,758	$14,419,758	$14,419,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,419,758	$14,419,758	$14,419,758

Departmental Administration (DBF) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917
State General Funds	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917

54.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$13,995	$13,995	$13,995

54.2 *Increase funds for database upgrades to process applications for merchant acquirer limited purpose banks and foreign banks and to improve efficiency.*

State General Funds	$64,536	$64,536	$64,536

54.1000 Departmental Administration (DBF)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,957,448	$2,957,448	$2,957,448
State General Funds	$2,957,448	$2,957,448	$2,957,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,957,448	$2,957,448	$2,957,448

Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531
State General Funds	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531

55.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$50,596	$50,596	$50,596

55.1000 Financial Institution Supervision			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,225,127	$8,225,127	$8,225,127
State General Funds	$8,225,127	$8,225,127	$8,225,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,225,127	$8,225,127	$8,225,127

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500
State General Funds	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500

56.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$23,683	$23,683	$23,683

56.1000 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,237,183	$3,237,183	$3,237,183
State General Funds	$3,237,183	$3,237,183	$3,237,183
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,237,183	$3,237,183	$3,237,183

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,498,212,940	$1,498,212,940	$1,498,212,940
State General Funds	$1,487,957,802	$1,487,957,802	$1,487,957,802
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$149,263,138	$149,263,138	$149,263,138

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,081,397	$5,081,397	$5,081,397
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$29,958,095	$29,958,095	$29,958,095
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,971,962	$25,971,962	$25,971,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,675,867,750	$1,675,867,750	$1,675,867,750

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,559,997,437	$1,563,637,524	$1,551,066,250
State General Funds	$1,549,742,299	$1,553,382,386	$1,540,811,112
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$149,263,138	$149,263,138	$149,263,138
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,081,397	$5,081,397	$5,081,397
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$29,958,095	$29,958,095	$29,958,095
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,971,962	$25,971,962	$25,971,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,737,652,247	$1,741,292,334	$1,728,721,060

Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,133,411	$56,133,411	$56,133,411
State General Funds	$56,133,411	$56,133,411	$56,133,411
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,822,545	$100,822,545	$100,822,545

57.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$19,377

57.1000 Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,152,788	$56,152,788	$56,152,788
State General Funds	$56,152,788	$56,152,788	$56,152,788
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,841,922	$100,841,922	$100,841,922

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

58.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$429,164,775	$429,164,775	$429,164,775
State General Funds	$418,909,637	$418,909,637	$418,909,637
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,317,724	$50,317,724	$50,317,724
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,336,582	$12,336,582	$12,336,582
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,342,499	$502,342,499	$502,342,499

59.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$683,581	$683,581	$683,581

59.2 *Transfer funds from the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($278,197)	($278,197)	($278,197)

59.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$429,570,159	$429,570,159	$429,570,159
State General Funds	$419,315,021	$419,315,021	$419,315,021
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,317,724	$50,317,724	$50,317,724
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,336,582	$12,336,582	$12,336,582
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,747,883	$502,747,883	$502,747,883

Adult Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$141,815,480	$141,815,480	$141,815,480
State General Funds	$141,815,480	$141,815,480	$141,815,480
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,841,980	$141,841,980	$141,841,980

60.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,169,079	$1,169,079	$1,169,079

60.2 *Transfer funds from the Adult Forensic Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,589,607)	($2,589,607)	($2,589,607)

60.3 *Increase funds for an additional 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot. (S:NO; Consider funding for an additional 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot in the FY2025 General Budget)*

State General Funds		$664,462	$0

60.1000 Adult Forensic Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$140,394,952	$141,059,414	$140,394,952
State General Funds	$140,394,952	$141,059,414	$140,394,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$140,421,452	$141,085,914	$140,421,452

Adult Mental Health Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$596,965,329	$596,965,329	$596,965,329
State General Funds	$596,965,329	$596,965,329	$596,965,329
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,858,953	$11,858,953	$11,858,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,070,420	$2,070,420	$2,070,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$609,914,377	$609,914,377	$609,914,377

61.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,575,268	$6,575,268	$6,575,268

61.2 *Transfer funds from the Adult Mental Health Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($3,074,118)	($3,074,118)	($3,074,118)

61.3 *Adjust funds to reflect projected expenditures based on actual utilization of core adult mental health services, and transfer funds from the Adult Mental Health Services program to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program to fund the construction of the Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.*

State General Funds	($10,420,218)	($10,420,218)

61.4 *Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds	$475,625	$475,625

61.5 *Increase funds for a pilot to implement transportation alternatives for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$500,000

61.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding to expand mental health services in Warner Robins.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000

61.7 *Increase funds to support mental health community wellness and outreach programs.*

State General Funds		$450,000

61.1000 Adult Mental Health Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$600,466,479	$593,021,886	$591,971,886
State General Funds	$600,466,479	$593,021,886	$591,971,886
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,858,953	$11,858,953	$11,858,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,070,420	$2,070,420	$2,070,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$613,415,527	$605,970,934	$604,920,934

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances

and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,325,741	$3,325,741	$3,325,741
State General Funds	$3,325,741	$3,325,741	$3,325,741
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,253,890	$11,253,890	$11,253,890

62.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

62.1000 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,326,818	$3,326,818	$3,326,818
State General Funds	$3,326,818	$3,326,818	$3,326,818
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,254,967	$11,254,967	$11,254,967

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,226,511	$16,226,511	$16,226,511
State General Funds	$16,226,511	$16,226,511	$16,226,511
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,512,007	$19,512,007	$19,512,007

63.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$36,601

63.2 *Increase funds for adaptive play for children with disabilities and their families.*

State General Funds			$60,000

63.1000 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,263,112	$16,263,112	$16,323,112
State General Funds	$16,263,112	$16,263,112	$16,323,112
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,548,608	$19,548,608	$19,608,608

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031
State General Funds	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031

64.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$31,219	$31,219	$31,219

64.2 *Transfer funds from the Child and Adolescent Forensic Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($17,298)	($17,298)	($17,298)

64.1000 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,198,952	$7,198,952	$7,198,952
State General Funds	$7,198,952	$7,198,952	$7,198,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,198,952	$7,198,952	$7,198,952

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,984,605	$56,984,605	$56,984,605
State General Funds	$56,984,605	$56,984,605	$56,984,605
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,324,515	$10,324,515	$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,886,984	$2,886,984	$2,886,984
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,394,120	$67,394,120	$67,394,120

65.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$19,377

65.2 *Transfer funds from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,001,541)	($1,001,541)	($1,001,541)

65.3 *Transfer funds from Adult Mental Health Services program to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program for the construction of the Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah. (S:Transfer funds from Adult Mental Health Services program to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program and increase funds for the construction of the Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah)*

State General Funds		$10,420,218	$13,000,000

65.1000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,002,441	$66,422,659	$69,002,441
State General Funds	$56,002,441	$66,422,659	$69,002,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,324,515	$10,324,515	$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,886,984	$2,886,984	$2,886,984
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,411,956	$76,832,174	$79,411,956

Departmental Administration (DBHDD)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,964,012	$31,964,012	$31,964,012
State General Funds	$31,964,012	$31,964,012	$31,964,012
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,264,758	$41,264,758	$41,264,758

66.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$307,879	$307,879	$307,879

66.2 *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration (DBHDD) program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($650,000)	($650,000)	($650,000)

66.1000 Departmental Administration (DBHDD)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,621,891	$31,621,891	$31,621,891
State General Funds	$31,621,891	$31,621,891	$31,621,891
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,922,637	$40,922,637	$40,922,637

Direct Care Support Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$154,255,108	$154,255,108	$154,255,108
State General Funds	$154,255,108	$154,255,108	$154,255,108
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,128,149	$158,128,149	$158,128,149

67.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$976,386	$976,386	$976,386

67.2 *Transfer funds ($7,610,761) from the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services, Adult Forensic Services, Adult Mental Health*

Services, Child and Adolescent Forensic Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and Departmental Administration (DBHDD) programs to Direct Care Support Services program, utilize existing funds ($461,188), and increase funds to address Regional State Hospitals' urgent and significant capital needs according to the 2023 Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) campus survey (Total Funds: $60,000,000). (S:Transfer funds ($7,610,761) from the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services, Adult Forensic Services, Adult Mental Health Services, Child and Adolescent Forensic Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and Departmental Administration (DBHDD) programs to Direct Care Support Services program, utilize existing funds ($461,188), and increase funds to address Regional State Hospitals' urgent and significant capital needs according to the 2023 Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) campus survey (Total Funds: $46,503,406))

State General Funds	$59,538,812	$59,538,812	$46,042,218

67.1000 Direct Care Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$214,770,306	$214,770,306	$201,273,712
State General Funds	$214,770,306	$214,770,306	$201,273,712
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$218,643,347	$218,643,347	$205,146,753

Substance Abuse Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$352,378	$352,378	$352,378
State General Funds	$352,378	$352,378	$352,378
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415

Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,348,793	$10,348,793	$10,348,793

68.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148

68.1000 Substance Abuse Prevention **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$368,526	$368,526	$368,526
State General Funds	$368,526	$368,526	$368,526
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,364,941	$10,364,941	$10,364,941

Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$780,964	$780,964	$780,964
State General Funds	$780,964	$780,964	$780,964
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,800,006	$2,800,006	$2,800,006

69.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

69.1000 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their

families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$791,729	$791,729	$791,729
State General Funds	$791,729	$791,729	$791,729
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,810,771	$2,810,771	$2,810,771

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595
State General Funds	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595

70.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

70.998 *Change the name of the Sexual Offender Review Board to the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

70.1000 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$969,284	$969,284	$969,284
State General Funds	$969,284	$969,284	$969,284
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$969,284	$969,284	$969,284

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,372,566	$58,372,566	$58,372,566
State General Funds	$58,372,566	$58,372,566	$58,372,566

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,758,057	$14,758,057	$14,758,057
Reserved Fund Balances	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Intergovernmental Transfers	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Sales and Services	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
State Funds Transfers	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
Agency to Agency Contracts	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$242,403,370	$242,403,370	$242,403,370

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$534,547,118	$538,347,118	$541,347,118
State General Funds	$534,547,118	$538,347,118	$541,347,118
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,758,057	$14,758,057	$14,758,057
Reserved Fund Balances	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Intergovernmental Transfers	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Sales and Services	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
State Funds Transfers	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
Agency to Agency Contracts	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$718,577,922	$722,377,922	$725,377,922

Building Construction **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the

state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$306,335	$306,335	$306,335
State General Funds	$306,335	$306,335	$306,335
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$538,688	$538,688	$538,688

71.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

71.1000 Building Construction **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$310,641	$310,641	$310,641
State General Funds	$310,641	$310,641	$310,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$542,994	$542,994	$542,994

Coordinated Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918
State General Funds	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918

72.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

72.1000 Coordinated Planning **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,757,760	$3,757,760	$3,757,760
State General Funds	$3,757,760	$3,757,760	$3,757,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,757,760	$3,757,760	$3,757,760

Departmental Administration (DCA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,790,639	$1,790,639	$1,790,639
State General Funds	$1,790,639	$1,790,639	$1,790,639
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,945,396	$2,945,396	$2,945,396
Reserved Fund Balances	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Sales and Services	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328

State Funds Transfers	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
Agency to Agency Contracts	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,699,074	$7,699,074	$7,699,074

73.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$82,891	$82,891	$82,891

73.1000 Departmental Administration (DCA)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,873,530	$1,873,530	$1,873,530
State General Funds	$1,873,530	$1,873,530	$1,873,530
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,945,396	$2,945,396	$2,945,396
Reserved Fund Balances	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Sales and Services	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
State Funds Transfers	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
Agency to Agency Contracts	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,781,965	$7,781,965	$7,781,965

Federal Community and Economic Development Programs			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,782,656	$1,782,656	$1,782,656
State General Funds	$1,782,656	$1,782,656	$1,782,656
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$631,978	$631,978	$631,978
Intergovernmental Transfers	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Sales and Services	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,918,456	$49,918,456	$49,918,456

74.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831

74.1000 Federal Community and Economic Development Programs **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,822,487	$1,822,487	$1,822,487
State General Funds	$1,822,487	$1,822,487	$1,822,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$631,978	$631,978	$631,978
Intergovernmental Transfers	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Sales and Services	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,958,287	$49,958,287	$49,958,287

Homeownership Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,600,238	$5,600,238	$5,600,238
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Sales and Services	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,118,534	$8,118,534	$8,118,534

75.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973

75.1000 Homeownership Programs **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973
State General Funds	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,600,238	$5,600,238	$5,600,238
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Sales and Services	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,188,507	$8,188,507	$8,188,507

Regional Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional

representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,264,767	$1,264,767	$1,264,767
State General Funds	$1,264,767	$1,264,767	$1,264,767
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$140,752	$140,752	$140,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,605,519	$1,605,519	$1,605,519

76.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$12,918

76.1000 Regional Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,277,685	$1,277,685	$1,277,685
State General Funds	$1,277,685	$1,277,685	$1,277,685
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$140,752	$140,752	$140,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,618,437	$1,618,437	$1,618,437

Rental Housing Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,145,738	$4,145,738	$4,145,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Sales and Services	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,019,277	$116,019,277	$116,019,277

77.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$174,394	$174,394	$174,394

77.1000 Rental Housing Programs **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$174,394	$174,394	$174,394
State General Funds	$174,394	$174,394	$174,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,145,738	$4,145,738	$4,145,738

Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Sales and Services	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,193,671	$116,193,671	$116,193,671

Research and Surveys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$397,224	$397,224	$397,224
State General Funds	$397,224	$397,224	$397,224
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$447,224	$447,224	$447,224

78.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

78.1000 Research and Surveys **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$400,454	$400,454	$400,454
State General Funds	$400,454	$400,454	$400,454
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$450,454	$450,454	$450,454

Special Housing Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the

homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,031,329	$4,031,329	$4,031,329
State General Funds	$4,031,329	$4,031,329	$4,031,329
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,993	$289,993	$289,993
Reserved Fund Balances	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Sales and Services	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
State Funds Transfers	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
Agency to Agency Contracts	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,533,781	$7,533,781	$7,533,781

79.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$90,427	$90,427	$90,427

79.2 *Utilize existing funds ($800,000), transfer funds ($400,000) from the State Community Development Programs program to the Special Housing Initiatives program, and increase funds to the State Housing Trust Fund to leverage federal grant funds for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (Total Funds: $2,924,806).*

State General Funds	$2,124,806	$2,124,806	$2,124,806

79.1000 Special Housing Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,246,562	$6,246,562	$6,246,562
State General Funds	$6,246,562	$6,246,562	$6,246,562
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,993	$289,993	$289,993
Reserved Fund Balances	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Sales and Services	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
State Funds Transfers	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
Agency to Agency Contracts	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,014	$9,749,014	$9,749,014

State Community Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,184,467	$3,184,467	$3,184,467
State General Funds	$3,184,467	$3,184,467	$3,184,467
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,286,059	$4,286,059	$4,286,059

80.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066

80.2 *Transfer funds from the State Community Development Programs program to the Special Housing Initiatives program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($400,000)	($400,000)	($400,000)

80.3 *Increase funds for one-time community improvement grants.*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0

80.1000 State Community Development Programs			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,813,533	$5,313,533	$2,813,533
State General Funds	$2,813,533	$5,313,533	$2,813,533
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,915,125	$6,415,125	$3,915,125

80.1001 Special Project - State Community Development Programs: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and award community improvement grants.

State General Funds	$5,000,000

State Economic Development Programs			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,705,396	$13,705,396	$13,705,396
State General Funds	$13,705,396	$13,705,396	$13,705,396
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$476,088	$476,088	$476,088
Intergovernmental Transfers	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Sales and Services	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,181,484	$14,181,484	$14,181,484

81.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

81.2 *Increase funds for the projected cost of economic development projects receiving Regional Economic Business Assistance.*

State General Funds	$100,000,000	$100,000,000	$100,000,000

81.1000 State Economic Development Programs			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$113,715,085	$113,715,085	$113,715,085
State General Funds	$113,715,085	$113,715,085	$113,715,085
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$476,088	$476,088	$476,088
Intergovernmental Transfers	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Sales and Services	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$114,191,173	$114,191,173	$114,191,173

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495

82.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia Fund to support water and wastewater infrastructure development through low-interest loans to local communities.*

State General Funds	$250,000,000	$250,000,000	$250,000,000

82.1000 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$251,253,495	$251,253,495	$251,253,495
State General Funds	$251,253,495	$251,253,495	$251,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$251,253,495	$251,253,495	$251,253,495

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,910,340	$26,910,340	$26,910,340
State General Funds	$26,910,340	$26,910,340	$26,910,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,055,861	$27,055,861	$27,055,861
83.1 *Increase funds to support rural economic development projects and expand grant opportunities for rural site development.*			
State General Funds	$100,000,000	$100,000,000	$100,000,000
83.2 *Utilize existing funds ($26,078,821) and increase funds for the Rural Workforce Housing Program (Total Funds: $50,000,000).*			
State General Funds	$23,921,179	$23,921,179	$23,921,179
83.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for economic development.*			
State General Funds		$1,300,000	$1,300,000
83.4 *Increase funds for an agriculture center grant.*			
State General Funds			$500,000

83.1000 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$150,831,519	$152,131,519	$152,631,519
State General Funds	$150,831,519	$152,131,519	$152,631,519
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,977,040	$152,277,040	$152,777,040

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,755,971,201	$4,755,971,201	$4,755,971,201

State General Funds	$4,084,880,864	$4,084,880,864	$4,084,880,864
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,769,315	$8,769,315	$8,769,315
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,685,494	$152,685,494	$152,685,494
Hospital Provider Fee	$385,573,177	$385,573,177	$385,573,177
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,687,933,882	$9,687,933,882	$9,687,933,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,684,102	$26,684,102	$26,684,102
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,193,039,021	$9,193,039,021	$9,193,039,021
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$468,210,759
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$220,774,078	$220,774,078	$220,774,078
Intergovernmental Transfers	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Hospital Authorities	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
State Funds Transfers	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,788,410,812	$19,788,410,812	$19,788,410,812
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,880,571,226	$4,853,083,743	$4,830,882,110
State General Funds	$4,183,900,671	$4,156,413,188	$4,134,211,555
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,996,085	$8,996,085	$8,996,085
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$155,666,898	$155,666,898	$155,666,898
Hospital Provider Fee	$407,945,221	$407,945,221	$407,945,221
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,860,816,059	$9,803,761,733	$9,760,115,668
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,684,102	$26,684,102	$26,684,102
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,365,921,198	$9,308,866,872	$9,252,362,878

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$481,068,688
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$220,774,078	$220,774,078	$220,774,078
Intergovernmental Transfers	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Hospital Authorities	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
State Funds Transfers	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,085,893,014	$20,001,351,205	$19,935,503,507

Departmental Administration (DCH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,078,435	$91,078,435	$91,078,435
State General Funds	$91,078,435	$91,078,435	$91,078,435
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$376,976,734	$376,976,734	$376,976,734
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,778,946	$17,778,946	$17,778,946
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$493,651,523	$493,651,523	$493,651,523

84.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$466,125	$466,125	$466,125

84.1000 Departmental Administration (DCH)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,544,560	$91,544,560	$91,544,560
State General Funds	$91,544,560	$91,544,560	$91,544,560
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$376,976,734	$376,976,734	$376,976,734
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,778,946	$17,778,946	$17,778,946
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$494,117,648	$494,117,648	$494,117,648

Georgia Board of Dentistry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037
State General Funds	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037

85.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536

85.2 *Utilize existing funds ($81,221) for investigative software. (G:YES)(H:Increase funds for investigative software)(S:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($55,000) for investigative software)*

State General Funds	$0	$81,221	$81,221

85.3 *Utilize existing funds ($65,000) to replace two vehicles. (G:YES)(H:Utilize existing funds ($26,450) and increase funds ($38,550) to replace two vehicles)(S:Increase funds to replace two vehicles)*

State General Funds	$0	$38,550	$65,000

85.1000 Georgia Board of Dentistry **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$881,573	$1,001,344	$1,027,794
State General Funds	$881,573	$1,001,344	$1,027,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$881,573	$1,001,344	$1,027,794

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432
State General Funds	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432

86.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612

86.2 *Utilize existing funds ($25,483) for an electronic documentation storage system. (G:YES)(H and S:Utilize existing funds ($53,268) and increase funds ($66,732) for an electronic documentation storage system)*

State General Funds	$0	$66,732	$66,732

86.1000 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice

of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$858,044	$924,776	$924,776
State General Funds	$858,044	$924,776	$924,776
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$858,044	$924,776	$924,776

Health Care Access and Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,992,849	$18,992,849	$18,992,849
State General Funds	$18,992,849	$18,992,849	$18,992,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,165,437	$19,165,437	$19,165,437

87.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

87.2 *Transfer funds from the Health Care Access and Improvement program to the PeachCare program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($459,000)	($459,000)	($459,000)

87.3 *Increase funds to support existing and new housing with the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC).*

State General Funds		$148,250	$296,500

87.4 *Increase funds to support Lupus research, data collection, awareness, and education.*

State General Funds		$50,000	$100,000

87.5 *Increase funds for one federally qualified health center start-up grant in Cobb County. (S:NO; Consider the inclusion of one federally qualified health center start-up grant in Cobb County in the FY2025 General Budget)*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0

87.6 *Increase funds for one-time grants up to $1,000,000 for the development of Programs of All-Inclusive Care (PACE) to provide*

home and community-based services.

State General Funds	$2,000,000

87.1000 Health Care Access and Improvement **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,543,538	$18,991,788	$20,940,038
State General Funds	$18,543,538	$18,991,788	$20,940,038
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,716,126	$19,164,376	$21,112,626

Healthcare Facility Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,136,965	$27,136,965	$27,136,965
State General Funds	$27,136,965	$27,136,965	$27,136,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,945,354	$5,945,354	$5,945,354
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,060,223	$6,060,223	$6,060,223
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,242,542	$39,242,542	$39,242,542

88.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$205,612	$205,612	$205,612

88.1000 Healthcare Facility Regulation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,342,577	$27,342,577	$27,342,577
State General Funds	$27,342,577	$27,342,577	$27,342,577
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,945,354	$5,945,354	$5,945,354
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,060,223	$6,060,223	$6,060,223
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,448,154	$39,448,154	$39,448,154

Indigent Care Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$142,586,524	$142,586,524	$142,586,524
Intergovernmental Transfers	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$554,269,739	$554,269,739	$554,269,739

89.1000 Indigent Care Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$142,586,524	$142,586,524	$142,586,524

Intergovernmental Transfers	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$554,269,739	$554,269,739	$554,269,739

Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,329,655,949	$2,329,655,949	$2,329,655,949
State General Funds	$2,122,710,631	$2,122,710,631	$2,122,710,631
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,769,315	$8,769,315	$8,769,315
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,685,494	$152,685,494	$152,685,494
Hospital Provider Fee	$39,298,703	$39,298,703	$39,298,703
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,440,149,741	$4,440,149,741	$4,440,149,741
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,437,362,527	$4,437,362,527	$4,437,362,527
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Hospital Authorities	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,099,437,310	$7,099,437,310	$7,099,437,310

90.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$120,960,448	$120,960,448	$120,960,448
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$244,727,550	$244,727,550	$244,727,550
Total Public Funds:	$365,687,998	$365,687,998	$365,687,998

90.2 *Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.*

State General Funds	$20,530,349	$20,530,349	$20,530,349
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$41,537,066	$41,537,066	$41,537,066
Total Public Funds:	$62,067,415	$62,067,415	$62,067,415

90.3 *Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2021 cost reports.*

State General Funds	$92,923,563	$92,923,563	$92,923,563
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$188,003,238	$188,003,238	$188,003,238
Total Public Funds:	$280,926,801	$280,926,801	$280,926,801

90.4 *Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

State General Funds	$39,489,850	$39,489,850	$39,489,850

90.5 *Replace state general funds with hospital provider fees.*

State General Funds	($2,237,205)	($2,237,205)	($2,237,205)
Hospital Provider Fee	$2,237,205	$2,237,205	$2,237,205
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

90.6 *Replace state general funds with nursing home provider fees.*

State General Funds	($2,981,404)	($2,981,404)	($2,981,404)
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$2,981,404	$2,981,404	$2,981,404
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

90.7 *Increase funds to recognize ambulance provider fees.*

Ambulance Provider Fees	$226,770	$226,770	$226,770

90.8 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers.*

State General Funds	$2,107,212
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,263,317
Total Public Funds:	$6,370,529

90.1000 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care

Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,603,786,929	$2,603,786,929	$2,605,894,141
State General Funds	$2,391,396,232	$2,391,396,232	$2,393,503,444
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,996,085	$8,996,085	$8,996,085
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$155,666,898	$155,666,898	$155,666,898
Hospital Provider Fee	$41,535,908	$41,535,908	$41,535,908
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,914,417,595	$4,914,417,595	$4,918,680,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,911,630,381	$4,911,630,381	$4,915,893,698
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Hospital Authorities	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,847,836,144	$7,847,836,144	$7,854,206,673

Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,013,907,252	$2,013,907,252	$2,013,907,252
State General Funds	$1,549,762,233	$1,549,762,233	$1,549,762,233
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$346,274,474	$346,274,474	$346,274,474
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Hospital Authorities	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847

Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,100,719,900	$6,100,719,900	$6,100,719,900

91.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid enrollment based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($152,993,355)	($181,193,355)	($209,393,355)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($309,536,628)	($366,590,954)	($423,645,281)
Total Public Funds:	($462,529,983)	($547,784,309)	($633,038,636)

91.2 *Replace state general funds with hospital provider fees.*

State General Funds	($20,134,839)	($20,134,839)	($20,134,839)
Hospital Provider Fee	$20,134,839	$20,134,839	$20,134,839
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

91.3 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers.*

State General Funds	$2,193,535
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,437,967
Total Public Funds:	$6,631,502

91.1000 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,860,913,897	$1,832,713,897	$1,806,707,432
State General Funds	$1,376,634,039	$1,348,434,039	$1,322,427,574
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$366,409,313	$366,409,313	$366,409,313
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,751,530,857	$3,694,476,531	$3,641,860,171
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,751,530,857	$3,694,476,531	$3,641,860,171
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Hospital Authorities	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,638,189,917	$5,552,935,591	$5,474,312,766

PeachCare **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,953,107	$100,953,107	$100,953,107
State General Funds	$100,953,107	$100,953,107	$100,953,107
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$438,760,584	$438,760,584	$438,760,584
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,565	$4,565	$4,565
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$438,756,019	$438,756,019	$438,756,019
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$539,865,474	$539,865,474	$539,865,474

92.1 *Transfer funds from the Health Care Access and Improvement program to the PeachCare program ($459,000) and increase funds ($3,569,736) for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$4,028,736	$4,028,736	$4,028,736
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$8,150,951	$8,150,951	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767			$12,857,929
Total Public Funds:	$12,179,687	$12,179,687	$16,886,665

92.1000 PeachCare **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,981,843	$104,981,843	$104,981,843
State General Funds	$104,981,843	$104,981,843	$104,981,843
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$446,911,535	$446,911,535	$451,618,513
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$8,155,516	$8,155,516	$4,565
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$438,756,019	$438,756,019	$451,613,948
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$552,045,161	$552,045,161	$556,752,139

State Health Benefit Plan **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
State Funds Transfers	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
Health Insurance Payments	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285

93.1000 State Health Benefit Plan **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
State Funds Transfers	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
Health Insurance Payments	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001
State General Funds	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001

94.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612

94.2 *Reduce funds for operations to align budget to expenditures.*

State General Funds	($15,062)	$0	$0

94.3 *Utilize existing funds ($168,738) for one data analyst and data management software. (G:YES)(H:NO)(S:YES; Utilize existing funds for personnel and software to assist in additional licensure studies)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

94.4 *Utilize existing funds ($100,000) for statewide healthcare specialty assessments to evaluate gaps in healthcare services. (G:YES)(H:Utilize existing funds ($100,000) and increase funds to study needs in licensure or sub-specialties of licensure and evaluate gaps in healthcare staffing in Neurology, Psychiatry, Rheumatology, and Endocrinology)(S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($100,000) for statewide healthcare specialty assessments to evaluate gaps in healthcare services)*

State General Funds	$0	$200,000	$0

94.5 *Reduce funds based on actual start date.*

State General Funds		($103,662)	($103,662)

94.6 *The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce shall collaborate with state licensing boards to provide and receive healthcare workforce data as needed. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

94.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,772,551	$1,883,951	$1,683,951
State General Funds	$1,772,551	$1,883,951	$1,683,951
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,772,551	$1,883,951	$1,683,951

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
State General Funds	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231

95.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
State General Funds	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
State General Funds	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552

96.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
State General Funds	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
State General Funds	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696

97.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
State General Funds	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Physicians for Rural Areas **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000
State General Funds	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000

98.1 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures until authorizing legislation is passed to establish a loan repayment program for mental health professionals.*

State General Funds	($850,000)	($850,000)	($850,000)

98.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to utilize unallocated award amounts from multi-year physician loan repayments for funding of nursing faculty loan repayments.*

State General Funds	($300,000)

98.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Physicians for Rural Areas **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,215,000	$4,215,000	$3,915,000
State General Funds	$4,215,000	$4,215,000	$3,915,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,215,000	$4,215,000	$3,915,000

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783

State General Funds	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783

99.1 *Increase funds for nursing program recruitment in Southwest Georgia.*

State General Funds	$56,000	$0

99.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to utilize unallocated award amounts from multi-year physician loan repayments for funding of nursing faculty loan repayments.*

State General Funds	$300,000

99.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,501,783	$7,745,783
State General Funds	$7,445,783	$7,501,783	$7,745,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,501,783	$7,745,783

Georgia Composite Medical Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,151,410	$3,151,410	$3,151,410
State General Funds	$3,151,410	$3,151,410	$3,151,410
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,451,410	$3,451,410	$3,451,410

100.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$27,989

100.2 *Utilize existing funds ($275,000) to upgrade licensure application software and fully digitize the application process. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

100.3 *Utilize existing funds ($62,790) to upgrade technology equipment. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

100.4 *Reduce funds based on actual start dates.*

State General Funds		($89,636)	($110,716)

100.1000 Georgia Composite Medical Board **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,179,399	$3,089,763	$3,068,683
State General Funds	$3,179,399	$3,089,763	$3,068,683
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,479,399	$3,389,763	$3,368,683

Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460
State General Funds	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460

101.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301

101.2 *Increase funds to reflect the full cost of the database management agreement funded by HB19 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$5,250	$5,250	$5,250

101.1000 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,167,011	$3,167,011	$3,167,011
State General Funds	$3,167,011	$3,167,011	$3,167,011
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,167,011	$3,167,011	$3,167,011

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$206,256,998	$206,256,998	$206,256,998
State General Funds	$206,256,998	$206,256,998	$206,256,998
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,944	$289,944	$289,944
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$208,643,406	$208,643,406	$208,643,406

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$208,318,915	$208,318,915	$208,318,915
State General Funds	$208,318,915	$208,318,915	$208,318,915
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,944	$289,944	$289,944

Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$210,705,323	$210,705,323	$210,705,323

Departmental Administration (DCS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,770,766	$10,770,766	$10,770,766
State General Funds	$10,770,766	$10,770,766	$10,770,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,771,966	$10,771,966	$10,771,966

102.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$73,202	$73,202	$73,202

102.1000 Departmental Administration (DCS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,843,968	$10,843,968	$10,843,968
State General Funds	$10,843,968	$10,843,968	$10,843,968
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,845,168	$10,845,168	$10,845,168

Field Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$189,869,483	$189,869,483	$189,869,483
State General Funds	$189,869,483	$189,869,483	$189,869,483
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$127,515	$127,515	$127,515
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$191,905,338	$191,905,338	$191,905,338

103.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,905,404	$1,905,404	$1,905,404

103.1000 Field Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$191,774,887	$191,774,887	$191,774,887
State General Funds	$191,774,887	$191,774,887	$191,774,887
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$127,515	$127,515	$127,515
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$193,810,742	$193,810,742	$193,810,742

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840
State General Funds	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840

104.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913

104.1000 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,978,753	$3,978,753	$3,978,753
State General Funds	$3,978,753	$3,978,753	$3,978,753
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,978,753	$3,978,753	$3,978,753

Misdemeanor Probation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through

inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962
State General Funds	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962

105.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536

105.1000 Misdemeanor Probation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$986,498	$986,498	$986,498
State General Funds	$986,498	$986,498	$986,498
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$986,498	$986,498	$986,498

Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$685,947	$685,947	$685,947
State General Funds	$685,947	$685,947	$685,947
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,035,300	$1,035,300	$1,035,300

106.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.			
State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612
106.2 *Increase funds to update the Georgia State Plan for Ending Family Violence.*			
State General Funds	$40,250	$40,250	$40,250

106.1000 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$734,809	$734,809	$734,809
State General Funds	$734,809	$734,809	$734,809
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,084,162	$1,084,162	$1,084,162

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125
State General Funds	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,343,263,283	$1,343,263,283	$1,343,263,283
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,415,761,695	$1,426,977,419	$1,430,339,541
State General Funds	$1,415,761,695	$1,426,977,419	$1,430,339,541

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,429,496,853	$1,440,712,577	$1,444,074,699

Departmental Administration (DOC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788
State General Funds	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788

107.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$246,519	$246,519	$246,519

107.2 *Transfer funds from the Offender Management program ($3,551,094) to the Departmental Administration (DOC) program and increase funds ($2,574,744) for a recruitment advertising campaign and work culture review.*

State General Funds	$6,125,838	$6,125,838	$6,125,838

107.1000 Departmental Administration (DOC) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,876,145	$42,876,145	$42,876,145
State General Funds	$42,876,145	$42,876,145	$42,876,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,876,145	$42,876,145	$42,876,145

Detention Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,221,640	$62,221,640	$62,221,640
State General Funds	$62,221,640	$62,221,640	$62,221,640
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,675,140	$64,675,140	$64,675,140

108.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$716,950	$716,950	$716,950

108.2 *Utilize existing funds ($94,646) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

108.1000 Detention Centers **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,938,590	$62,938,590	$62,938,590
State General Funds	$62,938,590	$62,938,590	$62,938,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,392,090	$65,392,090	$65,392,090

Food and Farm Operations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020
State General Funds	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020

109.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148

109.2 *Utilize existing funds ($5,676) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

109.3 *Increase funds to meet projected expenditures for food operations.*

State General Funds		$925,663	$308,554

109.1000 Food and Farm Operations **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,770,168	$28,695,831	$28,078,722
State General Funds	$27,770,168	$28,695,831	$28,078,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,770,168	$28,695,831	$28,078,722

Health **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$273,257,694	$273,257,694	$273,257,694
State General Funds	$273,257,694	$273,257,694	$273,257,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$273,718,249	$273,718,249	$273,718,249

110.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$30,143	$30,143	$30,143

110.2 *Increase funds for physical health and pharmacy service contracts.*

State General Funds	$65,268,881	$65,268,881	$63,268,881

110.1000 Health **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$338,556,718	$338,556,718	$336,556,718
State General Funds	$338,556,718	$338,556,718	$336,556,718
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$339,017,273	$339,017,273	$337,017,273

Offender Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,417,607	$48,417,607	$48,417,607
State General Funds	$48,417,607	$48,417,607	$48,417,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,447,607	$48,447,607	$48,447,607

111.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$60,284

111.2 *Transfer funds from the Offender Management program to the Departmental Administration (DOC) program to align budget*

with expenditures.

State General Funds	($3,551,094)	($3,551,094)	($3,551,094)

111.3 *Increase funds for a $2 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions effective April 1, 2024. (S:Increase funds for a $3 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions effective April 1, 2024)*

State General Funds		$887,773	$1,331,793

111.1000 Offender Management **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,926,797	$45,814,570	$46,258,590
State General Funds	$44,926,797	$45,814,570	$46,258,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,956,797	$45,844,570	$46,288,590

Private Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593
State General Funds	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593

112.1 *Increase funds for 200 temporary additional beds at Coffee and Wheeler facilities to allow for maintenance and repairs at state prisons.*

State General Funds		$5,202,288	$5,202,288

112.1000 Private Prisons **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$138,311,593	$143,513,881	$143,513,881
State General Funds	$138,311,593	$143,513,881	$143,513,881
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$138,311,593	$143,513,881	$143,513,881

State Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$711,018,989	$711,018,989	$711,018,989
State General Funds	$711,018,989	$711,018,989	$711,018,989
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$721,810,092	$721,810,092	$721,810,092

113.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,667,770	$5,667,770	$5,667,770

113.2 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$172,200	$172,200	$172,200

113.3 *Increase funds for safety, security, and technology initiatives.*

State General Funds	$5,604,789	$9,804,789	$15,340,000

113.4 *Increase funds for offender call monitoring at facilities, statewide.*

State General Funds	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000

113.5 *Increase funds for radio communications at facilities, statewide.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

113.6 *Utilize existing funds ($947,656) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

113.1000 State Prisons **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$723,313,748	$727,513,748	$733,048,959
State General Funds	$723,313,748	$727,513,748	$733,048,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$734,104,851	$738,304,851	$743,840,062

Transition Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794
State General Funds	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794

114.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$355,245	$355,245	$355,245

114.2 *Increase funds for six months of operational cost for the Metro Re-Entry Phase IV to add 400 transition center beds.*

State General Funds	$4,669,897	$4,669,897	$4,669,897

114.3 *Utilize existing funds ($40,192) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

114.1000 Transition Centers			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,067,936	$37,067,936	$37,067,936
State General Funds	$37,067,936	$37,067,936	$37,067,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,067,936	$37,067,936	$37,067,936

Section 20: Defense, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,393,076	$12,393,076	$12,393,076
State General Funds	$12,393,076	$12,393,076	$12,393,076
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$110,927,121	$110,927,121	$110,927,121

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,843,053	$12,843,053	$12,843,053
State General Funds	$12,843,053	$12,843,053	$12,843,053
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,377,098	$111,377,098	$111,377,098

Departmental Administration (DOD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,196	$1,400,196	$1,400,196
State General Funds	$1,400,196	$1,400,196	$1,400,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,537,967	$2,537,967	$2,537,967

115.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$22,606	$22,606	$22,606

115.1000 Departmental Administration (DOD) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,422,802	$1,422,802	$1,422,802
State General Funds	$1,422,802	$1,422,802	$1,422,802
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,560,573	$2,560,573	$2,560,573

Military Readiness **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,009,257	$6,009,257	$6,009,257
State General Funds	$6,009,257	$6,009,257	$6,009,257
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,553,926	$88,553,926	$88,553,926

116.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$259,438	$259,438	$259,438

116.1000 Military Readiness **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,268,695	$6,268,695	$6,268,695
State General Funds	$6,268,695	$6,268,695	$6,268,695
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,813,364	$88,813,364	$88,813,364

Youth Educational Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,983,623	$4,983,623	$4,983,623
State General Funds	$4,983,623	$4,983,623	$4,983,623
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,835,228	$19,835,228	$19,835,228

117.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$167,933	$167,933	$167,933

117.1000 Youth Educational Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,151,556	$5,151,556	$5,151,556
State General Funds	$5,151,556	$5,151,556	$5,151,556
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,003,161	$20,003,161	$20,003,161

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,774,172	$80,774,172	$80,774,172
State General Funds	$80,774,172	$80,774,172	$80,774,172

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,618,293	$83,618,293	$83,618,293

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$90,022,897	$90,022,897	$90,022,897
State General Funds	$90,022,897	$90,022,897	$90,022,897
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,867,018	$92,867,018	$92,867,018

Departmental Administration (DDS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,376,670	$10,376,670	$10,376,670
State General Funds	$10,376,670	$10,376,670	$10,376,670
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,877,527	$10,877,527	$10,877,527

118.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$60,284

118.2 *Increase funds for development of a card production request-for-proposal (RFP).*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

118.1000 Departmental Administration (DDS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck

compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,586,954	$10,586,954	$10,586,954
State General Funds	$10,586,954	$10,586,954	$10,586,954
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,087,811	$11,087,811	$11,087,811

License Issuance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,430,595	$69,430,595	$69,430,595
State General Funds	$69,430,595	$69,430,595	$69,430,595
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,258,430	$71,258,430	$71,258,430

119.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$824,599	$824,599	$824,599

119.2 *Utilize existing funds ($2,310,516) and increase funds for card production server migration and card services upgrades (Total Funds: $10,165,000).*

State General Funds	$7,854,484	$7,854,484	$7,854,484

119.3 *Increase funds for postage rate increases.*

State General Funds	$341,057	$341,057	$341,057

119.1000 License Issuance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$78,450,735	$78,450,735	$78,450,735
State General Funds	$78,450,735	$78,450,735	$78,450,735
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,278,570	$80,278,570	$80,278,570

Regulatory Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,907	$966,907	$966,907
State General Funds	$966,907	$966,907	$966,907
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,482,336	$1,482,336	$1,482,336

120.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301

120.1000 Regulatory Compliance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$985,208	$985,208	$985,208
State General Funds	$985,208	$985,208	$985,208
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,500,637	$1,500,637	$1,500,637

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$506,324,539	$506,324,539	$506,324,539
State General Funds	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475
Lottery Proceeds	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$494,874,422	$494,874,422	$494,874,422
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$174,961,385	$174,961,385	$174,961,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$227,164,017	$227,164,017	$227,164,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,001,698,461	$1,001,698,461	$1,001,698,461

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$523,009,220	$525,840,854	$524,466,754
State General Funds	$63,285,758	$63,285,758	$63,285,758
Lottery Proceeds	$459,723,462	$462,555,096	$461,180,996
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$494,874,422	$494,874,422	$494,874,422
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$174,961,385	$174,961,385	$174,961,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$227,164,017	$227,164,017	$227,164,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$395,828	$300,000
Reserved Fund Balances		$95,828	
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized		$95,828	
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,018,383,142	$1,021,310,604	$1,019,840,676

Child Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475
State General Funds	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$267,505,684	$267,505,684	$267,505,684
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,786,385	$4,786,385	$4,786,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$169,970,279	$169,970,279	$169,970,279
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,040,159	$330,040,159	$330,040,159

121.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$471,507	$471,507	$471,507

121.1000 Child Care Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,005,982	$63,005,982	$63,005,982
State General Funds	$63,005,982	$63,005,982	$63,005,982
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$267,505,684	$267,505,684	$267,505,684
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,786,385	$4,786,385	$4,786,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$169,970,279	$169,970,279	$169,970,279
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,511,666	$330,511,666	$330,511,666

Nutrition Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

122.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$55,978	$55,978	$55,978

122.2 *Increase funds for startup grants of up to $10,000 per provider to establish additional Summer Food Service Program meal sites in areas with high rates of child food insecurity.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

122.1000 Nutrition Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,978	$155,978	$155,978
State General Funds	$155,978	$155,978	$155,978
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,155,978	$170,155,978	$170,155,978

Pre-Kindergarten Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$443,965,064	$443,965,064	$443,965,064

123.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

Lottery Proceeds	$8,300,892	$8,300,892	$8,300,892

123.2 *Increase funds for computer refresh.*

Lottery Proceeds	$99,574	$99,574	$99,574

123.3 *Increase funds to reflect the correct employer contribution rate for State Health Benefit Plan.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,389,766	$1,389,766	$1,389,766

123.4 *Increase funds to expand the Summer Transition Program with income eligibility requirements. (H and S:Increase funds to maintain the current number of classrooms in the Summer Transition Program without the implementation of an income eligibility requirement)*

Lottery Proceeds	$6,143,166	$8,974,800	$7,600,700

123.5 *Utilize existing lottery funds for three Pre-Kindergarten administrative positions. (S:YES; Utilize existing lottery funds ($95,828) for three Pre-Kindergarten administrative positions)*

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized		$95,828	$0

123.1000 Pre-Kindergarten Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$459,723,462	$462,555,096	$461,180,996
Lottery Proceeds	$459,723,462	$462,555,096	$461,180,996
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS		$95,828	
Reserved Fund Balances		$95,828	
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized		$95,828	
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$459,898,462	$462,825,924	$461,355,996

Quality Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

124.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798

124.1000 Quality Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798
State General Funds	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,817,036	$57,817,036	$57,817,036

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,668,877	$37,668,877	$37,668,877
State General Funds	$37,668,877	$37,668,877	$37,668,877
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,709,727	$41,709,727	$41,709,727
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,273,968	$68,663,968	$67,463,968
State General Funds	$70,273,968	$68,663,968	$67,463,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,314,818	$72,704,818	$71,504,818

Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841
State General Funds	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841

125.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$35,525	$35,525	$35,525

125.2 *Transfer funds from the Tourism program ($70,000) to the Departmental Administration (DEcD) program and increase funds to align budget with rent expenditures. (H and S:Increase funds to align budget with rent expenditures)*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$100,000

125.3 *Increase funds to purchase five replacement vehicles. (H and S:Increase funds to purchase one replacement vehicle)*

State General Funds	$225,000	$45,000	$45,000

125.1000 Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,010,366	$5,830,366	$5,630,366
State General Funds	$6,010,366	$5,830,366	$5,630,366
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,010,366	$5,830,366	$5,630,366

Film, Video, and Music **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937
State General Funds	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937

126.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

126.1000 Film, Video, and Music **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,144,396	$1,144,396	$1,144,396
State General Funds	$1,144,396	$1,144,396	$1,144,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,144,396	$1,144,396	$1,144,396

Arts, Georgia Council for the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056
State General Funds	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056

127.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

127.2 *Increase funds to inventory art collection currently housed at the State Archives Building. (H and S:Increase funds for the inventory and value assessment of the state art collection and report findings to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House State Properties Committee, and the Senate State Institutions and Property Committee by December 1, 2024)*

State General Funds	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000

127.1000 Arts, Georgia Council for the **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$625,439	$625,439	$625,439
State General Funds	$625,439	$625,439	$625,439
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$625,439	$625,439	$625,439

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

128.1000 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

Global Commerce **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679
State General Funds	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679

129.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$44,137	$44,137	$44,137

129.1000 Global Commerce **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project

managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,488,816	$10,488,816	$10,488,816
State General Funds	$10,488,816	$10,488,816	$10,488,816
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,488,816	$10,488,816	$10,488,816

Innovation and Technology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792
State General Funds	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792

130.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

130.2 *Increase funds to support deployment of hydrogen energy applications. (S:YES; Utilize industry sponsorships to support stakeholder involvement in planning for hydrogen energy applications)*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0

130.1000 Innovation and Technology **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,701,481	$3,701,481	$2,701,481
State General Funds	$3,701,481	$3,701,481	$2,701,481
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,701,481	$3,701,481	$2,701,481

International Relations and Trade **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,636,322	$2,636,322	$2,636,322
State General Funds	$2,636,322	$2,636,322	$2,636,322
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,903,112	$2,903,112	$2,903,112

131.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

131.2 *Increase funds for contracts to support the global export of Georgia manufactured and agricultural products.*

State General Funds	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

131.1000 International Relations and Trade **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,846,011	$2,846,011	$2,846,011
State General Funds	$2,846,011	$2,846,011	$2,846,011
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,112,801	$3,112,801	$3,112,801

Rural Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,313	$966,313	$966,313
State General Funds	$966,313	$966,313	$966,313
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,080,973	$4,080,973	$4,080,973

132.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

132.1000 Rural Development **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$969,543	$969,543	$969,543
State General Funds	$969,543	$969,543	$969,543
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,084,203	$4,084,203	$4,084,203

Small and Minority Business Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169
State General Funds	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169

133.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

133.1000 Small and Minority Business Development **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,061,628	$1,061,628	$1,061,628

State General Funds	$1,061,628	$1,061,628	$1,061,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,061,628	$1,061,628	$1,061,628

Tourism **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412
State General Funds	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412

134.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$49,520	$49,520	$49,520

134.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority for public safety and infrastructure costs related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2025 College Football Playoff National Championship. (H and S:Increase funds for one-time funding for Georgia World Congress Center Authority for public safety, security, transportation, and infrastructure expenses and implementation between governmental agencies for hosting the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup in 2026 and College Football Playoff National Championship in 2025)*

State General Funds	$29,250,000	$29,250,000	$29,250,000

134.3 *Increase funds to relocate the 1996 Olympic cauldron.*

State General Funds	$1,500,000	$0	$0

134.4 *Transfer funds from the Tourism program to the Departmental Administration (DEcD) program to align budget with rent expenditures. (H and S:NO; Maintain funds for state-owned historical markers)*

State General Funds	($70,000)	$0	$0

134.1000 Tourism **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,449,932	$41,019,932	$41,019,932
State General Funds	$42,449,932	$41,019,932	$41,019,932
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,449,932	$41,019,932	$41,019,932

Section 24: Education, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900
State General Funds	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,158,675,433	$14,158,675,433	$14,158,675,433

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,197,026,196	$12,206,690,561	$12,202,066,410
State General Funds	$11,837,580,808	$11,847,245,173	$11,842,621,022
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,495,317,729	$14,504,982,094	$14,500,357,943

Agricultural Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,484,116	$14,484,116	$14,484,116
State General Funds	$14,484,116	$14,484,116	$14,484,116
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,943,119	$15,943,119	$15,943,119

135.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$649,269	$649,269	$649,269

135.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($288,000)	($288,000)	($288,000)

135.1000 Agricultural Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,845,385	$14,845,385	$14,845,385
State General Funds	$14,845,385	$14,845,385	$14,845,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,304,388	$16,304,388	$16,304,388

Business and Finance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,048,336	$8,048,336	$8,048,336
State General Funds	$8,048,336	$8,048,336	$8,048,336
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,121,337	$18,121,337	$18,121,337

136.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$76,432	$76,432	$76,432

136.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new position.*

State General Funds		($90,000)	($90,000)

136.1000 Business and Finance Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,124,768	$8,034,768	$8,034,768
State General Funds	$8,124,768	$8,034,768	$8,034,768

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,197,769	$18,107,769	$18,107,769

Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,046,404	$5,046,404	$5,046,404
State General Funds	$5,046,404	$5,046,404	$5,046,404
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,271,994	$66,271,994	$66,271,994

137.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$130,257	$130,257	$130,257

137.2 *Reduce funds for funding allocated but not spent on Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) study.*

State General Funds	($39,200)

137.1000 Central Office **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and

local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,176,661	$5,176,661	$5,137,461
State General Funds	$5,176,661	$5,176,661	$5,137,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,402,251	$66,402,251	$66,363,051

Charter Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,853,152	$9,853,152	$9,853,152
State General Funds	$9,853,152	$9,853,152	$9,853,152
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,802,494	$14,802,494	$14,802,494

138.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

138.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,700,000)	($1,700,000)	($1,700,000)

138.1000 Charter Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,157,458	$8,157,458	$8,157,458
State General Funds	$8,157,458	$8,157,458	$8,157,458
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,106,800	$13,106,800	$13,106,800

Communities in Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100
State General Funds	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100

139.1 *Increase funds to leverage matching grant funds for program expansion.*

State General Funds	$1,579,000	$0

139.1000 Communities in Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,690,100	$3,269,100	$1,690,100
State General Funds	$1,690,100	$3,269,100	$1,690,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,690,100	$3,269,100	$1,690,100

Curriculum Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,734,693	$6,734,693	$6,734,693
State General Funds	$6,734,693	$6,734,693	$6,734,693

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,744,743	$13,744,743	$13,744,743

140.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$61,361	$61,361	$61,361

140.2 *Utilize $10,000,000 of existing $10,994,021 ESSER Funds to provide one-to-one match for character education programming. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

140.1000 Curriculum Development **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,796,054	$6,796,054	$6,796,054
State General Funds	$6,796,054	$6,796,054	$6,796,054
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,806,104	$13,806,104	$13,806,104

Federal Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

141.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355

141.1000 Federal Programs **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355
State General Funds	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,239,787	$1,305,239,787	$1,305,239,787

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,808,418	$52,808,418	$52,808,418
State General Funds	$52,808,418	$52,808,418	$52,808,418
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,131,220	$64,131,220	$64,131,220

142.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,158,838	$1,158,838	$1,158,838

142.1000 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides

services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,967,256	$53,967,256	$53,967,256
State General Funds	$53,967,256	$53,967,256	$53,967,256
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,290,058	$65,290,058	$65,290,058

Georgia Virtual School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,958,631	$2,958,631	$2,958,631
State General Funds	$2,958,631	$2,958,631	$2,958,631
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,242,631	$11,242,631	$11,242,631

143.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$66,743	$66,743	$66,743

143.1000 Georgia Virtual School **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,025,374	$3,025,374	$3,025,374
State General Funds	$3,025,374	$3,025,374	$3,025,374
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,309,374	$11,309,374	$11,309,374

Information Technology Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,653,162	$20,653,162	$20,653,162
State General Funds	$20,653,162	$20,653,162	$20,653,162
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,062,429	$21,062,429	$21,062,429

144.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$78,585	$78,585	$78,585

144.1000 Information Technology Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,731,747	$20,731,747	$20,731,747
State General Funds	$20,731,747	$20,731,747	$20,731,747
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,141,014	$21,141,014	$21,141,014

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733
State General Funds	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733

145.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,997,864	$8,997,864	$8,997,864

145.1000 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,792,597	$29,792,597	$29,792,597
State General Funds	$29,792,597	$29,792,597	$29,792,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,792,597	$29,792,597	$29,792,597

Nutrition **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,262,827	$39,262,827	$39,262,827
State General Funds	$39,262,827	$39,262,827	$39,262,827
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$842,856,296	$842,856,296	$842,856,296

146.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$14,374,506	$14,374,506	$14,374,506

146.2 *Reduce funds for the cost of breakfast and lunch for reduce-paying students through the 2023-2024 school year given the availability of existing funds.*

State General Funds	($6,333,713)	($6,333,713)	($6,333,713)

146.1000 Nutrition **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel

can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,303,620	$47,303,620	$47,303,620
State General Funds	$47,303,620	$47,303,620	$47,303,620
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$850,897,089	$850,897,089	$850,897,089

Preschool Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890
State General Funds	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890

147.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$965,134	$965,134	$965,134

147.1000 Preschool Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,746,024	$47,746,024	$47,746,024
State General Funds	$47,746,024	$47,746,024	$47,746,024
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,746,024	$47,746,024	$47,746,024

Pupil Transportation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195
State General Funds	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195

148.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$14,401,461	$14,401,461	$14,401,461

148.1000 Pupil Transportation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$163,151,656	$163,151,656	$163,151,656
State General Funds	$163,151,656	$163,151,656	$163,151,656
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$163,151,656	$163,151,656	$163,151,656

Quality Basic Education Equalization **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
State General Funds	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581

149.1000 Quality Basic Education Equalization **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
State General Funds	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)
State General Funds	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)

150.1 *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share for eight new State Commission Charter Schools.*

State General Funds	($1,881,395)	($1,840,758)	($2,391,178)

150.2 *Adjust funds to reflect data correction for Burke County.*

State General Funds	$997,238	$997,238	$997,238

150.1000 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,570,405,707)	($2,570,365,070)	($2,570,915,490)
State General Funds	($2,570,405,707)	($2,570,365,070)	($2,570,915,490)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,570,405,707)	($2,570,365,070)	($2,570,915,490)

Quality Basic Education Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393
State General Funds	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393

151.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$143,604,851	$143,604,851	$143,604,851

151.2 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth.*

State General Funds	$102,542,821	$102,506,757	$100,740,150

151.3 *Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement. (S:Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $231,328,204)*

State General Funds	$28,513,994	$27,768,764	$27,768,764

151.4 *Reduce funds to provide a salary supplement of $1,000 to all custodian custodians given the availability of existing funds.*

State General Funds	($8,636,781)	($8,636,781)	($8,636,781)

151.5 *Reduce funds to provide a military counselor to Chattahoochee County given the availability of existing funds.*

State General Funds	($49,493)	($49,493)	($49,493)

151.6 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.*

State General Funds	$277,812	$277,905	$277,905

151.7 *Reduce formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant pursuant to SB59 (2021 Session).*

State General Funds	($22,252)	($22,252)	($22,252)

151.8 *Increase funds to reflect growth in the Special Needs Scholarship.*

State General Funds	$8,976,356	$8,976,356	$8,976,356

151.9 *Add formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement pursuant to HB87 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$6,298,617	$6,298,548	$6,298,548

151.10 *Increase funds to restore Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula funds for Mountain Education Charter High School and Coastal Plains High School due to establishment as a completion special school.*

State General Funds	$14,850,769	$23,501,767	$23,501,767

151.11 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience.*

State General Funds	$4,155,198	$3,731,274	$3,731,274

151.12 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($359,445,388)	($359,445,388)	($359,445,388)
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

151.1000 Quality Basic Education Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,444,526,285	$13,451,972,089	$13,450,205,482
State General Funds	$13,085,080,897	$13,092,526,701	$13,090,760,094
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,444,526,285	$13,451,972,089	$13,450,205,482

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615
State General Funds	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615

152.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$195,861	$195,861	$195,861

152.1000 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,223,476	$16,223,476	$16,223,476
State General Funds	$16,223,476	$16,223,476	$16,223,476
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,223,476	$16,223,476	$16,223,476

School Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,661,849	$10,661,849	$10,661,849
State General Funds	$10,661,849	$10,661,849	$10,661,849

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,119,570	$14,119,570	$14,119,570

153.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$78,585	$78,585	$78,585

153.1000 School Improvement **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,740,434	$10,740,434	$10,740,434
State General Funds	$10,740,434	$10,740,434	$10,740,434
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,198,155	$14,198,155	$14,198,155

School Nurse **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204
State General Funds	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204

154.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$1,617,965	$1,617,965	$1,617,965

154.1000 School Nurse **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,162,169	$43,162,169	$43,162,169
State General Funds	$43,162,169	$43,162,169	$43,162,169
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,162,169	$43,162,169	$43,162,169

State Charter School Commission Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379

155.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224

155.1000 State Charter School Commission Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224
State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379

Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,702,603	$6,702,603	$6,702,603

State Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,543,965	$37,543,965	$37,543,965
State General Funds	$37,543,965	$37,543,965	$37,543,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,802,425	$39,802,425	$39,802,425

156.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$357,398	$357,398	$357,398

156.1000 State Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,901,363	$37,901,363	$37,901,363
State General Funds	$37,901,363	$37,901,363	$37,901,363
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055

Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,159,823	$40,159,823	$40,159,823

Technology/Career Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,402,168	$22,402,168	$22,402,168
State General Funds	$22,402,168	$22,402,168	$22,402,168
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$79,103,378	$79,103,378	$79,103,378

157.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,425,523	$2,425,523	$2,425,523

157.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($711,000)	($711,000)	($711,000)

157.1000 Technology/Career Education			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,116,691	$24,116,691	$24,116,691
State General Funds	$24,116,691	$24,116,691	$24,116,691
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,817,901	$80,817,901	$80,817,901

Testing		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,233,072	$22,233,072	$22,233,072
State General Funds	$22,233,072	$22,233,072	$22,233,072
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,930,879	$37,930,879	$37,930,879

158.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$22,607	$22,607	$22,607

158.2 *Increase funds to administer statewide standardized testing in accordance with federal assessment requirements. (H and S:Increase funds for AP STEM exams due to increased utilization)*

State General Funds	$292,000	$980,924	$292,000

158.1000 Testing			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,547,679	$23,236,603	$22,547,679
State General Funds	$22,547,679	$23,236,603	$22,547,679
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,245,486	$38,934,410	$38,245,486

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

159.1000 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,022.47. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,910,561	$61,910,561	$61,910,561
State General Funds	$61,910,561	$61,910,561	$61,910,561
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$95,728,763	$95,728,763	$95,728,763

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$561,910,561	$561,910,561	$561,910,561
State General Funds	$561,910,561	$561,910,561	$561,910,561
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$595,728,763	$595,728,763	$595,728,763

Deferred Compensation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262

160.1000 Deferred Compensation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262

Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262

Georgia Military Pension Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
State General Funds	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161

161.1000 Georgia Military Pension Fund **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
State General Funds	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161

Public School Employees Retirement System **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
State General Funds	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000

162.1000 Public School Employees Retirement System **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
State General Funds	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000

System Administration (ERS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400
State General Funds	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,382,340	$55,382,340	$55,382,340

163.1 *Increase funds to strategically invest in increasing the funded ratio in order to improve long-term financial viability of the pension system and support state retirees.*

State General Funds	$500,000,000	$500,000,000	$500,000,000

163.1000 System Administration (ERS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$526,760,400	$526,760,400	$526,760,400
State General Funds	$526,760,400	$526,760,400	$526,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$555,382,340	$555,382,340	$555,382,340

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.35% for New Plan employees and 24.60% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $918.35 per member for State Fiscal Year 2024.

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,030,321	$50,030,321	$50,030,321
State General Funds	$50,030,321	$50,030,321	$50,030,321
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,493,857	$66,493,857	$66,493,857

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,496,360	$57,756,360	$57,496,360
State General Funds	$57,496,360	$57,756,360	$57,496,360
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,959,896	$74,219,896	$73,959,896

Commission Administration (SFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,938,968	$6,938,968	$6,938,968
State General Funds	$6,938,968	$6,938,968	$6,938,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,570,548	$7,570,548	$7,570,548

164.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$38,754

164.2 *Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (SFC) program to the Forest Protection program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,347,037)	($2,347,037)	($2,347,037)

164.1000 Commission Administration (SFC) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,630,685	$4,630,685	$4,630,685
State General Funds	$4,630,685	$4,630,685	$4,630,685
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,262,265	$5,262,265	$5,262,265

Forest Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,522,487	$4,522,487	$4,522,487
State General Funds	$4,522,487	$4,522,487	$4,522,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,344,370	$9,344,370	$9,344,370

165.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$88,273	$88,273	$88,273

165.1000 Forest Management			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,610,760	$4,610,760	$4,610,760
State General Funds	$4,610,760	$4,610,760	$4,610,760
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,432,643	$9,432,643	$9,432,643

Forest Protection			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,568,866	$38,568,866	$38,568,866
State General Funds	$38,568,866	$38,568,866	$38,568,866
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312

Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,371,859	$48,371,859	$48,371,859

166.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$457,513	$457,513	$457,513

166.2 *Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (SFC) program ($2,347,037) to the Forest Protection program and increase funds for equipment and installation associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability. (S:Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (SFC) program ($2,347,037) to the Forest Protection program and increase funds for equipment and installation associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability and for harrow replacement for firebreak installation services)*

State General Funds	$8,600,000	$8,600,000	$8,600,000

166.3 *Increase funds for harrow replacement for firebreak installation services.*

State General Funds		$260,000	$0

166.1000 Forest Protection **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,626,379	$47,886,379	$47,626,379
State General Funds	$47,626,379	$47,886,379	$47,626,379
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,429,372	$57,689,372	$57,429,372

Tree Seedling Nursery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

167.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536

167.2 *Increase funds for the transition to containerized seedlings to enhance seedling offerings and generate additional revenue.*

State General Funds	$621,000	$621,000	$621,000

167.1000 Tree Seedling Nursery			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$628,536	$628,536	$628,536
State General Funds	$628,536	$628,536	$628,536
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,835,616	$1,835,616	$1,835,616

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$59,577,302	$59,577,302	$59,577,302
State General Funds	$59,577,302	$59,577,302	$59,577,302
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,552,612	$30,552,612	$30,552,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,799,182	$29,799,182	$29,799,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$90,937,770	$90,937,770	$90,937,770

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$71,534,944	$71,598,944	$71,598,944
State General Funds	$71,534,944	$71,598,944	$71,598,944
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,552,612	$30,552,612	$30,552,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,799,182	$29,799,182	$29,799,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,895,412	$102,959,412	$102,959,412

Governor's Emergency Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

168.1 *Increase funds for emergency response expenses associated with Hurricane Idalia and for other declared emergency expenses as necessary. (S:Increase funds to provide resources for border support, for emergency response expenses associated with Hurricane Idalia, and for other declared emergency expenses as necessary)*

State General Funds	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000

168.1000 Governor's Emergency Fund **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,062,041	$22,062,041	$22,062,041
State General Funds	$22,062,041	$22,062,041	$22,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,062,041	$22,062,041	$22,062,041

Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and

vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437
State General Funds	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437

169.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$33,372	$33,372	$33,372

169.1000 Governor's Office **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,751,809	$6,751,809	$6,751,809
State General Funds	$6,751,809	$6,751,809	$6,751,809
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,751,809	$6,751,809	$6,751,809

Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361
State General Funds	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361

170.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$61,361	$61,361	$61,361

170.1000 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,800,722	$8,800,722	$8,800,722
State General Funds	$8,800,722	$8,800,722	$8,800,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,800,722	$8,800,722	$8,800,722

Georgia Data Analytic Center			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072
State General Funds	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072

171.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

171.1000 Georgia Data Analytic Center			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,952,455	$1,952,455	$1,952,455
State General Funds	$1,952,455	$1,952,455	$1,952,455
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,952,455	$1,952,455	$1,952,455

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466
State General Funds	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466

172.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

172.1000 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,979,696	$1,979,696	$1,979,696
State General Funds	$1,979,696	$1,979,696	$1,979,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,979,696	$1,979,696	$1,979,696

Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,328,407	$1,328,407	$1,328,407
State General Funds	$1,328,407	$1,328,407	$1,328,407
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,359,407	$1,359,407	$1,359,407

173.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148

173.1000 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,344,555	$1,344,555	$1,344,555

State General Funds	$1,344,555	$1,344,555	$1,344,555
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,375,555	$1,375,555	$1,375,555

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,990,956	$4,990,956	$4,990,956
State General Funds	$4,990,956	$4,990,956	$4,990,956
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,501,994	$35,501,994	$35,501,994

174.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$149,634	$149,634	$149,634

174.2 *Increase funds to enhance State Operation Center capabilities.*

State General Funds	$154,221	$154,221	$154,221

174.3 *Utilize existing funds ($482,581) and increase funds to restore the payment of grants to counties (Total Funds: $835,001).*

State General Funds	$352,420	$352,420	$352,420

174.1000 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to

coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,647,231	$5,647,231	$5,647,231
State General Funds	$5,647,231	$5,647,231	$5,647,231
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,158,269	$36,158,269	$36,158,269

Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,407,153	$8,407,153	$8,407,153
State General Funds	$8,407,153	$8,407,153	$8,407,153
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$818,430	$818,430	$818,430
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,225,583	$9,225,583	$9,225,583

175.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355

175.1000 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,482,508	$8,482,508	$8,482,508
State General Funds	$8,482,508	$8,482,508	$8,482,508
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$818,430	$818,430	$818,430
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000

Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,300,938	$9,300,938	$9,300,938

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603
State General Funds	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603

176.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224

176.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

176.3 *Increase funds to upgrade GA AWARDS dashboards and improve accessibility of literacy data.*

State General Funds	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000

176.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,124,827	$6,124,827	$6,124,827
State General Funds	$6,124,827	$6,124,827	$6,124,827
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,124,827	$6,124,827	$6,124,827

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5

($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

177.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

177.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,001,077	$1,001,077	$1,001,077
State General Funds	$1,001,077	$1,001,077	$1,001,077
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,001,077	$1,001,077	$1,001,077

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245
State General Funds	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245

178.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

178.2 *Increase funds to upgrade technology for faculty.*

State General Funds		$49,000	$49,000

178.3 *Increase funds to increase rural participation.*

State General Funds		$15,000	$15,000

178.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,643,475	$1,707,475	$1,707,475
State General Funds	$1,643,475	$1,707,475	$1,707,475
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,643,475	$1,707,475	$1,707,475

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946
State General Funds	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946

179.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

179.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,578,788	$2,578,788	$2,578,788
State General Funds	$2,578,788	$2,578,788	$2,578,788
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,578,788	$2,578,788	$2,578,788

Child Advocate, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137
State General Funds	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137

180.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

180.2 *Increase funds to improve the legal representation of foster children. (H and S:YES; Increase funds to improve the legal representation of foster children and coordinate with existing support organizations)*

State General Funds	$99,780	$99,780	$99,780

180.1000 Child Advocate, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,539,606	$1,539,606	$1,539,606
State General Funds	$1,539,606	$1,539,606	$1,539,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,539,606	$1,539,606	$1,539,606

Office of the State Inspector General **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478
State General Funds	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478

181.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

181.2 *Increase funds for fees, training, and additional ongoing expenses for the implementation of SB59 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$21,487	$21,487	$21,487
181.3 *Increase funds for one vehicle.*			
State General Funds	$46,424	$46,424	$46,424

181.1000 Office of the State Inspector General **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,626,154	$1,626,154	$1,626,154
State General Funds	$1,626,154	$1,626,154	$1,626,154
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,626,154	$1,626,154	$1,626,154

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$985,477,516	$985,477,516	$985,477,516
State General Funds	$983,991,858	$983,991,858	$983,991,858
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,154,399
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$548,087,300	$548,087,300	$548,087,300
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$81,159,372	$81,159,372	$81,159,372
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$107,072,714	$107,072,714	$107,072,714
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,173,817	$12,173,817	$12,173,817
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$336,358,892	$336,358,892	$336,358,892
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$335,095,844	$335,095,844	$335,095,844
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,939,110	$25,939,110	$25,939,110
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

Sales and Services	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,313,413	$1,313,413	$1,313,413
State Funds Transfers	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency to Agency Contracts	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,189,884,438	$2,189,884,438	$2,189,884,438

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,003,941,516	$1,004,170,102	$1,003,982,044
State General Funds	$1,002,455,858	$1,002,684,444	$1,002,496,386
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,904,664
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$548,087,300	$548,087,300	$548,087,300
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$81,159,372	$81,159,372	$81,159,372
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$107,072,714	$107,072,714	$107,072,714
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$750,265
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,173,817	$12,173,817	$12,173,817
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$336,358,892	$336,358,892	$336,358,892
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$335,095,844	$335,095,844	$335,095,844
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,939,110	$25,939,110	$25,939,110
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,313,413	$1,313,413	$1,313,413
State Funds Transfers	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency to Agency Contracts	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413

Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,208,348,438	$2,208,577,024	$2,209,139,231

Adoptions Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,569,051	$46,569,051	$46,569,051
State General Funds	$46,569,051	$46,569,051	$46,569,051
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,748,473	$77,748,473	$77,748,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,627,072	$68,627,072	$68,627,072
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,317,524	$124,317,524	$124,317,524

182.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$52,749	$52,749	$52,749

182.1000 Adoptions Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,621,800	$46,621,800	$46,621,800
State General Funds	$46,621,800	$46,621,800	$46,621,800
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,748,473	$77,748,473	$77,748,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,627,072	$68,627,072	$68,627,072
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,370,273	$124,370,273	$124,370,273

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,242,661	$3,242,661	$3,242,661
State General Funds	$1,957,202	$1,957,202	$1,957,202
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,980,533	$10,980,533	$10,980,533
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,014,443	$8,014,443	$8,014,443
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,223,194	$14,223,194	$14,223,194

183.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

183.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,254,503	$3,254,503	$3,254,503
State General Funds	$1,969,044	$1,969,044	$1,969,044
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,980,533	$10,980,533	$10,980,533
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,014,443	$8,014,443	$8,014,443
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,235,036	$14,235,036	$14,235,036

Child Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,257,326	$32,257,326	$32,257,326
State General Funds	$32,257,326	$32,257,326	$32,257,326
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,328,371	$125,328,371	$125,328,371

184.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,107,719	$1,107,719	$1,107,719

184.1000 Child Support Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,365,045	$33,365,045	$33,365,045
State General Funds	$33,365,045	$33,365,045	$33,365,045
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,436,090	$126,436,090	$126,436,090

Child Welfare Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$229,607,756	$229,607,756	$229,607,756
State General Funds	$229,607,756	$229,607,756	$229,607,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,481,983	$244,481,983	$244,481,983
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,046,628	$34,046,628	$34,046,628
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$38,889,409	$38,889,409	$38,889,409

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$91,416	$91,416	$91,416
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,908,512	$2,908,512	$2,908,512
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$168,546,018	$168,546,018	$168,546,018
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$167,282,970	$167,282,970	$167,282,970
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
State Funds Transfers	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
Agency to Agency Contracts	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$474,252,927	$474,252,927	$474,252,927

185.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,388,823	$3,388,823	$3,388,823

185.2 *Increase funds for technology upgrades and improvements to the SHINES child welfare case management system.*

State General Funds	$3,167,659	$3,167,659	$3,167,659

185.3 *Increase funds for the full cost of two community action team pilot programs funded by HB911 (2022 Session).*

State General Funds	$214,146	$214,146	$214,146

185.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for start-up costs of a heavy equipment operator certification program for high-risk youth.*

State General Funds			$200,000

185.1000 Child Welfare Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$236,378,384	$236,378,384	$236,578,384
State General Funds	$236,378,384	$236,378,384	$236,578,384
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,481,983	$244,481,983	$244,481,983
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,046,628	$34,046,628	$34,046,628
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$38,889,409	$38,889,409	$38,889,409
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$91,416	$91,416	$91,416
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,908,512	$2,908,512	$2,908,512
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$168,546,018	$168,546,018	$168,546,018

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$167,282,970	$167,282,970	$167,282,970
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
State Funds Transfers	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
Agency to Agency Contracts	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$481,023,555	$481,023,555	$481,223,555

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659

186.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659

Departmental Administration (DHS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,125,920	$63,125,920	$63,125,920
State General Funds	$63,125,920	$63,125,920	$63,125,920
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,473,179	$53,473,179	$53,473,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,375,970	$35,375,970	$35,375,970

Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$273,396	$273,396	$273,396
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,579,886	$6,579,886	$6,579,886
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$763,398	$763,398	$763,398
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,496,909	$6,496,909	$6,496,909
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,545,587	$13,545,587	$13,545,587
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
State Funds Transfers	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
Agency to Agency Contracts	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$130,179,151	$130,179,151	$130,179,151

187.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$493,037	$493,037	$493,037

187.2 *Transfer funds from the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program ($590,000) to the Departmental Administration (DHS) program and increase funds for Medicaid Redetermination notice mailings.*

State General Funds	$1,500,530	$1,500,530	$750,265
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$750,265
Total Public Funds:	$1,500,530	$1,500,530	$1,500,530

187.3 *Increase funds to integrate Pathways and Georgia Access into the Georgia Gateway integrated eligibility system.*

State General Funds	$1,732,568	$1,732,568	$1,732,568

187.4 *Reduce funds for rent to reflect savings from office space consolidation.*

State General Funds	($2,636,268)	($2,636,268)	($2,636,268)

187.1000 Departmental Administration (DHS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs

of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$64,215,787	$64,215,787	$63,465,522
State General Funds	$64,215,787	$64,215,787	$63,465,522
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,473,179	$53,473,179	$54,223,444
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,375,970	$35,375,970	$35,375,970
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$273,396	$273,396	$273,396
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,579,886	$6,579,886	$6,579,886
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$763,398	$763,398	$763,398
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,496,909	$6,496,909	$6,496,909
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$750,265
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,545,587	$13,545,587	$13,545,587
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
State Funds Transfers	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
Agency to Agency Contracts	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$131,269,018	$131,269,018	$131,269,018

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,407,238	$28,407,238	$28,407,238
State General Funds	$28,407,238	$28,407,238	$28,407,238
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,911,715	$3,911,715	$3,911,715
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,596,753	$1,596,753	$1,596,753
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,314,962	$2,314,962	$2,314,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,318,953	$32,318,953	$32,318,953

188.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$331,563	$331,563	$331,563

188.2 *Transfer funds from the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program to the Departmental Administration (DHS) program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($590,000)	($590,000)	($590,000)

188.3 *Increase funds for the Long-term Care Ombudsman program to reflect an increase in cost of services.*

State General Funds		$153,000	$153,000

188.1000 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,148,801	$28,301,801	$28,301,801
State General Funds	$28,148,801	$28,301,801	$28,301,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,911,715	$3,911,715	$3,911,715
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,596,753	$1,596,753	$1,596,753
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,314,962	$2,314,962	$2,314,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,060,516	$32,213,516	$32,213,516

Elder Community Living Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,117,304	$52,117,304	$52,117,304
State General Funds	$52,117,304	$52,117,304	$52,117,304
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$37,318,008	$37,318,008	$37,318,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,367,665	$30,367,665	$30,367,665
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$6,950,343	$6,950,343	$6,950,343
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,435,312	$89,435,312	$89,435,312

189.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$32,297	$32,297	$32,297

189.1000 Elder Community Living Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,149,601	$52,149,601	$52,149,601
State General Funds	$52,149,601	$52,149,601	$52,149,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$37,318,008	$37,318,008	$37,318,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,367,665	$30,367,665	$30,367,665
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$6,950,343	$6,950,343	$6,950,343
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,467,609	$89,467,609	$89,467,609

Energy Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157

190.1000 Energy Assistance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$148,250,993	$148,250,993	$148,250,993
State General Funds	$148,250,993	$148,250,993	$148,250,993
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,103,052	$244,103,052	$244,103,052
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,680,335	$122,680,335	$122,680,335
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$258,495	$258,495	$258,495
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$5,807,841	$5,807,841	$5,807,841
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,235,199	$1,235,199	$1,235,199
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$99,147,424	$99,147,424	$99,147,424
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$392,354,045	$392,354,045	$392,354,045

191.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,383,510	$4,383,510	$4,383,510

191.2 *Reduce funds for a duplicative quick response (QR) codes contract.*

State General Funds	($65,524)	($65,524)	($65,524)

191.3 *Increase funds for labor and wage data verification services.*

State General Funds	$2,061,147	$2,061,147	$2,061,147

191.1000 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$154,630,126	$154,630,126	$154,630,126
State General Funds	$154,630,126	$154,630,126	$154,630,126
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,103,052	$244,103,052	$244,103,052
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,680,335	$122,680,335	$122,680,335
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$258,495	$258,495	$258,495
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$5,807,841	$5,807,841	$5,807,841
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,235,199	$1,235,199	$1,235,199
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$99,147,424	$99,147,424	$99,147,424

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$398,733,178	$398,733,178	$398,733,178

Out-of-Home Care **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
State General Funds	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,074,630	$100,074,630	$100,074,630
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$141,072	$141,072	$141,072
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$29,313,386	$29,313,386	$29,313,386
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$434,305,766	$434,305,766	$434,305,766

192.1000 Out-of-Home Care **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
State General Funds	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,074,630	$100,074,630	$100,074,630
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$141,072	$141,072	$141,072
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$29,313,386	$29,313,386	$29,313,386
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$434,305,766	$434,305,766	$434,305,766

Out-of-School Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$4,660,000

State General Funds	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$4,660,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,160,000	$20,160,000	$20,160,000

193.1 *Increase funds for community youth tutoring and wellness.*

State General Funds	$400,000

193.1000 Out-of-School Care Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$5,060,000
State General Funds	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$5,060,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,160,000	$20,160,000	$20,560,000

Refugee Assistance		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754

194.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

194.1000 Refugee Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230
State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,038,984	$5,038,984	$5,038,984

Residential Child Care Licensing			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,341,265	$2,341,265	$2,341,265
State General Funds	$2,341,265	$2,341,265	$2,341,265
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,910,115	$2,910,115	$2,910,115

195.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913

195.2 *Increase funds for technology upgrades and improvements to the TRAILS electronic records management system to enhance efficiency.*

State General Funds	$360,000	$360,000	$360,000

195.3 *Increase funds to establish an application and inspection process for Qualified Residential Treatment Programs.*

State General Funds	$82,102	$82,102	$82,102

195.1000 Residential Child Care Licensing			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,810,280	$2,810,280	$2,810,280

State General Funds	$2,810,280	$2,810,280	$2,810,280
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,379,130	$3,379,130	$3,379,130

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

196.1000 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,497,565	$20,497,565	$20,497,565

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,302,740	$6,302,740	$6,302,740
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,597,565	$20,597,565	$20,597,565

197.1000 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,497,565	$20,497,565	$20,497,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,302,740	$6,302,740	$6,302,740
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,597,565	$20,597,565	$20,597,565

Council On Aging **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529
State General Funds	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529

198.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

198.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($10,000)	($10,000)	($10,000)

198.1000 Council On Aging **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in

achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,759	$359,759	$359,759
State General Funds	$359,759	$359,759	$359,759
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$359,759	$359,759	$359,759

Family Connection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,763,639	$9,763,639	$9,763,639
State General Funds	$9,763,639	$9,763,639	$9,763,639
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,100,604	$11,100,604	$11,100,604

199.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153

199.1000 Family Connection **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,765,792	$9,765,792	$9,765,792
State General Funds	$9,765,792	$9,765,792	$9,765,792
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,102,757	$11,102,757	$11,102,757

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$326,141	$326,141	$326,141
State General Funds	$326,141	$326,141	$326,141

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,769,410	$2,769,410	$2,769,410

200.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

200.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$336,906	$336,906	$336,906
State General Funds	$336,906	$336,906	$336,906
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,780,175	$2,780,175	$2,780,175

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,436,787	$2,436,787	$2,436,787
State General Funds	$2,436,787	$2,436,787	$2,436,787
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,567,432	$10,567,432	$10,567,432

201.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$67,820	$67,820	$67,820

201.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,504,607	$2,504,607	$2,504,607
State General Funds	$2,504,607	$2,504,607	$2,504,607
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,635,252	$10,635,252	$10,635,252

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

202.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

203.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

203.2 *Increase funds for the replacement of two forklifts. (S:Increase funds for the replacement of one forklift)*

State General Funds		$75,586	$37,793

203.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,459	$82,045	$44,252
State General Funds	$6,459	$82,045	$44,252
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,372,347	$4,447,933	$4,410,140

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,028,571	$24,028,571	$24,028,571
State General Funds	$24,028,571	$24,028,571	$24,028,571
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,517,151	$98,517,151	$98,517,151

204.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$412,300	$412,300	$412,300

204.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($403,150)	($403,150)	($403,150)

204.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,037,721	$24,037,721	$24,037,721
State General Funds	$24,037,721	$24,037,721	$24,037,721
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,526,301	$98,526,301	$98,526,301

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,575,199	$3,575,199	$3,575,199

State General Funds	$3,375,000	$3,375,000	$3,375,000
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,575,199	$3,575,199	$3,575,199

205.1 *Increase funds for the full cost of the Gwinnett Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center funded by HB19 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$2,716,380	$2,716,380	$2,716,380

205.1000 Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,291,579	$6,291,579	$6,291,579
State General Funds	$6,091,380	$6,091,380	$6,091,380
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,291,579	$6,291,579	$6,291,579

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$211,588,455	$211,588,455	$211,588,455
State General Funds	$211,588,455	$211,588,455	$211,588,455
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$222,184,576	$222,184,576	$222,184,576

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$362,253,204	$362,253,204	$362,253,204
State General Funds	$362,253,204	$362,253,204	$362,253,204
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$372,849,325	$372,849,325	$372,849,325

Departmental Administration (COI) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe

environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,467,503	$2,467,503	$2,467,503
State General Funds	$2,467,503	$2,467,503	$2,467,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,577,103	$2,577,103	$2,577,103

206.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$26,912	$26,912	$26,912

206.1000 Departmental Administration (COI) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,494,415	$2,494,415	$2,494,415
State General Funds	$2,494,415	$2,494,415	$2,494,415
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,604,015	$2,604,015	$2,604,015

Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945
State General Funds	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945

207.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

207.1000 Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$671,328	$671,328	$671,328
State General Funds	$671,328	$671,328	$671,328
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$671,328	$671,328	$671,328

Fire Safety **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,323,775	$10,323,775	$10,323,775
State General Funds	$10,323,775	$10,323,775	$10,323,775
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,490,994	$14,490,994	$14,490,994

208.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$114,109	$114,109	$114,109

208.2 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for nine inspectors and associated costs.*

State General Funds	$681,044	$681,044	$681,044

208.3 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for 14 vehicles.*

State General Funds	$314,187	$314,187	$314,187

208.1000 Fire Safety **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,433,115	$11,433,115	$11,433,115
State General Funds	$11,433,115	$11,433,115	$11,433,115
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,600,334	$15,600,334	$15,600,334

Insurance Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,143,065	$5,143,065	$5,143,065
State General Funds	$5,143,065	$5,143,065	$5,143,065

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,921,073	$10,921,073	$10,921,073

209.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$82,891	$82,891	$82,891

209.2 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for positions, vehicles, and associated costs.*

State General Funds	($995,231)	($995,231)	($995,231)

209.1000 Insurance Regulation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,230,725	$4,230,725	$4,230,725
State General Funds	$4,230,725	$4,230,725	$4,230,725
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,008,733	$10,008,733	$10,008,733

Reinsurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157
State General Funds	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157

210.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

210.2 *Increase funds for the state reinsurance program.*

State General Funds	$134,000,000	$134,000,000	$134,000,000

210.3 *Increase funds for implementation of the State-based Exchange for healthcare insurance (Georgia Access).*

State General Funds	$16,391,317	$16,391,317	$16,391,317

210.1000 Reinsurance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$336,255,857	$336,255,857	$336,255,857
State General Funds	$336,255,857	$336,255,857	$336,255,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$336,255,857	$336,255,857	$336,255,857

Special Fraud **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,129,010	$7,129,010	$7,129,010
State General Funds	$7,129,010	$7,129,010	$7,129,010
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,670,304	$7,670,304	$7,670,304

211.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$38,754

211.1000 Special Fraud **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,167,764	$7,167,764	$7,167,764

State General Funds	$7,167,764	$7,167,764	$7,167,764
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,709,058	$7,709,058	$7,709,058

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$214,684,733	$214,684,733	$214,684,733
State General Funds	$214,684,733	$214,684,733	$214,684,733
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,400,504	$44,400,504	$44,400,504
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$43,680,690	$43,680,690	$43,680,690
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,060,456	$34,060,456	$34,060,456
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Sales and Services	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$293,408,996	$293,408,996	$293,408,996

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$209,255,465	$208,862,950	$208,756,870
State General Funds	$209,255,465	$208,862,950	$208,756,870
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,400,504	$44,400,504	$44,400,504
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$43,680,690	$43,680,690	$43,680,690
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,060,456	$34,060,456	$34,060,456
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Sales and Services	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$287,979,728	$287,587,213	$287,481,133

Bureau Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,271,861	$10,271,861	$10,271,861
State General Funds	$10,271,861	$10,271,861	$10,271,861
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,637,764	$10,637,764	$10,637,764

212.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$47,366	$47,366	$47,366

212.1000 Bureau Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,319,227	$10,319,227	$10,319,227
State General Funds	$10,319,227	$10,319,227	$10,319,227

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,685,130	$10,685,130	$10,685,130

Criminal Justice Information Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,350,878	$7,350,878	$7,350,878
State General Funds	$7,350,878	$7,350,878	$7,350,878
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,850,878	$18,850,878	$18,850,878

213.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$101,191	$101,191	$101,191

213.1000 Criminal Justice Information Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,452,069	$7,452,069	$7,452,069
State General Funds	$7,452,069	$7,452,069	$7,452,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000

Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,952,069	$18,952,069	$18,952,069

Forensic Scientific Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,173,683	$57,173,683	$57,173,683
State General Funds	$57,173,683	$57,173,683	$57,173,683
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,481,719	$59,481,719	$59,481,719

214.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$364,938	$364,938	$364,938

214.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds		($475,117)	($475,117)

214.1000 Forensic Scientific Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,538,621	$57,063,504	$57,063,504
State General Funds	$57,538,621	$57,063,504	$57,063,504

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,846,657	$59,371,540	$59,371,540

Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund a Medical Examiner office in Macon and increase funds for three medical examiners, one administrative assistant, 11 death investigator specialists (DIS), and one DIS supervisor in the Macon Medical Examiner's Office to address increased workload.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194
State General Funds	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194

215.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

215.1000 Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund a Medical Examiner office in Macon and increase funds for three medical examiners, one administrative assistant, 11 death investigator specialists (DIS), and one DIS supervisor in the Macon Medical Examiner's Office to address increased workload.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$964,500	$964,500	$964,500
State General Funds	$964,500	$964,500	$964,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$964,500	$964,500	$964,500

Regional Investigative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,527,461	$69,527,461	$69,527,461
State General Funds	$69,527,461	$69,527,461	$69,527,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,724,650	$1,724,650	$1,724,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,064,264	$73,064,264	$73,064,264

216.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$449,979	$449,979	$449,979

216.2 *Increase funds for the start-up cost for two criminal intelligence analyst positions to support the Criminal Street Gang Database.*

State General Funds	$174,178	$174,178	$174,178

216.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds		($339,203)	($339,203)

216.1000 Regional Investigative Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,151,618	$69,812,415	$69,812,415
State General Funds	$70,151,618	$69,812,415	$69,812,415
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,724,650	$1,724,650	$1,724,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451

Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,688,421	$73,349,218	$73,349,218

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,572,734	$17,572,734	$17,572,734
State General Funds	$17,572,734	$17,572,734	$17,572,734
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,273,571	$40,273,571	$40,273,571
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$39,553,757	$39,553,757	$39,553,757
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$78,586,255	$78,586,255	$78,586,255

217.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$131,714	$131,714	$131,714

217.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($4,820,391)	($4,820,391)	($4,820,391)

217.3 *Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for School Resource Officer and De-escalation training.*

State General Funds	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)

217.4 *Utilize existing funds ($993,046) to maintain current grant operations. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

217.5 *Increase funds to restore five grant specialist positions. (S:NO; Consider additional grant specialist positions in FY2025 General Budget)*

State General Funds	$106,080	$0	

217.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,634,057	$11,740,137	$11,634,057
State General Funds	$11,634,057	$11,740,137	$11,634,057
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,273,571	$40,273,571	$40,273,571
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$39,553,757	$39,553,757	$39,553,757
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,647,578	$72,753,658	$72,647,578

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076
State General Funds	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076

218.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

218.2 *Increase funds for Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) training and MRT trauma training.*

State General Funds	$613,124	$613,124	$613,124

218.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,528,042	$36,528,042	$36,528,042
State General Funds	$36,528,042	$36,528,042	$36,528,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,528,042	$36,528,042	$36,528,042

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846
State General Funds	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846

219.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

219.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,262,898)	($1,262,898)	($1,262,898)

219.3 *Increase funds for one sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinator for every sexual assault center starting April 1, 2024.*

State General Funds		$315,725	$315,725

219.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,667,331	$14,983,056	$14,983,056
State General Funds	$14,667,331	$14,983,056	$14,983,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,667,331	$14,983,056	$14,983,056

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$360,723,576	$360,723,576	$360,723,576
State General Funds	$360,723,576	$360,723,576	$360,723,576
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,586,702	$6,586,702	$6,586,702
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,986,702	$5,986,702	$5,986,702
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$367,565,278	$367,565,278	$367,565,278

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$366,479,822	$366,329,822	$366,225,822
State General Funds	$366,479,822	$366,329,822	$366,225,822
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,586,702	$6,586,702	$6,586,702
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,986,702	$5,986,702	$5,986,702
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$373,321,524	$373,171,524	$373,067,524

Community Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound

services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,323,507	$103,323,507	$103,323,507
State General Funds	$103,323,507	$103,323,507	$103,323,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,178,507	$104,178,507	$104,178,507

220.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$709,415	$709,415	$709,415

220.2 *Increase funds for replacement ballistic vests.*

State General Funds	$124,000	$124,000	$124,000

220.3 *Increase funds for laptop swivel stations in vehicles. (S:Increase funds for laptops and laptop swivel stations in vehicles)*

State General Funds	$146,127	$146,127	$146,127

220.1000 Community Service **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth

either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,303,049	$104,303,049	$104,303,049
State General Funds	$104,303,049	$104,303,049	$104,303,049
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,158,049	$105,158,049	$105,158,049

Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062
State General Funds	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062

221.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$187,312	$187,312	$187,312

221.2 *Increase funds for a new electronic audit tool.*

State General Funds	$364,364	$364,364	$364,364

221.1000 Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,976,738	$27,976,738	$27,976,738

State General Funds	$27,976,738	$27,976,738	$27,976,738
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,976,738	$27,976,738	$27,976,738

Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$89,652,127	$89,652,127	$89,652,127
State General Funds	$89,652,127	$89,652,127	$89,652,127
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,500,472	$92,500,472	$92,500,472

222.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$653,437	$653,437	$653,437

222.2 *Increase funds to implement music studios at the Eastman, Macon, Augusta, and Muscogee Secure Commitment (YDCs).*

State General Funds	$104,000	$104,000	$0

222.3 *Increase funds for the integration of an electronic medical record system within the current juvenile tracking system.*

State General Funds	$266,257	$266,257	$266,257

222.4 *Increase funds for mobile tablets for a new pilot electronic grievance system in one Department of Juvenile Justice Secure Commitment (YDC) and one Secure Detention (RYDC) facility.*

State General Funds	$75,000	$0	$0

222.5 *Increase funds for body cameras.*

State General Funds	$395,384	$395,384	$395,384

222.1000 Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those

youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,146,205	$91,071,205	$90,967,205
State General Funds	$91,146,205	$91,071,205	$90,967,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,994,550	$93,919,550	$93,815,550

Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$140,322,880	$140,322,880	$140,322,880
State General Funds	$140,322,880	$140,322,880	$140,322,880
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$143,461,237	$143,461,237	$143,461,237

223.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,107,715	$1,107,715	$1,107,715

223.2 *Increase funds for the integration of an electronic medical record system within the current juvenile tracking system.*

State General Funds	$408,743	$408,743	$408,743

223.3 *Increase funds for mobile tablets for a new pilot electronic grievance system in one Department of Juvenile Justice Secure Commitment (YDC) and one Secure Detention (RYDC) facility.*

State General Funds	$75,000	$0	$0

223.4 *Increase funds for new body cameras.*

State General Funds	$1,139,492	$1,139,492	$1,139,492

223.1000 Secure Detention (RYDCs)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$143,053,830	$142,978,830	$142,978,830
State General Funds	$143,053,830	$142,978,830	$142,978,830
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$146,192,187	$146,117,187	$146,117,187

Section 32: Labor, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,135,054	$8,135,054	$8,135,054
State General Funds	$8,135,054	$8,135,054	$8,135,054
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,617,106	$53,617,106	$53,617,106

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,979,031	$8,979,031	$11,479,031
State General Funds	$8,979,031	$8,979,031	$11,479,031
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,461,083	$54,461,083	$56,961,083

Departmental Administration (DOL) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,787,850	$1,787,850	$1,787,850
State General Funds	$1,787,850	$1,787,850	$1,787,850
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,059,688	$20,059,688	$20,059,688

224.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$447,824	$447,824	$447,824

224.2 *Utilize existing funds ($50,000) and transfer funds from the Unemployment Insurance program to the Departmental Administration (DOL) program to migrate applications to a cloud environment (Total Funds: $2,000,000).*

State General Funds	$1,950,000	$1,950,000	$1,950,000

224.1000 Departmental Administration (DOL) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,185,674	$4,185,674	$4,185,674
State General Funds	$4,185,674	$4,185,674	$4,185,674
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,457,512	$22,457,512	$22,457,512

Labor Market Information **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

225.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066

225.1000 Labor Market Information			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066
State General Funds	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,412,514	$1,412,514	$1,412,514

Unemployment Insurance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,347,204	$6,347,204	$6,347,204
State General Funds	$6,347,204	$6,347,204	$6,347,204
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,173,970	$32,173,970	$32,173,970

226.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$367,087	$367,087	$367,087

226.2 *Transfer funds from the Unemployment Insurance program to the Departmental Administration (DOL) program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,950,000)	($1,950,000)	($1,950,000)

226.3 *Increase funds for personnel and operations.*

State General Funds			$2,500,000

226.1000 Unemployment Insurance			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,764,291	$4,764,291	$7,264,291
State General Funds	$4,764,291	$4,764,291	$7,264,291
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,591,057	$30,591,057	$33,091,057

Section 33: Law, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,478,274	$40,478,274	$40,478,274
State General Funds	$40,478,274	$40,478,274	$40,478,274
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,159,646	$124,159,646	$124,159,646

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,082,428	$42,082,428	$42,082,428
State General Funds	$42,082,428	$42,082,428	$42,082,428
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,763,800	$125,763,800	$125,763,800

Law, Department of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,870,673	$38,870,673	$38,870,673
State General Funds	$38,870,673	$38,870,673	$38,870,673
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,918,713	$118,918,713	$118,918,713

227.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$292,808	$292,808	$292,808

227.2 *Increase funds to strengthen cyber security through contracted staff and replace equipment.*

State General Funds	$1,179,500	$1,179,500	$1,179,500

227.3 *Transfer funds from the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit program ($16,687) to the Department of Law program and increase funds to purchase equipment for the Organized Retail Crime and Cyber Crime Prosecution Unit.*

State General Funds	$103,500	$103,500	$103,500

227.1000 Law, Department of			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,446,481	$40,446,481	$40,446,481
State General Funds	$40,446,481	$40,446,481	$40,446,481
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,494,521	$120,494,521	$120,494,521

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,607,601	$1,607,601	$1,607,601
State General Funds	$1,607,601	$1,607,601	$1,607,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,240,933	$5,240,933	$5,240,933

228.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$45,213	$45,213	$45,213

228.2 *Transfer funds from the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit program to the Department of Law program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($16,867)	($16,867)	($16,867)

228.1000 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,635,947	$1,635,947	$1,635,947
State General Funds	$1,635,947	$1,635,947	$1,635,947
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,269,279	$5,269,279	$5,269,279

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,520,726	$176,520,726	$176,520,726
State General Funds	$149,657,117	$149,657,117	$149,657,117
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$96,385,632	$96,385,632	$96,385,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$343,763,021	$343,763,021	$343,763,021

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$180,067,232	$180,181,732	$194,931,732
State General Funds	$153,203,623	$153,318,123	$168,068,123
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$96,385,632	$96,385,632	$96,385,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$347,309,527	$347,424,027	$362,174,027

Coastal Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal

wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,244,471	$3,244,471	$3,244,471
State General Funds	$3,244,471	$3,244,471	$3,244,471
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,448,540	$8,448,540	$8,448,540

229.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$67,820	$67,820	$67,820

229.1000 Coastal Resources **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,312,291	$3,312,291	$3,312,291
State General Funds	$3,312,291	$3,312,291	$3,312,291
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,516,360	$8,516,360	$8,516,360

Departmental Administration (DNR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136
State General Funds	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136

230.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$76,432	$76,432	$76,432

230.1000 Departmental Administration (DNR) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,357,568	$13,357,568	$13,357,568
State General Funds	$13,357,568	$13,357,568	$13,357,568
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,357,568	$13,357,568	$13,357,568

Environmental Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,958,338	$33,958,338	$33,958,338
State General Funds	$33,958,338	$33,958,338	$33,958,338

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,393,856	$55,393,856	$55,393,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Sales and Services	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$119,177,105	$119,177,105	$119,177,105

231.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$748,169	$748,169	$748,169

231.1000 Environmental Protection **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,706,507	$34,706,507	$34,706,507
State General Funds	$34,706,507	$34,706,507	$34,706,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,393,856	$55,393,856	$55,393,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Sales and Services	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$119,925,274	$119,925,274	$119,925,274

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
State General Funds	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259

232.1000 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
State General Funds	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568

233.1000 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568

Law Enforcement			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,524,784	$31,524,784	$31,524,784
State General Funds	$31,524,784	$31,524,784	$31,524,784
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,279,734	$34,279,734	$34,279,734

234.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$256,207	$256,207	$256,207

234.2 *Increase funds for equipment and vehicle costs for six additional game warden positions.*

State General Funds	$517,386	$517,386	$517,386

234.1000 Law Enforcement			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and			

boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,298,377	$32,298,377	$32,298,377
State General Funds	$32,298,377	$32,298,377	$32,298,377
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,053,327	$35,053,327	$35,053,327

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,305,955	$15,305,955	$15,305,955
State General Funds	$15,305,955	$15,305,955	$15,305,955
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,901,775	$50,901,775	$50,901,775

235.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$338,021	$338,021	$338,021

235.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($55,000)	($55,000)	($55,000)

235.3 *Increase funds for part-time staff pay adjustments to address recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$114,500	$114,500

235.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for outdoor recreation, and state parks and historic sites.*

State General Funds	$14,100,000

235.1000 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,588,976	$15,703,476	$29,803,476
State General Funds	$15,588,976	$15,703,476	$29,803,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,184,796	$51,299,296	$65,399,296

Solid Waste Trust Fund			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636

236.1000 Solid Waste Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636

Wildlife Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,691,579	$23,691,579	$23,691,579
State General Funds	$21,988,174	$21,988,174	$21,988,174
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,160,268	$62,160,268	$62,160,268

237.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$432,754	$432,754	$432,754

237.2 *Increase funds for equipment and vehicle costs for a training coordinator position in the Wildlife Resources Division to standardize division training.*

State General Funds	$46,717	$46,717	$46,717

237.3 *Increase funds for flood and fire hazard mitigation on Sapelo Island.*

State General Funds	$528,000	$528,000	$528,000

237.4 *Increase funds for environmental hazard mitigation on Ossabaw Island.*

State General Funds	$590,000	$590,000	$590,000

237.5 *Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($350,000) for fish hatchery renovations for the conservation and management*

of fisheries resources. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$0	$0	$0

237.6 *Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($207,707) to expand access to the Deer Management Assistance Program for the conservation and management of wildlife resources. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$0	$0	$0

237.7 *Increase funds for the eradication of invasive species.*

State General Funds	$650,000

237.1000 Wildlife Resources **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,289,050	$25,289,050	$25,939,050
State General Funds	$23,585,645	$23,585,645	$24,235,645
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,757,739	$63,757,739	$64,407,739

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168
State General Funds	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168
Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,275,460	$20,251,092	$20,251,092
State General Funds	$20,275,460	$20,251,092	$20,251,092
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,275,460	$20,251,092	$20,251,092

Board Administration (SBPP) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443
State General Funds	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443

238.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

238.2 *Increase funds for training software.*

State General Funds	$3,900	$3,900	$3,900

238.1000 Board Administration (SBPP) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,368,185	$2,368,185	$2,368,185
State General Funds	$2,368,185	$2,368,185	$2,368,185
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,368,185	$2,368,185	$2,368,185

Clemency Decisions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes

setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391
State General Funds	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391

239.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$169,010	$169,010	$169,010

239.2 *Increase funds for personnel for overtime to address Georgia Crime Information Center disposition backlog.*

State General Funds	$212,758	$188,390	$188,390

239.3 *Increase funds for equipment for three criminal investigators and one hearing examiner.*

State General Funds	$109,363	$109,363	$109,363

239.1000 Clemency Decisions **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,284,522	$17,260,154	$17,260,154
State General Funds	$17,284,522	$17,260,154	$17,260,154
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,284,522	$17,260,154	$17,260,154

Victim Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334
State General Funds	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334

240.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612

240.2 *Increase funds to offset the loss of federal funds supporting two positions.*

State General Funds	$31,807	$31,807	$31,807

240.1000 Victim Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$622,753	$622,753	$622,753
State General Funds	$622,753	$622,753	$622,753
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$622,753	$622,753	$622,753

Section 36: Properties Commission, State

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Section Total - Final

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Properties Commission, State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

241.1000 Properties Commission, State **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$79,065,339	$79,065,339	$79,065,339
State General Funds	$79,065,339	$79,065,339	$79,065,339
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000

Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,576,101	$112,576,101	$112,576,101

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$79,958,834	$80,055,943	$80,055,943
State General Funds	$79,958,834	$80,055,943	$80,055,943
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,469,596	$113,566,705	$113,566,705

Public Defender Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,151,686	$9,151,686	$9,151,686
State General Funds	$9,151,686	$9,151,686	$9,151,686
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,996,686	$10,996,686	$10,996,686

242.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$64,592	$64,592	$64,592

242.1000 Public Defender Council			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,216,278	$9,216,278	$9,216,278
State General Funds	$9,216,278	$9,216,278	$9,216,278
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,061,278	$11,061,278	$11,061,278

Public Defenders **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,913,653	$69,913,653	$69,913,653
State General Funds	$69,913,653	$69,913,653	$69,913,653
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,579,415	$101,579,415	$101,579,415

243.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$828,903	$828,903	$828,903

243.2 *Increase funds for the Juvenile Conflict Defender Division.*

State General Funds		$228,954	$228,954

243.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds		($131,845)	($131,845)

243.1000 Public Defenders **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,742,556	$70,839,665	$70,839,665
State General Funds	$70,742,556	$70,839,665	$70,839,665
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,408,318	$102,505,427	$102,505,427

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$400,005,720	$400,005,720	$400,005,720
State General Funds	$369,189,762	$369,189,762	$369,189,762
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,813,679	$13,813,679	$13,813,679
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$392,631,491	$392,631,491	$392,631,491
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$348,355,780	$348,355,780	$348,355,780
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$16,862,765	$16,862,765	$16,862,765

FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,280,836	$8,280,836	$8,280,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Sales and Services	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
State Funds Transfers	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$803,414,030	$803,414,030	$803,414,030

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$406,187,853	$406,187,853	$406,284,853
State General Funds	$375,364,359	$375,364,359	$375,461,359
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,821,215	$13,821,215	$13,821,215
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$392,631,491	$392,631,491	$392,631,491
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$348,355,780	$348,355,780	$348,355,780
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$16,862,765	$16,862,765	$16,862,765
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,280,836	$8,280,836	$8,280,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Sales and Services	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
State Funds Transfers	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$809,596,163	$809,596,163	$809,693,163

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,945,574	$22,945,574	$22,945,574
State General Funds	$16,071,276	$16,071,276	$16,071,276
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,874,298	$6,874,298	$6,874,298
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,798,036	$31,798,036	$31,798,036
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,224,903	$11,224,903	$11,224,903
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,438,610	$55,438,610	$55,438,610

244.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$74,280	$74,280	$74,280

244.1000 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,019,854	$23,019,854	$23,019,854
State General Funds	$16,145,556	$16,145,556	$16,145,556
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,874,298	$6,874,298	$6,874,298
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,798,036	$31,798,036	$31,798,036
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,224,903	$11,224,903	$11,224,903
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,512,890	$55,512,890	$55,512,890

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,689,810	$6,689,810	$6,689,810
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,689,810	$6,689,810	$6,689,810
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,635,152	$7,635,152	$7,635,152

245.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536

245.1000 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,697,346	$6,697,346	$6,697,346
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,697,346	$6,697,346	$6,697,346
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,642,688	$7,642,688	$7,642,688

Departmental Administration (DPH)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,263,628	$29,263,628	$29,263,628
State General Funds	$29,131,833	$29,131,833	$29,131,833
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$73,625	$73,625	$73,625
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,678,378	$35,678,378	$35,678,378

246.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*			
State General Funds	$209,918	$209,918	$209,918
246.2 *Increase funds to restore funding for the Clayton County district health director position.*			
State General Funds	$323,768	$323,768	$323,768

246.1000 Departmental Administration (DPH)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,797,314	$29,797,314	$29,797,314
State General Funds	$29,665,519	$29,665,519	$29,665,519
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$73,625	$73,625	$73,625
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,212,064	$36,212,064	$36,212,064

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,459,048	$7,459,048	$7,459,048
State General Funds	$7,459,048	$7,459,048	$7,459,048
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$32,213,086	$32,213,086	$32,213,086
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,589,137	$31,589,137	$31,589,137
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
State Funds Transfers	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,108,117	$40,108,117	$40,108,117

247.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$148,558	$148,558	$148,558

247.1000 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,607,606	$7,607,606	$7,607,606
State General Funds	$7,607,606	$7,607,606	$7,607,606
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$32,213,086	$32,213,086	$32,213,086
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,589,137	$31,589,137	$31,589,137
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
State Funds Transfers	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,256,675	$40,256,675	$40,256,675

Epidemiology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,326,337	$7,326,337	$7,326,337
State General Funds	$7,208,561	$7,208,561	$7,208,561
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,776	$117,776	$117,776
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,585,675	$16,585,675	$16,585,675

248.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$145,328	$145,328	$145,328

248.2 *Transfer funds from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Epidemiology program ($560,389) and increase funds ($77,551) for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances.*

State General Funds	$637,940	$637,940	$637,940

248.1000 Epidemiology			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,109,605	$8,109,605	$8,109,605
State General Funds	$7,991,829	$7,991,829	$7,991,829
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,776	$117,776	$117,776
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,368,943	$17,368,943	$17,368,943

Immunization			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,459,847	$2,459,847	$2,459,847
State General Funds	$2,459,847	$2,459,847	$2,459,847
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,084,940	$18,084,940	$18,084,940

249.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$57,055	$57,055	$57,055

249.1000 Immunization			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,516,902	$2,516,902	$2,516,902
State General Funds	$2,516,902	$2,516,902	$2,516,902
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,141,995	$18,141,995	$18,141,995

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,465,227	$27,465,227	$27,465,227
State General Funds	$27,465,227	$27,465,227	$27,465,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,967,419	$30,967,419	$30,967,419
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$21,843,843	$21,843,843	$21,843,843
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$8,614,470	$8,614,470	$8,614,470
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$509,106	$509,106	$509,106
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,517,646	$58,517,646	$58,517,646

250.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$29,067	$29,067	$29,067

250.2 *Transfer funds from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Epidemiology and Vital Records programs to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($776,281)	($776,281)	($776,281)

250.3 *Utilize existing funds ($28,561) for one epidemiologist position for surveillance and data analysis for the Low THC Oil Registry program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

250.1000 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,718,013	$26,718,013	$26,718,013
State General Funds	$26,718,013	$26,718,013	$26,718,013
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,967,419	$30,967,419	$30,967,419
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$21,843,843	$21,843,843	$21,843,843
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$8,614,470	$8,614,470	$8,614,470
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$509,106	$509,106	$509,106
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,770,432	$57,770,432	$57,770,432

Infant and Child Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,496,541	$15,496,541	$15,496,541
State General Funds	$15,496,541	$15,496,541	$15,496,541
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$216,117,023	$216,117,023	$216,117,023
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,098,971	$208,098,971	$208,098,971
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$7,392,607	$7,392,607	$7,392,607
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$625,445	$625,445	$625,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,613,564	$231,613,564	$231,613,564

251.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798

251.2 *Increase funds to support development of donor breast milk bank.*

State General Funds			$97,000

251.1000 Infant and Child Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,620,339	$15,620,339	$15,717,339
State General Funds	$15,620,339	$15,620,339	$15,717,339

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$216,117,023	$216,117,023	$216,117,023
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,098,971	$208,098,971	$208,098,971
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$7,392,607	$7,392,607	$7,392,607
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$625,445	$625,445	$625,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,737,362	$231,737,362	$231,834,362

Infectious Disease Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,305,157	$45,305,157	$45,305,157
State General Funds	$45,305,157	$45,305,157	$45,305,157
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,927,839	$99,927,839	$99,927,839

252.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$231,449	$231,449	$231,449

252.1000 Infectious Disease Control **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,536,606	$45,536,606	$45,536,606
State General Funds	$45,536,606	$45,536,606	$45,536,606
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,159,288	$100,159,288	$100,159,288

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,138,976	$9,138,976	$9,138,976
State General Funds	$9,138,976	$9,138,976	$9,138,976
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,068,424	$1,068,424	$1,068,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$667,890	$667,890	$667,890
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$400,534	$400,534	$400,534
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,768,534	$10,768,534	$10,768,534

253.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$57,055	$57,055	$57,055

253.1000 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,196,031	$9,196,031	$9,196,031
State General Funds	$9,196,031	$9,196,031	$9,196,031
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,068,424	$1,068,424	$1,068,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$667,890	$667,890	$667,890
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$400,534	$400,534	$400,534
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,825,589	$10,825,589	$10,825,589

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$197,519,328	$197,519,328	$197,519,328
State General Funds	$197,519,328	$197,519,328	$197,519,328
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$199,319,328	$199,319,328	$199,319,328

254.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,638,639	$4,638,639	$4,638,639

254.1000 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$202,157,967	$202,157,967	$202,157,967
State General Funds	$202,157,967	$202,157,967	$202,157,967
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$203,957,967	$203,957,967	$203,957,967

Vital Records **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,877,699	$4,877,699	$4,877,699
State General Funds	$4,877,699	$4,877,699	$4,877,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,677,699	$5,677,699	$5,677,699

255.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$53,825	$53,825	$53,825

255.2 *Transfer funds from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Vital Records program for*

enhancements to death certificate processing for the Georgia Vital Events Registration System.

State General Funds	$215,892	$215,892	$215,892

255.1000 Vital Records **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,147,416	$5,147,416	$5,147,416
State General Funds	$5,147,416	$5,147,416	$5,147,416
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,947,416	$5,947,416	$5,947,416

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773

256.1000 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,144,775	$22,144,775	$22,144,775
State General Funds	$7,056,269	$7,056,269	$7,056,269
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,144,775	$22,144,775	$22,144,775

257.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

257.1000 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,149,081	$22,149,081	$22,149,081
State General Funds	$7,060,575	$7,060,575	$7,060,575
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,149,081	$22,149,081	$22,149,081

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Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$227,396,499	$227,396,499	$227,396,499
State General Funds	$227,396,499	$227,396,499	$227,396,499
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
State Funds Transfers	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786

Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$286,756,730	$286,756,730	$286,756,730

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$236,023,207	$237,440,209	$240,491,351
State General Funds	$236,023,207	$237,440,209	$240,491,351
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
State Funds Transfers	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$295,383,438	$296,800,440	$299,851,582

Aviation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331
State General Funds	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331

258.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$24,760	$24,760	$24,760

258.1000 Aviation			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,768,091	$4,768,091	$4,768,091
State General Funds	$4,768,091	$4,768,091	$4,768,091
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,768,091	$4,768,091	$4,768,091

Capitol Police Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State General Funds	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

259.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$67,820	$67,820	$67,820

259.1000 Capitol Police Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,275,403	$1,275,403	$1,275,403
State General Funds	$1,275,403	$1,275,403	$1,275,403
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,680,480	$9,680,480	$9,680,480

Departmental Administration (DPS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,877,495	$9,877,495	$9,877,495
State General Funds	$9,877,495	$9,877,495	$9,877,495
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,881,005	$9,881,005	$9,881,005

260.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$80,738	$80,738	$80,738

260.1000 Departmental Administration (DPS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,958,233	$9,958,233	$9,958,233
State General Funds	$9,958,233	$9,958,233	$9,958,233
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,961,743	$9,961,743	$9,961,743

Field Offices and Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$151,709,975	$151,709,975	$151,709,975
State General Funds	$151,709,975	$151,709,975	$151,709,975
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,254,162	$155,254,162	$155,254,162

261.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,119,560	$1,119,560	$1,119,560

261.2 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect previously vacant law enforcement officer positions.*

State General Funds	$37,713	$37,713	$37,713

261.3 *Increase funds for the added cost of full "basic" subsidized State Health Benefit Plan benefits to retired Injured in the Line of Duty (ILOD) officers.*

State General Funds			$4,076,000

261.1000 Field Offices and Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$152,867,248	$152,867,248	$156,943,248
State General Funds	$152,867,248	$152,867,248	$156,943,248
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$156,411,435	$156,411,435	$160,487,435

Law Enforcement Training **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336
State General Funds	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336

262.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$64,590	$64,590	$64,590

262.2 *Increase funds for personnel for an additional 35 trooper school graduates.*

State General Funds	$1,174,042	$1,174,042	$1,174,042

262.1000 Law Enforcement Training **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,859,968	$8,859,968	$8,859,968
State General Funds	$8,859,968	$8,859,968	$8,859,968
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,859,968	$8,859,968	$8,859,968

Motor Carrier Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as

traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,763,296	$18,763,296	$18,763,296
State General Funds	$18,763,296	$18,763,296	$18,763,296
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,244,767	$41,244,767	$41,244,767

263.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$343,403	$343,403	$343,403

263.2 *Increase funds to replace the weigh-in-motion equipment and monitoring system.*

State General Funds	$5,170,066	$5,170,066	$5,170,066

263.1000 Motor Carrier Compliance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,276,765	$24,276,765	$24,276,765
State General Funds	$24,276,765	$24,276,765	$24,276,765
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,758,236	$46,758,236	$46,758,236

Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332
State General Funds	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332

264.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$12,918

264.2 *Increase funds for two K-9s and equipment for four positions. (H and S:Increase funds for two K-9s, an additional Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS), and equipment for four positions)*

State General Funds	$119,810	$119,810	$119,810

264.1000 Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,645,060	$1,645,060	$1,645,060
State General Funds	$1,645,060	$1,645,060	$1,645,060
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,645,060	$1,645,060	$1,645,060

Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873
State General Funds	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873

265.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

265.2 *Increase funds for one vehicle and one computer bank for the creation of a new testing region. (H and S:Increase funds for two vehicles and two computer banks for the creation of two new testing regions)*

State General Funds	$37,265	$110,000	$110,000

265.1000 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,636,903	$1,709,638	$1,709,638
State General Funds	$1,636,903	$1,709,638	$1,709,638
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,636,903	$1,709,638	$1,709,638

Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783
State General Funds	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783

266.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$41,984	$41,984	$41,984

266.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia POST Resiliency Program previously funded through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council*

Law Enforcement Training Grant. (H and S:YES; Consolidate Georgia POST Resiliency Program with Georgia Public Safety Training Center)

State General Funds	$161,750	$0	$0

266.3 *Increase funds for two vehicles.*

State General Funds	$64,000	$78,000	$78,000

266.4 *Increase funds for system maintenance support and onboarding for an online gang and human trafficking training system.*

State General Funds	$35,000	$0	$0

266.5 *Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for law enforcement officers not included in HB19 (2023 Session) to reduce turnover and increase retention effective April 1, 2024. (S:Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for law enforcement officers not included in HB19 (2023 Session) to reduce turnover and increase retention, to be implemented through a supplement and remaining pay periods starting in April)*

State General Funds		$22,605	$66,279

266.6 *Increase funds for Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police sponsored training ($80,972) and Sheriffs' Training Academy ($119,028).*

State General Funds		$200,000	$200,000

266.1000 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,826,517	$5,866,372	$5,910,046
State General Funds	$5,826,517	$5,866,372	$5,910,046
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,826,517	$5,866,372	$5,910,046

Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,250,180	$21,250,180	$21,250,180

State General Funds	$21,250,180	$21,250,180	$21,250,180
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,732,112	$25,732,112	$25,732,112

267.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$198,076	$198,076	$198,076

267.2 *Increase funds for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$28,831	$28,831	$28,831

267.3 *Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for School Resource Officer and De-escalation training.*

State General Funds	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000

267.4 *Increase funds for board approved director raise.*

State General Funds	$5,007	$20,030	$20,030

267.5 *Increase funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.*

State General Funds	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000

267.6 *Increase funds for pest control and fire emergency monitoring system for campus.*

State General Funds	$28,474	$28,474	$28,474

267.7 *Increase funds for annual CPR training for dispatchers.*

State General Funds		$220,857	$220,857

267.1000 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety

services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,775,568	$23,011,448	$23,011,448
State General Funds	$22,775,568	$23,011,448	$23,011,448
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,257,500	$27,493,380	$27,493,380

Highway Safety, Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$677,637	$677,637	$677,637
State General Funds	$677,637	$677,637	$677,637
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,121,691	$21,121,691	$21,121,691

268.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$23,683	$23,683	$23,683

268.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($65,092)	($65,092)	($65,092)

268.1000 Highway Safety, Office of **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$636,228	$636,228	$636,228
State General Funds	$636,228	$636,228	$636,228
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,080,282	$21,080,282	$21,080,282

Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678
State General Funds	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678

269.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153

269.2 *Reduce funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2023 Joshua's Law Collections. (H:Reduce funds)(S:Reduce funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2023 Joshua's Law Collections)*

State General Funds	($1,425,608)	($357,076)	($1,425,608)

269.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,497,223	$2,565,755	$1,497,223
State General Funds	$1,497,223	$2,565,755	$1,497,223
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,497,223	$2,565,755	$1,497,223

Section 40: Public Service Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,872,624	$11,872,624	$11,872,624
State General Funds	$11,872,624	$11,872,624	$11,872,624
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,103,724	$13,103,724	$13,103,724
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,129,426	$12,754,426	$12,754,426
State General Funds	$12,129,426	$12,754,426	$12,754,426
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,360,526	$13,985,526	$13,985,526

Commission Administration (PSC)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732
State General Funds	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732

270.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

270.2 *Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (PSC) program to the Facility Protection program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($47,840)	($47,840)	($47,840)

270.1000 Commission Administration (PSC)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,913,734	$1,913,734	$1,913,734
State General Funds	$1,913,734	$1,913,734	$1,913,734
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,913,734	$1,913,734	$1,913,734

Facility Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,202	$1,551,202	$1,551,202
State General Funds	$1,551,202	$1,551,202	$1,551,202
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,782,302	$2,782,302	$2,782,302

271.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$20,454	$20,454	$20,454

271.2 *Utilize existing funds ($63,726), transfer funds from the Commission Administration (PSC) program ($47,840) to the Facility Protection program, and increase funds for database upgrade for the Call Before You Dig program (Total Funds: $250,000).*

State General Funds	$186,274	$186,274	$186,274

271.3 *Increase funds for equipment and vehicle costs for two additional investigators for the Call Before You Dig program.*

State General Funds	$12,000	$12,000	$12,000

271.4 *Increase funds for state share of equipment and vehicle costs for one additional Pipeline Safety inspector.*

State General Funds	$22,400	$22,400	$22,400

271.5 *Increase funds for Pipeline Safety database upgrade.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000

271.1000 Facility Protection			**Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,792,330	$2,042,330	$2,042,330
State General Funds	$1,792,330	$2,042,330	$2,042,330
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,023,430	$3,273,430	$3,273,430

Utilities Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690
State General Funds	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690

272.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672

272.2 *Increase funds for consumer response system upgrade.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000

272.3 *Increase funds for phone system upgrade.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$100,000

272.4 *Increase funds for audit of universal access fund contributors.*

State General Funds		$25,000	$25,000

272.1000 Utilities Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,423,362	$8,798,362	$8,798,362
State General Funds	$8,423,362	$8,798,362	$8,798,362
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,423,362	$8,798,362	$8,798,362

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919
State General Funds	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,330,488	$400,330,488	$400,330,488
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,514,608,025	$9,514,608,025	$9,514,608,025

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,313,884,054	$3,310,081,114	$3,307,181,114
State General Funds	$3,313,884,054	$3,310,081,114	$3,307,181,114
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,330,488	$400,330,488	$400,330,488
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,643,621,160	$9,639,818,220	$9,636,918,220

Agricultural Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,340,515	$53,340,515	$53,340,515
State General Funds	$53,340,515	$53,340,515	$53,340,515
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$28,511,900	$28,511,900	$28,511,900
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,102,625	$120,102,625	$120,102,625

273.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.			
State General Funds	$428,447	$428,447	$428,447
273.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new positions.*			
State General Funds		($570,673)	($570,673)

273.1000 Agricultural Experiment Station			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,768,962	$53,198,289	$53,198,289
State General Funds	$53,768,962	$53,198,289	$53,198,289
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$28,511,900	$28,511,900	$28,511,900
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,531,072	$119,960,399	$119,960,399

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,642,766	$6,642,766	$6,642,766
Intergovernmental Transfers	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000

Sales and Services	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,247,766	$7,247,766	$7,247,766

274.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,642,766	$6,642,766	$6,642,766
Intergovernmental Transfers	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
Sales and Services	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,247,766	$7,247,766	$7,247,766

Cooperative Extension Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,552,824	$49,552,824	$49,552,824
State General Funds	$49,552,824	$49,552,824	$49,552,824
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,707,707	$22,707,707	$22,707,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$84,621,625	$84,621,625	$84,621,625

275.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$774,004	$774,004	$774,004

275.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($267,767)	($267,767)

275.1000 Cooperative Extension Service **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,326,828	$50,059,061	$50,059,061
State General Funds	$50,326,828	$50,059,061	$50,059,061
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,707,707	$22,707,707	$22,707,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$85,395,629	$85,127,862	$85,127,862

Enterprise Innovation Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,647,809	$12,647,809	$12,647,809
State General Funds	$12,647,809	$12,647,809	$12,647,809
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,147,809	$28,147,809	$28,147,809

276.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$159,322	$159,322	$159,322

276.1000 Enterprise Innovation Institute **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,807,131	$12,807,131	$12,807,131
State General Funds	$12,807,131	$12,807,131	$12,807,131
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,307,131	$28,307,131	$28,307,131

Forestry Cooperative Extension **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,079,636	$1,079,636	$1,079,636
State General Funds	$1,079,636	$1,079,636	$1,079,636
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$346,988	$346,988	$346,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Sales and Services	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,876,624	$1,876,624	$1,876,624

277.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$15,071

277.1000 Forestry Cooperative Extension **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,094,707	$1,094,707	$1,094,707
State General Funds	$1,094,707	$1,094,707	$1,094,707
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$346,988	$346,988	$346,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Sales and Services	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,891,695	$1,891,695	$1,891,695

Forestry Research		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,190,344	$3,190,344	$3,190,344
State General Funds	$3,190,344	$3,190,344	$3,190,344
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,310,243	$8,310,243	$8,310,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,669,587	$15,669,587	$15,669,587

278.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973

278.1000 Forestry Research			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,260,317	$3,260,317	$3,260,317
State General Funds	$3,260,317	$3,260,317	$3,260,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,310,243	$8,310,243	$8,310,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000

Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,739,560	$15,739,560	$15,739,560

Georgia Archives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,464,213	$4,464,213	$4,464,213
State General Funds	$4,464,213	$4,464,213	$4,464,213
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$955,154	$955,154	$955,154
Intergovernmental Transfers	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$737,038	$737,038	$737,038
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,419,367	$5,419,367	$5,419,367

279.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$22,607	$22,607	$22,607

279.1000 Georgia Archives **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,486,820	$4,486,820	$4,486,820
State General Funds	$4,486,820	$4,486,820	$4,486,820
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$955,154	$955,154	$955,154
Intergovernmental Transfers	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373

University System of Georgia Research Funds	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$737,038	$737,038	$737,038
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,441,974	$5,441,974	$5,441,974

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,327,175	$2,327,175	$2,327,175
State General Funds	$2,327,175	$2,327,175	$2,327,175
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,223,468	$2,223,468	$2,223,468
Intergovernmental Transfers	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565
Sales and Services	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,550,643	$4,550,643	$4,550,643

280.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$33,372	$33,372	$33,372

280.1000 Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,360,547	$2,360,547	$2,360,547
State General Funds	$2,360,547	$2,360,547	$2,360,547
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,223,468	$2,223,468	$2,223,468
Intergovernmental Transfers	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565

Sales and Services	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,584,015	$4,584,015	$4,584,015

Georgia Research Alliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865
State General Funds	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865

281.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

281.2 *Increase funds for six new Eminent Scholars and six Distinguished Investigators. (H:Increase funds for six new eminent scholars and six distinguished investigators at Georgia Institute of Technology and Augusta University ($9,000,000) and the development of a product to monitor poultry health and welfare, a collaboration between Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia ($250,000))(S:Increase funds for four new eminent scholars and four distinguished investigators at Georgia Institute of Technology ($6,000,000) and the development of a product to monitor poultry health and welfare, a collaboration between Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia ($250,000))*

State General Funds	$14,250,000	$9,250,000	$6,250,000

281.1000 Georgia Research Alliance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,365,171	$14,365,171	$11,365,171
State General Funds	$19,365,171	$14,365,171	$11,365,171
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,365,171	$14,365,171	$11,365,171

Georgia Tech Research Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of

Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,037,113	$7,037,113	$7,037,113
State General Funds	$7,037,113	$7,037,113	$7,037,113
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$315,937,315	$315,937,315	$315,937,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$848,397,205	$848,397,205	$848,397,205

282.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,478,172	$3,478,172	$3,478,172

282.1000 Georgia Tech Research Institute **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,515,285	$10,515,285	$10,515,285
State General Funds	$10,515,285	$10,515,285	$10,515,285
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$315,937,315	$315,937,315	$315,937,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$851,875,377	$851,875,377	$851,875,377

Marine Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,126,088	$1,126,088	$1,126,088
State General Funds	$1,126,088	$1,126,088	$1,126,088
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$302,183	$302,183	$302,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Sales and Services	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,724,919	$1,724,919	$1,724,919

283.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$12,918

283.1000 Marine Institute **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,139,006	$1,139,006	$1,139,006
State General Funds	$1,139,006	$1,139,006	$1,139,006
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$302,183	$302,183	$302,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Sales and Services	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,737,837	$1,737,837	$1,737,837

Marine Resources Extension Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,723,494	$1,723,494	$1,723,494
State General Funds	$1,723,494	$1,723,494	$1,723,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,423,494	$3,423,494	$3,423,494

284.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$36,601

284.1000 Marine Resources Extension Center **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,760,095	$1,760,095	$1,760,095
State General Funds	$1,760,095	$1,760,095	$1,760,095
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,460,095	$3,460,095	$3,460,095

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290
State General Funds	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290

285.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$458,589	$458,589	$458,589

285.1000 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,983,879	$44,983,879	$44,983,879
State General Funds	$44,983,879	$44,983,879	$44,983,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,983,879	$44,983,879	$44,983,879

Public Libraries **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,886,944	$46,886,944	$46,886,944
State General Funds	$46,886,944	$46,886,944	$46,886,944
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,538,457	$52,538,457	$52,538,457

286.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$54,902	$54,902	$54,902

286.2 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $843 to $1,093.*

State General Funds	$415,500	$415,500	$415,500

286.1000 Public Libraries **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,357,346	$47,357,346	$47,357,346
State General Funds	$47,357,346	$47,357,346	$47,357,346
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,008,859	$53,008,859	$53,008,859

Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670
State General Funds	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670

287.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$128,104	$128,104	$128,104

287.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,288,104)	($2,288,104)	($2,288,104)

287.3 *Reduce funds to remove duplicate funding for music industry archiving at the University of Georgia.*

State General Funds	($2,600,000)	($2,600,000)	($2,600,000)

287.4 *Increase funds for Fort Valley State University for a feasibility study on the development and building of a veterinary school.*

State General Funds			$100,000

287.1000 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,228,670	$35,228,670	$35,328,670
State General Funds	$35,228,670	$35,228,670	$35,328,670
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,228,670	$35,228,670	$35,328,670

Regents Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,991,274	$10,991,274	$10,991,274
State General Funds	$10,991,274	$10,991,274	$10,991,274
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,341,274	$11,341,274	$11,341,274

288.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$37,678	$37,678	$37,678

288.2 *Increase funds for legal fees.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

288.1000 Regents Central Office **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund

membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,278,952	$11,278,952	$11,278,952
State General Funds	$11,278,952	$11,278,952	$11,278,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,628,952	$11,628,952	$11,628,952

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,150,314	$3,150,314	$3,150,314
State General Funds	$3,150,314	$3,150,314	$3,150,314
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,009,390	$2,009,390	$2,009,390
Intergovernmental Transfers	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,552,111	$7,552,111	$7,552,111

289.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$43,060	$43,060	$43,060

289.1000 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,193,374	$3,193,374	$3,193,374

State General Funds	$3,193,374	$3,193,374	$3,193,374
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,009,390	$2,009,390	$2,009,390
Intergovernmental Transfers	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,595,171	$7,595,171	$7,595,171

Teaching **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190
State General Funds	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$922,440,780	$922,440,780	$922,440,780
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Sales and Services	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$326,275,457	$326,275,457	$326,275,457
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,173,236,533	$8,173,236,533	$8,173,236,533

290.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$46,011,763	$46,011,763	$46,011,763

290.2 *Increase funds to restore FY2024 formula funds.*

State General Funds	$66,000,000	$66,000,000	$66,000,000

290.3 *Increase funds for the Fort Valley State University Land Grant match requirements. (S:Increase funds for the Fort Valley State University Land Grant match requirements for a total state funds amount of $5,796,102)*

State General Funds	$823,926	$823,926	$823,926

290.1000 Teaching **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879
State General Funds	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$922,440,780	$922,440,780	$922,440,780
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Sales and Services	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$326,275,457	$326,275,457	$326,275,457
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,286,072,222	$8,286,072,222	$8,286,072,222

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,168,289	$5,168,289	$5,168,289
State General Funds	$5,168,289	$5,168,289	$5,168,289

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,468,289	$6,468,289	$6,468,289

291.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$37,678	$37,678	$37,678

291.1000 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,205,967	$5,205,967	$5,205,967
State General Funds	$5,205,967	$5,205,967	$5,205,967
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,505,967	$6,505,967	$6,505,967

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$571,250	$571,250	$571,250
State General Funds	$571,250	$571,250	$571,250
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,571,250	$29,571,250	$29,571,250

292.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$234,677	$234,677	$234,677

292.1000 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$805,927	$805,927	$805,927
State General Funds	$805,927	$805,927	$805,927
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,805,927	$29,805,927	$29,805,927

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133
State General Funds	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133

293.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

293.2 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($264,500)	($264,500)

293.3 *Increase funds for the construction of the Anne Frank Education Center. (S:Increase funds for the development of exhibits for the Anne Frank Education Center)*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$2,000,000

293.1000 Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$617,363	$2,352,863	$2,352,863
State General Funds	$617,363	$2,352,863	$2,352,863
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$617,363	$2,352,863	$2,352,863

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
State General Funds	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591

294.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
State General Funds	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
State General Funds	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535

295.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
State General Funds	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363
State General Funds	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363

296.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$117,339	$117,339	$117,339

296.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the development of an update to Georgia Stories, a video series that supports teachers in providing the required eighth-grade course on Georgia geography, history, and economics.*

State General Funds		$300,000	$300,000

296.1000 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,115,702	$13,415,702	$13,415,702
State General Funds	$13,115,702	$13,415,702	$13,415,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,115,702	$13,415,702	$13,415,702

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$217,545,131	$217,545,131	$217,545,131

State General Funds	$213,966,085	$213,966,085	$213,966,085
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,850,861	$220,850,861	$220,850,861

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$222,084,230	$222,084,230	$222,084,230
State General Funds	$218,505,184	$218,505,184	$218,505,184
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$225,389,960	$225,389,960	$225,389,960

Departmental Administration (DOR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931
State General Funds	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931

297.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$69,968	$69,968	$69,968

297.2 *Increase funds to migrate data to a cloud-based service.*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000

297.1000 Departmental Administration (DOR) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,570,899	$14,570,899	$14,570,899
State General Funds	$14,570,899	$14,570,899	$14,570,899
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,570,899	$14,570,899	$14,570,899

Forestland Protection Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

298.1000 Forestland Protection Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

Industry Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,513,691	$9,513,691	$9,513,691

State General Funds	$9,079,908	$9,079,908	$9,079,908
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,369,725	$10,369,725	$10,369,725

299.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$82,891	$82,891	$82,891

299.1000 Industry Regulation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,596,582	$9,596,582	$9,596,582
State General Funds	$9,162,799	$9,162,799	$9,162,799
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,452,616	$10,452,616	$10,452,616

Local Government Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,541,636	$7,541,636	$7,541,636
State General Funds	$4,396,373	$4,396,373	$4,396,373
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,961,636	$7,961,636	$7,961,636

300.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672

300.1000 Local Government Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,593,308	$7,593,308	$7,593,308
State General Funds	$4,448,045	$4,448,045	$4,448,045
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,013,308	$8,013,308	$8,013,308

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157
State General Funds	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157

301.1 *Increase funds to reflect a change in the Employees' Retirement System employer contribution rate to fully fund the actuarial determined employer contribution, increase the employer 401(k) match for GSEPS employees, and fund the employer share of accrued forfeited leave for retiring employees.*

State General Funds	$716,018	$716,018	$716,018

301.1000 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
State General Funds	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613
State General Funds	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613

302.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$122,722	$122,722	$122,722

302.2 *Increase funds to reflect a contract increase for motor vehicle registration and licensing.*

State General Funds	$2,390,651	$2,390,651	$2,390,651

302.1000 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,568,986	$41,568,986	$41,568,986
State General Funds	$41,568,986	$41,568,986	$41,568,986
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,568,986	$41,568,986	$41,568,986

Office of Special Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,897,079	$5,897,079	$5,897,079

State General Funds	$5,897,079	$5,897,079	$5,897,079
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,313,160	$6,313,160	$6,313,160

303.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$41,984	$41,984	$41,984

303.1000 Office of Special Investigations **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,939,063	$5,939,063	$5,939,063
State General Funds	$5,939,063	$5,939,063	$5,939,063
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,355,144	$6,355,144	$6,355,144

Tax Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,309,618	$61,309,618	$61,309,618
State General Funds	$61,309,618	$61,309,618	$61,309,618
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,651,402	$62,651,402	$62,651,402

304.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$398,306	$398,306	$398,306

304.2 *Increase funds for start-up costs for the creation of the initial contact team to assist newly delinquent taxpayers.*

State General Funds	$15,300	$15,300	$15,300

304.3 *Increase funds for three replacement vehicles.*

State General Funds	$108,525	$108,525	$108,525

304.1000 Tax Compliance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,831,749	$61,831,749	$61,831,749
State General Funds	$61,831,749	$61,831,749	$61,831,749
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,173,533	$63,173,533	$63,173,533

Tax Policy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380
State General Funds	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380

305.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$36,601

305.1000 Tax Policy **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,893,981	$4,893,981	$4,893,981
State General Funds	$4,893,981	$4,893,981	$4,893,981

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,893,981	$4,893,981	$4,893,981

Taxpayer Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,062,532	$27,062,532	$27,062,532
State General Funds	$27,062,532	$27,062,532	$27,062,532
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,334,363	$27,334,363	$27,334,363

306.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$186,236	$186,236	$186,236

306.2 *Increase funds to raise hourly pay for part-time seasonal mail operations staff.*

State General Funds	$18,225	$18,225	$18,225

306.1000 Taxpayer Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,266,993	$27,266,993	$27,266,993
State General Funds	$27,266,993	$27,266,993	$27,266,993
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,538,824	$27,538,824	$27,538,824

Section 43: Secretary of State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,016,614	$31,016,614	$31,016,614
State General Funds	$31,016,614	$31,016,614	$31,016,614
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,758,934	$36,758,934	$36,758,934

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,155,852	$37,794,680	$32,794,680
State General Funds	$31,155,852	$37,794,680	$32,794,680
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,898,172	$43,537,000	$38,537,000

Corporations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

307.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831

307.1000 Corporations **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831
State General Funds	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,651,651	$4,651,651	$4,651,651

Elections **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,870,966	$7,870,966	$7,870,966
State General Funds	$7,870,966	$7,870,966	$7,870,966
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,470,966	$8,470,966	$8,470,966

308.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$27,990	$27,990	$27,990

308.2 *Increase funds for legal fees.*

State General Funds	$183,529	$183,529	$183,529

308.3 *Reduce funds to align budget with projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($550,000)	($550,000)	($550,000)

308.4 *Increase funds for a third-party ballot-text auditing technology. (S:NO; Pending Office of Secretary of State confirmations)*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$0

308.5 *Increase funds for increased postage expenses related to precinct cards. (S:Reflect in Special Project - Elections)*

State General Funds	$1,700,000	$0

308.6 *Increase funds for election security by adding watermarks to all ballot paper. (S:Reflect in Special Project - Elections)*

State General Funds	$110,000	$0

308.1000 Elections **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,532,485	$14,342,485	$7,532,485
State General Funds	$7,532,485	$14,342,485	$7,532,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,132,485	$14,942,485	$8,132,485

308.1001 Special Project - Elections: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund one-time needs on increased postage expenses related to precinct cards ($1,700,000), and for adding watermarks to all ballot paper ($110,000).

State General Funds	$1,810,000

Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666
State General Funds	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666

309.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$38,754

309.2 *Increase funds to purchase equipment and vehicles for new investigators.*

State General Funds	$112,750	$112,750	$112,750

309.1000 Investigations **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,839,170	$3,839,170	$3,839,170
State General Funds	$3,839,170	$3,839,170	$3,839,170
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,839,170	$3,839,170	$3,839,170

Office Administration (SOS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,333,041	$3,333,041	$3,333,041
State General Funds	$3,333,041	$3,333,041	$3,333,041
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,338,541	$3,338,541	$3,338,541

310.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836

310.1000 Office Administration (SOS)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,358,877	$3,358,877	$3,358,877
State General Funds	$3,358,877	$3,358,877	$3,358,877
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,364,377	$3,364,377	$3,364,377

Professional Licensing Boards			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,810,088	$8,810,088	$8,810,088
State General Funds	$8,810,088	$8,810,088	$8,810,088
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,088	$9,210,088	$9,210,088

311.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$103,345	$103,345	$103,345

311.2 *Increase funds for temporary labor to address a backlog of licensure applications.*

State General Funds	$145,600	$145,600	$145,600

311.1000 Professional Licensing Boards			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,059,033	$9,059,033	$9,059,033
State General Funds	$9,059,033	$9,059,033	$9,059,033
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000

Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,459,033	$9,459,033	$9,459,033

Securities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,142,611	$1,142,611	$1,142,611
State General Funds	$1,142,611	$1,142,611	$1,142,611
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,167,611	$1,167,611	$1,167,611

312.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

312.1000 Securities **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,153,376	$1,153,376	$1,153,376
State General Funds	$1,153,376	$1,153,376	$1,153,376
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,178,376	$1,178,376	$1,178,376

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production,

transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399
State General Funds	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399

313.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

313.2 *Utilize existing funds ($135,000) to purchase a vehicle and equipment. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

313.3 *Utilize existing funds ($43,828) to purchase office furniture. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

313.4 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($171,172)	($171,172)

313.1000 Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,579,858	$1,408,686	$1,408,686
State General Funds	$1,579,858	$1,408,686	$1,408,686
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,579,858	$1,408,686	$1,408,686

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895
State General Funds	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895

314.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

314.1000 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,033,972	$1,033,972	$1,033,972
State General Funds	$1,033,972	$1,033,972	$1,033,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,033,972	$1,033,972	$1,033,972

Real Estate Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,052,930	$3,052,930	$3,052,930
State General Funds	$3,052,930	$3,052,930	$3,052,930
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,152,930	$3,152,930	$3,152,930

315.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$17,225	$17,225	$17,225

315.1000 Real Estate Commission			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,070,155	$3,070,155	$3,070,155
State General Funds	$3,070,155	$3,070,155	$3,070,155
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,170,155	$3,170,155	$3,170,155

State Elections Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018
State General Funds	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018

316.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

316.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($25,000)	($25,000)	($25,000)

316.1000 State Elections Board **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$489,095	$489,095	$489,095
State General Funds	$489,095	$489,095	$489,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$489,095	$489,095	$489,095

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Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,191,200,309	$1,191,200,309	$1,191,200,309
State General Funds	$120,345,058	$120,345,058	$120,345,058
Lottery Proceeds	$1,070,855,251	$1,070,855,251	$1,070,855,251
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,760,294	$33,760,294	$33,760,294

Reserved Fund Balances	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794
Sales and Services	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,225,384,295	$1,225,384,295	$1,225,384,295

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,181,713,508	$1,178,041,874	$1,177,242,761
State General Funds	$129,504,732	$128,664,732	$126,491,519
Lottery Proceeds	$1,052,208,776	$1,049,377,142	$1,050,751,242
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,760,294	$34,300,294	$34,300,294
Reserved Fund Balances	$13,186,794	$13,726,794	$13,726,794
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$13,186,794	$13,726,794	$13,726,794
Sales and Services	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,215,897,494	$1,212,765,860	$1,211,966,747

College Completion Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000

317.1 *Reduce funds for College Completion Grants.*

Lottery Proceeds	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)

317.1000 College Completion Grants			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Commission Administration (GSFC)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,784,999	$10,784,999	$10,784,999
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$10,784,999	$10,784,999	$10,784,999
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,012,696	$13,012,696	$13,012,696

318.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

Lottery Proceeds	$120,568	$120,568	$120,568

318.1000 Commission Administration (GSFC)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,905,567	$10,905,567	$10,905,567
Lottery Proceeds	$10,905,567	$10,905,567	$10,905,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,133,264	$13,133,264	$13,133,264

Dual Enrollment			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744
State General Funds	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744
319.1 *Increase funds to meet projected enrollment.*			
State General Funds	$12,329,985	$12,329,985	$12,329,985

319.1000 Dual Enrollment			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,535,729	$88,535,729	$88,535,729
State General Funds	$88,535,729	$88,535,729	$88,535,729
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,535,729	$88,535,729	$88,535,729

Engineer Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

320.1000 Engineer Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

Georgia Military College Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

321.1000 Georgia Military College Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

HERO Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
State General Funds	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000

322.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds		($300,000)	($300,000)

322.1000 HERO Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$630,000	$330,000	$330,000
State General Funds	$630,000	$330,000	$330,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$630,000	$330,000	$330,000

HOPE Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880

323.1000 HOPE Grant **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
Lottery Proceeds	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510

324.1000 HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510
Lottery Proceeds	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629

325.1 *Reduce funds provided to reflect expected program expenditures at a HOPE Private Award rate at $2,496 and a HOPE Zell Private Award rate at $2,985.*

Lottery Proceeds	($16,767,043)	($16,767,043)	($16,767,043)

325.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,451,586	$74,451,586	$74,451,586
Lottery Proceeds	$74,451,586	$74,451,586	$74,451,586
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,451,586	$74,451,586	$74,451,586

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible

public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233

326.1 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

Lottery Proceeds	($2,831,634)	($1,457,534)

326.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$874,902,233	$872,070,599	$873,444,699
Lottery Proceeds	$874,902,233	$872,070,599	$873,444,699
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$874,902,233	$872,070,599	$873,444,699

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
State General Funds	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830

327.1000 Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
State General Funds	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830

Low Interest Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Sales and Services	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

328.1000 Low Interest Loans **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Sales and Services	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

329.1000 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

North Georgia ROTC Grants			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

330.1000 North Georgia ROTC Grants			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

Public Safety Memorial Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

331.1 *Replace funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*			
State General Funds		($540,000)	($540,000)

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized		$540,000	$540,000
Total Public Funds:		$0	$0

331.1000 Public Safety Memorial Grant **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$0
State General Funds	$540,000	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS		$540,000	$540,000
Reserved Fund Balances		$540,000	$540,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized		$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

REACH Georgia Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

332.1000 REACH Georgia Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

Service Cancelable Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal

veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,985,000	$4,985,000	$4,985,000
State General Funds	$4,985,000	$4,985,000	$4,985,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,200,000	$10,200,000	$10,200,000
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,185,000	$15,185,000	$15,185,000

333.1 *Reduce funds for public law enforcement officer loan repayments.*

State General Funds	($3,200,000)	($3,200,000)	($3,200,000)

333.1000 Service Cancelable Loans **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,785,000	$1,785,000	$1,785,000
State General Funds	$1,785,000	$1,785,000	$1,785,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,200,000	$10,200,000	$10,200,000
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,985,000	$11,985,000	$11,985,000

Tuition Equalization Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261

Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

334.1 *Reduce funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds ($2,173,213)

334.1000 Tuition Equalization Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$20,983,854
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$20,983,854
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$22,262,115

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,011	$1,007,011	$1,007,011
State General Funds	$1,007,011	$1,007,011	$1,007,011
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$478,028	$478,028	$478,028
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Sales and Services	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,485,039	$1,485,039	$1,485,039

335.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689
335.2 *Increase funds to upgrade online database management system.*			
State General Funds	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000

335.1000 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,036,700	$1,036,700	$1,036,700
State General Funds	$1,036,700	$1,036,700	$1,036,700
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$478,028	$478,028	$478,028
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Sales and Services	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,514,728	$1,514,728	$1,514,728

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
State General Funds	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,548,501	$55,548,501	$55,548,501

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,527,501	$55,527,501	$55,527,501

Local/Floor COLA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
State General Funds	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000

336.1 *Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.*

State General Funds	($21,000)	($21,000)	($21,000)

336.1000 Local/Floor COLA **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

System Administration (TRS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501

337.1000 System Administration (TRS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and

processing refunds.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers Retirement System shall not exceed 19.98% for State Fiscal Year 2024.

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$499,860,598	$499,860,598	$499,860,598
State General Funds	$499,860,598	$499,860,598	$499,860,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$456,133,637	$456,133,637	$456,133,637
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Sales and Services	$369,674,213	$369,674,213	$369,674,213
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$82,054,039	$82,054,039	$82,054,039
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
State Funds Transfers	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,768,919	$1,207,768,919	$1,207,768,919

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,018,132	$540,676,042	$534,176,042
State General Funds	$540,018,132	$540,676,042	$534,176,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$456,133,637	$456,133,637	$456,133,637

Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Sales and Services	$369,674,213	$369,674,213	$369,674,213
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$82,054,039	$82,054,039	$82,054,039
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
State Funds Transfers	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,247,926,453	$1,248,584,363	$1,242,084,363

Adult Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,824,974	$18,824,974	$18,824,974
State General Funds	$18,824,974	$18,824,974	$18,824,974
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,149,140	$4,149,140	$4,149,140
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Sales and Services	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
State Funds Transfers	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
Agency to Agency Contracts	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,352,808	$53,352,808	$53,352,808

338.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$334,792	$334,792	$334,792

338.1000 Adult Education			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,159,766	$19,159,766	$19,159,766
State General Funds	$19,159,766	$19,159,766	$19,159,766
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,149,140	$4,149,140	$4,149,140
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Sales and Services	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
State Funds Transfers	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
Agency to Agency Contracts	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,687,600	$53,687,600	$53,687,600

Departmental Administration (TCSG)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178
State General Funds	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178

339.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672

339.1000 Departmental Administration (TCSG)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,378,850	$8,378,850	$8,378,850
State General Funds	$8,378,850	$8,378,850	$8,378,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,378,850	$8,378,850	$8,378,850

Economic Development and Customized Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,319,875	$3,319,875	$3,319,875
State General Funds	$3,319,875	$3,319,875	$3,319,875
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
State Funds Transfers	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,030,982	$46,030,982	$46,030,982

340.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$215,300	$215,300	$215,300

340.1000 Economic Development and Customized Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,535,175	$3,535,175	$3,535,175
State General Funds	$3,535,175	$3,535,175	$3,535,175
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501

State Funds Transfers	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,246,282	$46,246,282	$46,246,282

Quick Start **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,417,469	$62,417,469	$62,417,469
State General Funds	$62,417,469	$62,417,469	$62,417,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$87	$87	$87
Sales and Services	$87	$87	$87
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$87	$87	$87
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,417,556	$62,417,556	$62,417,556

341.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$80,738	$80,738	$80,738

341.2 *Increase funds for construction to complete Rivian training center.*

State General Funds	$10,250,000	$10,250,000	$10,250,000

341.3 *Increase funds to meet existing training obligations.*

State General Funds	$4,754,337	$4,754,337	$4,754,337

341.1000 Quick Start **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,502,544	$77,502,544	$77,502,544
State General Funds	$77,502,544	$77,502,544	$77,502,544
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$87	$87	$87

Sales and Services	$87	$87	$87
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$87	$87	$87
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,502,631	$77,502,631	$77,502,631

Technical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$397,291,161	$397,291,161	$397,291,161
State General Funds	$397,291,161	$397,291,161	$397,291,161
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$424,239,976	$424,239,976	$424,239,976
Intergovernmental Transfers	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Sales and Services	$339,744,883	$339,744,883	$339,744,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$52,124,709	$52,124,709	$52,124,709
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
State Funds Transfers	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,304,129	$882,304,129	$882,304,129

342.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,821,712	$5,821,712	$5,821,712

342.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,100,000)	($1,100,000)	($1,100,000)

342.3 *Increase funds for renovation and start-up equipment costs for specialized technical programs to support growing workforce needs in the electric mobility industry across the state.*

State General Funds	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$13,000,000

342.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for start-up and equipment costs for 22 additional campus police officers.*

State General Funds	$657,910	$657,910

342.1000 Technical Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$421,512,873	$422,170,783	$415,670,783
State General Funds	$421,512,873	$422,170,783	$415,670,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$424,239,976	$424,239,976	$424,239,976
Intergovernmental Transfers	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Sales and Services	$339,744,883	$339,744,883	$339,744,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$52,124,709	$52,124,709	$52,124,709
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
State Funds Transfers	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$906,525,841	$907,183,751	$900,683,751

Workforce Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,679,941	$9,679,941	$9,679,941
State General Funds	$9,679,941	$9,679,941	$9,679,941
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,336,266	$155,336,266	$155,336,266

343.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$238,983	$238,983	$238,983

343.2 *Increase funds for startup equipment for regionally based consultation and technical assistance to healthcare partners across the state.*

State General Funds	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

343.1000 Workforce Development **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,928,924	$9,928,924	$9,928,924
State General Funds	$9,928,924	$9,928,924	$9,928,924
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,585,249	$155,585,249	$155,585,249

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,280,785,794	$2,280,785,794	$2,280,785,794
State General Funds	$36,051,807	$36,051,807	$36,051,807
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,018,811,873	$2,018,811,873	$2,018,811,873
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549

Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,068,514,529	$4,068,514,529	$4,068,514,529

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,845,259,214	$3,845,759,214	$3,845,259,214
State General Funds	$1,542,605,699	$1,543,105,699	$1,542,605,699
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,076,731,401	$2,076,731,401	$2,076,731,401
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,632,987,949	$5,633,487,949	$5,632,987,949

Airport Aid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$72,874,942	$72,874,942

344.1 *Increase funds.*

State General Funds		$27,004,409	$98,127,204

344.1000 Airport Aid **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$53,363,834	$124,486,629
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$53,363,834	$124,486,629
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$99,879,351	$171,002,146

Capital Construction Projects **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,013,318,180	$1,013,318,180	$1,013,318,180
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$884,846,617	$884,846,617	$884,846,617
Transportation Trust Funds	$128,471,563	$128,471,563	$128,471,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,066,071,309	$2,066,071,309	$2,066,071,309

345.1 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$8,554,482	$8,554,482	$8,554,482

345.2 *Increase funds to expedite the Department's existing project pipeline.*

State General Funds	$659,000,000	$659,000,000	$593,372,796

345.1000 Capital Construction Projects **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,680,872,662	$1,680,872,662	$1,615,245,458
State General Funds	$659,000,000	$659,000,000	$593,372,796
State Motor Fuel Funds	$893,401,099	$893,401,099	$893,401,099
Transportation Trust Funds	$128,471,563	$128,471,563	$128,471,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,733,625,791	$2,733,625,791	$2,667,998,587

Capital Maintenance Projects **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,373,986	$159,373,986	$159,373,986
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$8,785,819	$8,785,819	$8,785,819
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000

Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$441,324,560	$441,324,560	$441,324,560

346.1 *Increase funds for resurfacing needs. (S:Increase funds for resurfacing needs, and apply applicable matching federal funds for a total of $100,000,000)*

State General Funds		$100,000,000	$50,000,000

346.1000 Capital Maintenance Projects			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,373,986	$259,373,986	$209,373,986
State General Funds	$0	$100,000,000	$50,000,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$8,785,819	$8,785,819	$8,785,819
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$441,324,560	$541,324,560	$491,324,560

Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,147,251	$12,147,251	$12,147,251

347.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913

347.1000 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,130,267	$3,130,267	$3,130,267
State General Funds	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,174,164	$12,174,164	$12,174,164

Departmental Administration (DOT)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,848,101	$83,848,101	$83,848,101
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$83,848,101	$83,848,101	$83,848,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$95,086,894	$95,086,894	$95,086,894

348.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$426,294	$426,294	$426,294

348.2 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) for increased information technology expenditures.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,757,935	$3,757,935	$3,757,935

348.3 *Increase funds to install the Augusta Canal pedestrian bridge.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$0

348.1000 Departmental Administration (DOT)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,032,330	$88,532,330	$88,032,330
State General Funds	$426,294	$926,294	$426,294
State Motor Fuel Funds	$87,606,036	$87,606,036	$87,606,036
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,271,123	$99,771,123	$99,271,123

Freight Infrastructure Projects		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

349.1 *Increase funds for capital infrastructure projects that enhance economic development while promoting freight and logistics efficiency and safety.*

State General Funds	$641,000,000	$509,745,591	$500,000,000

349.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

349.1000 Freight Infrastructure Projects **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$641,000,000	$509,745,591	$500,000,000
State General Funds	$641,000,000	$509,745,591	$500,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$641,000,000	$509,745,591	$500,000,000

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168

350.1 *Increase funds for local maintenance and improvement grants to reflect ten percent of projected motor fuel revenues.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$5,791,952	$5,791,952	$5,791,952

350.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding of state general funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects. (H:YES; Transfer funds for one-time funding of state general funds from the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program to the Local Road Assistance Administration program for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects)(S:YES; Recognize one-time funding of state general funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects in the Local Road Assistance Administration program)*

State General Funds	$200,000,000	$0	$0

350.1000 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$418,593,120	$218,593,120	$218,593,120
State General Funds	$200,000,000	$0	$0

State Motor Fuel Funds	$218,593,120	$218,593,120	$218,593,120
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$418,593,120	$218,593,120	$218,593,120

Local Road Assistance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$62,002,378

351.1 *Transfer funds for one-time funding of state general funds from the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program to the Local Road Assistance Administration program for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding of state general funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects)*

State General Funds		$200,000,000	$250,000,000

351.1000 Local Road Assistance Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$204,346,461	$254,346,461
State General Funds	$0	$200,000,000	$250,000,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$262,002,378	$312,002,378

Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,617,966	$25,617,966	$25,617,966

352.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$32,295	$32,295	$32,295

352.1000 Planning **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,877,466	$2,877,466	$2,877,466
State General Funds	$32,295	$32,295	$32,295
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,650,261	$25,650,261	$25,650,261

Ports and Waterways **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074
State General Funds	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074

353.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153

353.1000 Ports and Waterways **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,389,227	$1,389,227	$1,389,227
State General Funds	$1,389,227	$1,389,227	$1,389,227
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,389,227	$1,389,227	$1,389,227

Program Delivery Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$126,906,966	$126,906,966	$126,906,966
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$126,906,966	$126,906,966	$126,906,966
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$181,648,575	$181,648,575	$181,648,575

354.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,220,751	$1,220,751	$1,220,751

354.2 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) to support recruitment and retention efforts and increasing project costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

354.1000 Program Delivery Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$132,127,717	$132,127,717	$132,127,717
State General Funds	$1,220,751	$1,220,751	$1,220,751
State Motor Fuel Funds	$130,906,966	$130,906,966	$130,906,966
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$186,869,326	$186,869,326	$186,869,326

Rail **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,305,308	$8,305,308	$8,305,308
State General Funds	$8,305,308	$8,305,308	$8,305,308
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,009,862	$9,009,862	$9,009,862

355.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

355.2 *Increase funds for a risk-based inspection program in the State Safety Oversight Program to meet Federal Railroad Administration guidelines.*

State General Funds	$102,236	$102,236	$102,236

355.3 *Increase funds for a state rail plan update to meet Federal Railroad Administration guidelines.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

355.4 *Increase funds to support operations of the Office of the Rail to dedicate locomotive fuel sales tax revenue for purposes defined in HB588 (2021 Session).*

State General Funds	$1,228,544	$1,228,544	$1,228,544

355.5 *Increase funds to upgrade state-owned shortline railroads to Class II standards to help reduce truck traffic on state highways.*

State General Funds		$4,250,000	$8,500,000

355.1000 Rail			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,641,471	$14,891,471	$19,141,471
State General Funds	$10,641,471	$14,891,471	$19,141,471
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,346,025	$15,596,025	$19,846,025

Routine Maintenance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$493,397,670	$493,397,670	$493,397,670

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$493,397,670	$493,397,670	$493,397,670
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$524,475,036	$524,475,036	$524,475,036

356.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,122,858	$2,122,858	$2,122,858

356.2 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) due to increased operations costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$32,408,079	$32,408,079	$32,408,079

356.1000 Routine Maintenance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$527,928,607	$527,928,607	$527,928,607
State General Funds	$2,122,858	$2,122,858	$2,122,858
State Motor Fuel Funds	$525,805,749	$525,805,749	$525,805,749
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$559,005,973	$559,005,973	$559,005,973

Traffic Management and Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,128,198	$56,128,198	$56,128,198
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$56,128,198	$56,128,198	$56,128,198
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,340,036	$161,340,036	$161,340,036

357.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$361,705	$361,705	$361,705

357.2 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) to support recruitment efforts for Highway Emergency Response Operators (HEROs) and to address increased project costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,407,080	$3,407,080	$3,407,080

357.1000 Traffic Management and Control **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$59,896,983	$59,896,983	$59,896,983
State General Funds	$361,705	$361,705	$361,705
State Motor Fuel Funds	$59,535,278	$59,535,278	$59,535,278
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$165,108,821	$165,108,821	$165,108,821

Transit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,342,007	$30,342,007	$30,342,007
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$6,744,694	$6,744,694	$6,744,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,059,313	$96,059,313	$96,059,313

358.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$24,760	$24,760	$24,760

358.1000 Transit **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,366,767	$30,366,767	$30,366,767
State General Funds	$24,760	$24,760	$24,760

Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$6,744,694	$6,744,694	$6,744,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,084,073	$96,084,073	$96,084,073

Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506

359.1000 Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
Transportation Trust Funds	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506

Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,539,659	$93,539,659	$93,539,659

360.1000 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority			**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
Transportation Trust Funds	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,539,659	$93,539,659	$93,539,659

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,294,616	$27,294,616	$27,294,616
State General Funds	$27,294,616	$27,294,616	$27,294,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,970,353	$54,970,353	$54,970,353

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,613,749	$27,853,004	$27,853,004
State General Funds	$27,613,749	$27,853,004	$27,853,004
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,289,486	$55,528,741	$55,528,741

Departmental Administration (DVS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105
State General Funds	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105

361.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148

361.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program to the Departmental Administration (DVS) program to expand the Veterans Mental Health Services Program pursuant to HB414 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

361.3 *Reduce funds for one vacancy.*

State General Funds	($41,269)	$0	$0

361.4 *Increase funds for updates to department central office.*

State General Funds		$197,986	$197,986

361.1000 Departmental Administration (DVS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,065,984	$3,305,239	$3,305,239
State General Funds	$3,065,984	$3,305,239	$3,305,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,065,984	$3,305,239	$3,305,239

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,017,144	$2,017,144	$2,017,144
State General Funds	$2,017,144	$2,017,144	$2,017,144
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,345,040	$2,345,040	$2,345,040

362.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$12,919	$12,919	$12,919

362.2 *Transfer available funds resulting from the delay in the establishment of a veterans cemetery in Augusta from the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program to the Departmental Administration (DVS) program for the Veterans Mental Health Services Program.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)

362.1000 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in

the military service of our country.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,030,063	$1,030,063	$1,030,063
State General Funds	$1,030,063	$1,030,063	$1,030,063
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,357,959	$1,357,959	$1,357,959

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,103,449	$14,103,449	$14,103,449
State General Funds	$14,103,449	$14,103,449	$14,103,449
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,697,364	$40,697,364	$40,697,364

363.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

363.2 *Increase funds for initial funding to support the transition to a new contractor to operate the Milledgeville Georgia War Veterans Home.*

State General Funds	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

363.1000 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,304,526	$14,304,526	$14,304,526
State General Funds	$14,304,526	$14,304,526	$14,304,526

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,898,441	$40,898,441	$40,898,441

Veterans Benefits **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,082,918	$9,082,918	$9,082,918
State General Funds	$9,082,918	$9,082,918	$9,082,918
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,836,844	$9,836,844	$9,836,844

364.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$130,258	$130,258	$130,258

364.1000 Veterans Benefits **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,213,176	$9,213,176	$9,213,176
State General Funds	$9,213,176	$9,213,176	$9,213,176
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,967,102	$9,967,102	$9,967,102

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,138,440	$21,138,440	$21,138,440
State General Funds	$21,138,440	$21,138,440	$21,138,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,512,272	$21,512,272	$21,512,272
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,266,544	$21,266,544	$21,266,544
State General Funds	$21,266,544	$21,266,544	$21,266,544
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,640,376	$21,640,376	$21,640,376

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,705,989	$14,705,989	$14,705,989
State General Funds	$14,705,989	$14,705,989	$14,705,989
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,014,342	$15,014,342	$15,014,342

365.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$106,574	$106,574	$106,574

365.1000 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,812,563	$14,812,563	$14,812,563
State General Funds	$14,812,563	$14,812,563	$14,812,563
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,120,916	$15,120,916	$15,120,916

Board Administration (SBWC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,432,451	$6,432,451	$6,432,451
State General Funds	$6,432,451	$6,432,451	$6,432,451
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,497,930	$6,497,930	$6,497,930

366.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$21,530

366.1000 Board Administration (SBWC) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,453,981	$6,453,981	$6,453,981
State General Funds	$6,453,981	$6,453,981	$6,453,981
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,519,460	$6,519,460	$6,519,460

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		Section Total - Final
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175
State General Funds	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175

Capital Projects Fund		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

367.1 *Transfer funds from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued program to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Capital Projects Fund program to reflect savings associated with favorable rates received in recent bond sales to be used for defeasance of existing debt obligations and other state capital needs.*

State General Funds	$65,130,096	$56,175,096	$53,075,096

367.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design, construction, and equipment of the dental school at Georgia Southern University, Savannah, Chatham County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$178,000,000	$178,000,000	$178,000,000

367.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major rehabilitation and repair projects statewide ($80,000,000) and for demolition projects at Valdosta State University and University of West Georgia ($1,229,000). [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$81,229,000	$81,229,000	$81,229,000

367.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction of the Medical School at the University of Georgia to match institutional funds, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000

367.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for supplemental major rehabilitation and repair projects for the University System of Georgia B-Units. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$15,893,000	$15,893,000	$15,893,000

367.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at Augusta Technical College, Augusta, Richmond County. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at Augusta Technical College, Thomson, McDuffie County) [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$5,525,000	$5,525,000	$5,525,000

367.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding to establish one new college and career academy. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

367.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the new state prison, Davisboro, Washington County. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$450,859,065	$450,859,065	$450,859,065

367.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility maintenance and repairs, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$135,385,847	$135,385,847	$135,385,847

367.10 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase the Augusta Transition Center, Augusta, Richmond County. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$4,600,000	$4,600,000	$4,600,000

367.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace food and farm equipment, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$1,729,146	$1,729,146	$1,729,146

367.12 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Readiness Center light replacement and fence installation, Bibb and Fulton County. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$665,581	$665,581	$665,581

367.13 *Increase funds for one-time funding for upgrades to investigative equipment ($865,059) and for facility renovations ($2,006,080), statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$2,871,139	$2,871,139	$2,871,139

367.14 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of the Medical Examiner Annex Addition at Headquarters, Decatur, DeKalb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$1,292,615	$1,292,615	$1,292,615

367.15 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional facility maintenance and repairs, statewide. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$2,308,846	$2,308,846	$2,308,846

367.16 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 43 replacement vehicles, statewide. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$2,098,995	$2,098,995	$2,098,995

367.17 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of an aircraft hangar at Headquarters, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$1,925,000	$1,925,000	$1,000,000

367.18 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for new Post, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$187,500	$187,500	$187,500

367.19 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for new Post, Oconee County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$115,000	$115,000	$115,000

367.20 *Increase funds for one-time funding for upgrades to training facilities, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$5,960,136	$5,960,136	$5,960,136

367.21 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility security upgrades, Austell, Cobb County. [Peace Officers Standards and Training Council]*

State General Funds	$35,000	$35,000	$0

367.22 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) for voting machines, statewide. [Office of Secretary of State]*

State General Funds	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$3,000,000

367.23 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovations and repairs to the Atlanta Farmers Market, Forest Park, Clayton County. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$35,000,000	$40,000,000

367.24 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 42 replacement vehicles, statewide. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 100 new and replacement vehicles, statewide)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase replacement and new fleet vehicles, statewide) [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$1,707,000	$3,000,000	$2,500,000

367.25 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Brunswick Harbor Modification Project, Brunswick, Glynn County. [Georgia Ports Authority]*

State General Funds	$6,094,000	$6,094,000	$6,094,000

367.26 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the construction of the Pierce/Bacon County unit office. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$1,045,000	$1,045,000	$1,045,000

367.27 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the North Georgia Mountain Authority Lake Blackshear Renovations, Cordele, Crisp County. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$14,341,093	$14,341,093	$14,341,093

367.28 *Increase funds for one-time funding to provide security and storage updates at Tifton Lab. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds		$675,000	$675,000

367.29 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Bywaters, Founders, and Lyons renovations, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Peach County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$2,100,000	$2,100,000

367.30 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for the Research Tower, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$5,100,000	$5,100,000

367.31 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Interdisciplinary STEM Building, Kennesaw State University, Marietta, Cobb County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$6,200,000	$6,200,000

367.32 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Phase III of Technology Square, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$10,100,000	$10,100,000

367.33 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Phase II of the Science and Ag Hill Modernization project, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$4,700,000	$4,700,000

367.34 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for the Georgia Research Alliance, statewide. [Georgia Research Alliance]*

State General Funds		$5,000,000	$2,000,000

367.35 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for new transportation and logistics training center at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta, Lowndes County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $8,950,000 $8,950,000

367.36 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace water distribution line in main academic building, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds $1,145,000 $1,145,000

367.37 *Increase funds for one-time funding for installation of fire alarm control panels in three separate buildings, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds $165,000 $165,000

367.38 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase five replacement vehicles, statewide. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds $300,000 $300,000

367.39 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds $280,000 $280,000

367.40 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for Wilder Hall, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds $817,116

367.41 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of a new Medical Examiner office, Macon, Bibb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds $3,100,000

367.42 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Eastman Campus Extension, Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $5,335,000

367.43 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of STEM Excellence Center, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Lumpkin County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $3,400,000

367.44 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design for a translational research building, Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $10,669,000

367.45 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at North Georgia Technical College, Blairsville, Union County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $5,525,000

367.46 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at Chattahoochee Technical College, Dallas, Paulding County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $5,525,000

367.47 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Herty Hall Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $5,500,000

367.48 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the renovation of the College of Business Building, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $5,000,000

367.999 ***SAC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*
***Governor**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*

State General Funds $0 $0 $0

367.1000 Capital Projects Fund **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175
State General Funds	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175

Section 51: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,255,377,796	$1,255,377,796	$1,255,377,796
State General Funds	$1,146,177,998	$1,146,177,998	$1,146,177,998
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,272,224,384	$1,272,224,384	$1,272,224,384
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,241,798,504	$1,214,851,461	$1,208,542,691
State General Funds	$1,132,598,706	$1,105,651,663	$1,099,342,893
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,258,645,092	$1,231,698,049	$1,225,389,279

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued	**Continuation Budget**		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,174,236,970	$1,174,236,970	$1,174,236,970
State General Funds	$1,065,037,172	$1,065,037,172	$1,065,037,172
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,191,083,558	$1,191,083,558	$1,191,083,558

368.1 *Transfer funds from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund Issued Program to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Capital Projects Fund program to reflect savings associated with favorable rates received in recent bond sales to be used for defeasance of existing debt obligations and other state capital needs.*

State General Funds	($65,130,096)	($65,130,096)	($65,130,096)

368.2 *Increase funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	$52,029,204	$25,082,161	$19,351,891

368.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued			Appropriation (HB 915)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,161,136,078	$1,134,189,035	$1,128,458,765
State General Funds	$1,051,936,280	$1,024,989,237	$1,019,258,967
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,177,982,666	$1,151,035,623	$1,145,305,353
General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826
State General Funds	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826

369.1 *Deauthorize $2,000,000 in 5-year unissued bonds from FY2024 for the Office of Secretary of State for the purpose of financing projects and facilities through the purchase of replacement elections equipment (HB19, Bond 376.531, 2023 Session) and reduce the associated funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	($478,400)	($478,400)	($478,400)

369.2 *Deauthorize $2,500,000 in 5-year unissued bonds from FY2023 for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of financing projects and facilities through the design of a new GBI Medical Examiner Building, Macon, Bibb County (HB911, Bond #50, 2022 Session) and reduce the associated funds for debt service.*

State General Funds			($578,500)

369.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New			Appropriation (HB 915)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,662,426	$80,662,426	$80,083,926
State General Funds	$80,662,426	$80,662,426	$80,083,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,662,426	$80,662,426	$80,083,926

[Bond 376.101] From State General Funds, $3,384,570 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $37,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.102] From State General Funds, $2,818,432 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $31,040,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.103] From State General Funds, $10,038,394 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $110,555,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.104] From State General Funds, $3,718,260 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $40,950,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.105] From State General Funds, $1,326,364 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,545,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.106] From State General Funds, $437,202 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,815,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.107] From State General Funds, $47,627 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $485,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.108] From State General Funds, $3,176,544 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $22,820,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.

[Bond 376.109] From State General Funds, $239,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or

improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.110] From State General Funds, $264,316 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,105,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.111] From State General Funds, $208,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.

[Bond 376.203] From State General Funds, $550,160 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.204] From State General Funds, $1,525,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $16,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.205] From State General Funds, $4,900,671 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $49,905,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.206] From State General Funds, $3,368,260 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both

real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $34,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.207] From State General Funds, $2,926,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $29,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.208] From State General Funds, $191,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.209] From State General Funds, $334,880 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.210] From State General Funds, $272,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.211] From State General Funds, $454,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.212] From State General Funds, $454,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development,

extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.213] From State General Funds, $272,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.214] From State General Funds, $859,924 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,595,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.216] From State General Funds, $169,886 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,730,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.217] From State General Funds, $69,722 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $710,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.218] From State General Funds, $24,550 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $250,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.219] From State General Funds, $454,480 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development,

extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.220] From State General Funds, $430,560 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.221] From State General Funds, $454,480 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.222] From State General Funds, $744,560 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.223] From State General Funds, $454,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.224] From State General Funds, $153,452 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,690,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.225] From State General Funds, $272,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of

public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.226] From State General Funds, $104,420 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $1,150,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.227] From State General Funds, $272,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.228] From State General Funds, $81,720 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.230] From State General Funds, $15,890 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $175,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.231] From State General Funds, $45,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.232] From State General Funds, $45,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.234] From State General Funds, $90,800 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.235] From State General Funds, $635,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $7,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.236] From State General Funds, $488,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.237] From State General Funds, $81,720 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.252] From State General Funds, $59,780 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $245,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.253] From State General Funds, $158,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $650,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.254] From State General Funds, $374,540 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,535,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.255] From State General Funds, $1,239,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,080,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.258] From State General Funds, $1,404,260 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $14,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.259] From State General Funds, $294,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.261] From State General Funds, $329,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,350,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.302] From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.331] From State General Funds, $766,942 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $7,810,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.341] From State General Funds, $88,530 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Health by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $975,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.351] From State General Funds, $121,992 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and

facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $510,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.352] From State General Funds, $182,054 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,005,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.353] From State General Funds, $116,678 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,285,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.361] From State General Funds, $1,309,620 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Community Supervision by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,475,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.371] From State General Funds, $2,360,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $26,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.372] From State General Funds, $2,844,088 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $11,890,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.391] From State General Funds, $363,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,000,000 in principal amount of General

Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.392] From State General Funds, $1,089,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $12,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.401] From State General Funds, $123,188 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $515,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.402] From State General Funds, $214,084 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $895,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.403] From State General Funds, $154,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,700,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.404] From State General Funds, $143,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.411] From State General Funds, $932,970 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $10,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.412] From State General Funds, $2,469,740 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement,

or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $10,325,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.431] From State General Funds, $3,181,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $13,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.432] From State General Funds, $68,100 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $750,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.433] From State General Funds, $59,474 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $655,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.434] From State General Funds, $27,508 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $115,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.435] From State General Funds, $1,220,806 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $13,445,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.436] From State General Funds, $163,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.437] From State General Funds, $458,086 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,045,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.438] From State General Funds, $80,132 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $335,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.439] From State General Funds, $38,272 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $160,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.516] From State General Funds, $222,460 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,450,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.511] From State General Funds, $27,240 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.512] From State General Funds, $191,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.513] From State General Funds, $59,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $250,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.514] From State General Funds, $47,840 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.515] From State General Funds, $19,522 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $215,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.501] From State General Funds, $961,584 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Building Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,020,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.471] From State General Funds, $81,720 is specifically appropriated for the Office of the Governor for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.491] From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Labor by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.531] From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Secretary of State by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or

improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.602] From State General Funds, $705,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,950,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.601] From State General Funds, $140,740 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,550,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.631] From State General Funds, $1,952,000 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.581] From State General Funds, $1,313,422 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the purpose of financing loans to counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, local authorities, and other local government entities for water or sewerage facilities or systems or for regional or multijurisdictional solid waste recycling or solid waste facilities or systems, through the issuance of not more than $14,465,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.611] From State General Funds, $1,393,780 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $15,350,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.612] From State General Funds, $424,580 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,775,000 in principal amount of

General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.613] From State General Funds, $381,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.614] From State General Funds, $589,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $6,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.621] From State General Funds, $814,930 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,975,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.681] From State General Funds, $1,080,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Stone Mountain Memorial Association by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $11,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated
The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 264, 261, Act No. 351, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 19), and which amended reads as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:"376.531 BOND: Office of the Secretary of State: $2,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Purchase replacement elections equipment. From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Office of Secretary of State by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months."

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume

One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 164, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911), and which amended reads as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:"[Bond # 50] From State General Funds, $578,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months."

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) A general cost-of-living adjustment of $2,000 for active, full-time, benefit-eligible employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

2.) In lieu of other numbered items, (a) to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment authorized by O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) for each state officer whose salary is set by Code Sections 45-7-4(a), in an amount of $2,000 per year as determined by the Office of Planning and Budget according to O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), with members of the General Assembly subject to the further provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) as to amount and effective date; (b) To provide for increases of up to $2,000 for other department heads and officers whose salary is not set by statute; (c) Subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), the amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

3.) In lieu of other numbered items,(a) to provide for a $2,000 increase across the state salary schedule of the State Board of Education through a $2,000 increase in the state base salary. This proposed $2,000 salary improvement is in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This Item includes as well, and without limitation, teachers and administrators in state agencies whose salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of September 1, 2023;

(b) To provide for a 5.1% increase in funding for salaries for all local nutrition workers; a 5.1% increase in the state base salary for local school bus drivers; a 5.1% increase for school nurses; and a 5.1% increase for Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) employees. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

4.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,000 salary increase for teachers and assistant teachers within the Department of Early Care and Learning. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

5.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and non-academic personnel of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for public librarians funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above and administered by the Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

7.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

8.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for supplementary salary adjustments to address employee retention needs for certain employees in the job titles specified in the appropriations stated above to Prosecuting Attorneys, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Corrections, Georgia Drug and Narcotics Agency, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Public Defender Council, Department of Community Supervision, Department of Revenue, Secretary of State, Department of Driver Services, Department of Public Safety, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, and the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of

the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number that has a 1000 or a higher number after the decimal and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Similarly, text in a group of lines that has a number less than 1000 after the decimal (001 through 999) is not part of a statement of purpose but constitutes information as to how the appropriation was derived. Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total IntraState Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. The blocks of text and numerals immediately following the section header and beginning with the phrases, "Section Total - Continuation" and "Section Totals - Final" are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54 and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each

program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

Part II: Effective Date
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 1.

HB 915, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that HB 915 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 915 was immediately transmitted.

SB 401. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jackson of the 41st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the juvenile code, so as to implement the recommendations of the Senate Foster Care and Adoption Study Committee; to provide for annual reporting to the General Assembly of certain de-identified data from juvenile

court clerks relating to foster children who are in need of services or delinquent; to remove the service of summons by publication requirement at the adjudication phase in dependency proceedings; to repeal Code Section 15-11-163, relating to interlocutory order of disposition when summons served by publication; to provide that the petition to terminate parental rights be immediately filed and docketed without delay when presented to the juvenile court clerk; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Children and Families offered the following substitute to SB 401:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code, so as to require each juvenile court to collect data on cases in which a child alleged or adjudicated to be dependent is placed in foster care; to require that each such court collect data for submission to the Administrative Office of the Courts to be incorporated into the Georgia Juvenile Data Exchange; to specify what kind of data must be collected and submitted; to require each such court to maintain a docket readily accessible by the parties to a proceeding; to require the Administrative Office of the Courts to annually submit de-identified data in a report organized by county to the General Assembly for the previous calendar year; to provide that the petition to terminate parental rights be immediately filed and docketed without delay when presented to the juvenile court clerk; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 15-11-64, relating to collection of information by juvenile court clerks, reporting requirement, and data collection, as follows:

"(d) Pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Court of Georgia, on and after January 1, 2021, each clerk of the juvenile court shall collect data on all cases in which a child alleged or adjudicated to be a child in need of services or a delinquent child is placed in foster care and has also been alleged or adjudicated to be a dependent child and shall transmit such data as required by such rules. ~~Such data shall include, at a minimum, the adherence on each case by the court to the time frames contained in Code Section 15-11-102.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-11-64.1.

(a) Each juvenile court shall collect data on all cases in which a child alleged or adjudicated to be a dependent child is placed in foster care. Data collected shall be electronically submitted by the clerk of the juvenile court, or the clerk of the superior court performing the functions of the clerk of the juvenile court, in a form and format specified by the Administrative Office of the Courts and incorporated into the Georgia Juvenile Data Exchange or any such successor centralized data base maintained by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(b) Each juvenile court shall collect information as data elements for submission to the Administrative Office of the Courts to be incorporated into the Georgia Juvenile Data Exchange. Such information shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) Date upon which the child is placed in the legal custody of the department;

(2) Date upon which a dependency petition is filed;

(3) Date upon which an attorney for the child is appointed;

(4) Date upon which a guardian ad litem for the child is appointed;

(5) Date upon which the preliminary protective hearing is held;

(6) Date or dates upon which an adjudication hearing is initiated and completed and the date the order is entered;

(7) Date or dates upon which a disposition hearing is initiated and completed and the date the order is entered;

(8) Date of the initial review hearing;

(9) Date of any additional periodic review hearing;

(10) Date of the initial permanency hearing;

(11) Date or dates upon which any permanency plan hearing is initiated and completed and the date the order is entered;

(12) Date upon which any order is entered, together with an identifier of said order;

(13) Date upon which the department files any written report, including, but not limited to, a case plan;

(14) Date upon which any petition to terminate parental rights is filed;

(15) Date or dates upon which a hearing on a petition to terminate parental rights is initiated and completed and the date the order is entered;

(16) Date upon which a child is returned to the custody of his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian pursuant to a protective order, if applicable;

(17) Date upon which any order of guardianship is entered;

(18) If applicable, the date upon which a child is returned to the custody of his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian without a protective order;

(19) Date upon which the department is relieved of legal custody of the child;

(20) The court's adherence on each case to the time limitations as required by Code Sections 15-11-102, 15-11-301, and 15-11-322;

(21) In a termination of parental rights proceeding or a proceeding pursuant to Code Section 15-11-102, the date upon which any order granting a continuance is entered,

together with a factual basis upon which such continuance is granted; and

(22) Such additional data as may be required pursuant to the rules adopted by the Supreme Court of Georgia.

(c) Each juvenile court shall maintain a docket readily accessible by the parties to a proceeding and shall utilize its local case management system to collect the required data elements as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section. Juvenile courts utilizing the JCATS case management system shall submit the data by automatically uploading it into the Georgia Juvenile Data Exchange. All such required data elements shall be submitted through a regularly scheduled data upload into the Georgia Juvenile Data Exchange at the maximum frequency allowed by system parameters; provided, however, that such upload shall occur no less than once per week.

(d) On or before April 15, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall electronically submit the de-identified data collected, together with a comprehensive, aggregated permanency report organized by county, to the General Assembly for the previous calendar year. Copies of such data and such report shall be electronically provided to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations, the chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chairperson of the House Committee on Juvenile Justice, and the chairperson of the Senate Children and Families Committee."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 15-11-280, relating to termination of parental rights petition, style, contents, and putative father, as follows:

"(b) The petition to terminate parental rights shall be made, verified, and ~~endorsed by the court as provided in Article 3 of this chapter for a petition alleging dependency~~ immediately filed and docketed without delay when presented to the clerk of the juvenile court."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Children and Families substitute to SB 401 (LC 57 0085S) by replacing lines 72 through 77 with the following:

elements as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section. All such required data elements shall be submitted through a regularly scheduled data upload into the Georgia Juvenile Data Exchange at the maximum frequency allowed by local case management system parameters; provided, however, that such upload shall occur no less than once per week.

On the adoption of amendment #1, Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 52, nays 1, and the Kirkpatrick amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay

Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 401, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 483. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, so as to enter into the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the provisions of the compact; to provide for the present compact to remain in effect until the effective date of the new compact and to provide for automatic repeal; to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Cowsert	Y James	Y Still

Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 483, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SR 471. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Access to Affordable Child Care; and for other purposes.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Cowsert of the 46th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Cowsert was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker

Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 51, nays 3.

SR 471, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has disagreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 915. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 264), to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 915. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 264), to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools,

counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its substitute to HB 915.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its substitute to HB 915.

The Calendar was resumed.

SR 474. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Mallow of the 2nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging partnership among the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children, the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, and the boards of commissioners for all Georgia counties to promote the provision of quality legal representation for parents, children and youth, and child welfare agencies at all stages of child welfare proceedings; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
E Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker

Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

SR 474, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following legislation was read and put upon its passage:

SB 427. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Setzler of the 37th and Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10 and 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade and food, drugs, and cosmetics, respectively, so as to provide for disclosure requirements for advertisements for legal services and for drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 427 (LC 49 1659) by replacing lines 39 through 42 with the following:

(a) Each advertisement of a drug in this state shall include within such advertisement each disclosure required by federal law.

Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Summers of the 13th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Mallow of the 2nd, and others offered the following amendment #2:

Amend SB 427 LC 49 1659 by:

Striking lines 15-33 and replacing with:

"(B) The State Bar of Georgia shall promulgate rules of advertising to be adhered to by any person or persons solicitating such services to the general public on TV, Radio or Visual media platforms to ensure such solicitations comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A 10-1-424.1

(C) The State Bar of Georgia may reprimand, suspend licensure, or disbar any person or persons soliciting legal services or customers through paid advertisements on any visual media platform that is not consistent with such promulgated rules."

Senator Hatchett of the 50th offered the following amendment #2A:

Amend Amendment #2 to SB 427 by:

Striking "may" on line 8 and replace with "shall"

Senator Summers of the 13th asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on SB 427 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Summers was excused.

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Tillery amendment #1 was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2A, there were no objections, and the Hatchett amendment #2A to amendment #2 was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2 as amended, Senator Tillery of the 19th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment as amended, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	Y Parent
N Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	N Hickman	Y Rhett
E Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
E Cowsert	Y James	N Still
Y Davenport	N Jones, E.	N Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	E Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	N Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment as amended, the yeas were 24, nays 27, and the Hatchett amendment #2 was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
E Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
E Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
N Dixon	Y Jones, H.	E Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	N Walker
N Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 43, nays 8.

SB 427, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 915. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 264), to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus,

commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, and Houston of the 170th.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 915. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 264), to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its substitute to HB 915 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, and Tillery of the 19th.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 26, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Monday, February 26, 2024
Twenty-sixth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

The President recognized former Senate Minority Leader Steve Henson.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:

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February 23, 2024

Honorable Brian Kemp
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Dear Governor Kemp:

I have the honor to report to you the actions taken by the Georgia Senate on the appointments submitted by you that require confirmation by the Senate. The following actions were taken on February 21, 2024:

The Honorable Danielle Barron Benson of Clarke County, as a member of the Georgia

Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, for the term of office ending 12/8/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Sidney "Sid" Albert Johnson, III of Forsyth County, as a member of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, for the term of office ending 12/8/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Darrell Keith Rochester of Hall County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Sara Cruickshank Ray of Cobb County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Benjamin Raines Jordan of DeKalb County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Albert Gabriel Edwards of DeKalb County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Glenn Page of Cherokee County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Pamela S. Burnett of DeKalb County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Ellison G. Wood of Bulloch County, as a member of the Board of Public Safety, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable J. Craig Tully of Miller County, as a member of the Board of Public Safety, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Leonard Meadows of Ware County, as a member of the Board of Public Safety, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Roy Hampton Fickling of Bibb County, as a member of the Board of Public Safety, for the term of office ending 12/8/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Angela Charlotte Spitzer Stanley of Clarke County, as a member of the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council, for the term of office ending 6/30/2024. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Oliver Wendell Horne, III of Monroe County, as a member of the Certificate of Need Appeal Panel, for the term of office ending 11/1/2024. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Heather Marie Bohannon of Floyd County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office ending 12/21/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Joshua Y. Batson of Lowndes County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office ending 12/21/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Russ Brandon Moon of Madison County, as a member of the Georgia Farmland Advisory Council, for the term of office ending 1/1/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Jon Clint Hood of Laurens County, as a member of the Georgia Farmland Advisory Council, for the term of office ending 1/1/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Joyette Marie Holmes of Cobb County, as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, for the term of office ending 12/31/2030. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Mathews Dismuke Swift of Muscogee County, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia – Congressional District 3, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable John Jeffrey Marshall of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office ending 1/12/2028. The vote on this

confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Charles Edward Harris, Jr. of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office ending 1/12/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable William Kevin Bostock of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office ending 1/12/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable C. Thomas Hopkins of Spalding County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office ending 11/13/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Timothy Perryman of Forsyth County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – At Large, for the term of office ending 6/30/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Vince Williams of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – At Large, for the term of office ending 7/1/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Frank Turner, Jr. of Newton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 13, for the term of office ending 7/1/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Tung Quang Le of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 4, for the term of office ending 7/1/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable David Belle Isle of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 7, for the term of office ending 7/1/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Kwanza Hall of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 5, for the term of office ending 7/1/2025. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable David James Burge of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs – Congressional District 6, for the term of office ending 7/1/2024. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Daren Culbreath Wayne of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – At Large, for the term of office ending 6/30/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Artesius Miller of Clayton County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – Congressional District 13, for the term of office ending 6/30/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Joseph Poan Hsiao of DeKalb County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – Congressional District 5, for the term of office ending 6/1/2024. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Corey Lebron Ferguson of Cobb County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – Congressional District 6, for the term of office ending 6/30/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Lee Chapman of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia – Congressional District 9, for the term of office ending 6/30/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Susan Kreuzkamp Treadaway of Cherokee County, as a member of the Board of Public Safety, for the term of office ending 4/14/2024. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Tyler Marion Wood of Monroe County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office ending 9/18/2024. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Kimberly Teresa Waters of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Council, for the term of office ending 1/31/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Larry Spillers of Crawford County, as a member of the State Forestry Commission, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Sandie Sparks of Gilmer County, as a member of the State Forestry

Commission, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable James Lofton Smith, Jr. of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, for the term of office ending 1/31/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Terry T. Cobb of Laurens County, as a member of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, for the term of office ending 1/31/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable John Christopher Bleacher of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, for the term of office ending 1/31/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Deborah Elaine Sills of DeKalb County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, for the term of office ending 1/31/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Donna Endsley Real of DeKalb County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, for the term of office ending 1/31/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Sandra Veronica Mullings of Clayton County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, for the term of office ending 1/31/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Annjeanen Trisa Smith of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, for the term of office ending 1/31/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Belisa Marie Urbina of Paulding County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Daniel Le Huynh of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was

confirmed.

The Honorable Sugandha Yadav of Camden County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Shawnzia Thomas of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Travis Stegall of Glynn County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Ashoo Sharma of Cherokee County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Kelly McAloon of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Kelvin King of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Karen Johnston of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office ending 2/6/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Paul Shailendra of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 6, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Brent Davis Layton of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 5, for the term of office ending 1/1/2025. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable David "Penn" Pendleton Hodge of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 7, for the term of office ending 1/1/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Charles Kim DePriest of Douglas County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – At Large, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Randy L. Dellinger of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 13, for the term of office ending 12/12/2029. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Jeff B. Sinyard of Dougherty County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 2, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Duncan Johnson, Jr. of Richmond County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 12, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Daniel Pedro Garcia of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources – Congressional District 11, for the term of office ending 1/1/2031. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Penny Penn of Forsyth County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – At Large, for the term of office ending 12/19/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Michael McKay Murphy of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – Congressional District 6, for the term of office ending 7/6/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Timothy Dewayne McCulley of Gordon County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – Congressional District 11, for the term of office ending 7/6/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Adam Kennedy of Evans County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – Congressional District 12, for the term of office ending 7/6/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Scotty Eugene Hancock of Floyd County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice – Congressional District 14, for the term of office ending 7/6/2026. The

vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable John Edwards of Evans County, as a member of the Board of Corrections – Congressional District 12, for the term of office ending 2/6/2029. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable George Thomas Stalnaker of Houston County, as a member of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council, for the term of office ending 2/7/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Daniel Pedro Garcia of Cobb County, as a member of the North Georgia Mountains Authority, for the term of office ending 6/30/2025. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Darcy Jill Watson of Fayette County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Kimberly Ann Pitsenbarger of Houston County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Edward "Chap" Nelson III of Jones County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Barbara Byron Mitchell of Sumter County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Staci McNeely Kennedy of Bulloch County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Shanna Boss Dupree of Bleckley County, as a member of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, for the term of office ending 2/7/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Mary Barrett Hatch Yancey of Oconee County, as a member of the Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Elizabeth Nicole Gosa of Clayton County, as a member of the Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Kenneth John Carlton Warnock of Emanuel County, as a member of the State Workforce Development Board, for the term of office ending 12/19/2025. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Merry W. Fort of Bibb County, as a member of the State Workforce Development Board, for the term of office ending 12/19/2025. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Heath Clark of Houston County, as a member of the State Workforce Development Board, for the term of office ending 12/19/2025. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Said Sewell of Cobb County, as a member of the Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism, for the term of office ending 2/9/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 48, nays 5, and the appointment was confirmed.

Respectfully,
/s/ David A. Cook
David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Cc: Hon. Burt Jones
Hon. John F. Kennedy

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2/26/2024

Mr. David Cook
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Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority,

under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Greg Dolezal of the 27th District as an ex-officio member of the Economic Development & Tourism Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 2/26/2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 579. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th, Hilton of the 48th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act, so as to revise the prior school year requirement; to revise provisions for expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; to revise the requirement that students who previously qualified for the scholarship have an Individualized Education Program or Section 504 plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 843. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of alcoholic beverages generally, so as to provide for Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in locally designated special entertainment districts; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 934. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Mathis of the 149th, Gullett of the 19th, Cannon of the 172nd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to provide for enforcement of unsigned rental agreements under certain circumstances; to provide for the execution and delivery of a rental agreement via email; to provide for the vacating of and removal of personal property from self-storage service facilities by occupants under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 986. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Camp of the 135th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to establish the criminal offense of election interference with a deep fake and solicitation of such; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for punishment; to provide for the State Election Board to publish results of investigations into such offenses; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 993. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Smith of the 18th, Ridley of the 6th, McCollum of the 30th, Collins of the 71st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses related to minors generally, so as to provide for the offense of grooming a minor for indecent purposes; to provide for a definition; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1049. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 52 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to assumption reinsurance agreements, so as to enact the "Insurance Business Transfer Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for court authority; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for an application procedure; to provide for court review of a petition; to provide for ongoing jurisdiction by

the court; to provide for court approval; to provide for appeal; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for ongoing oversight by the Commissioner; to provide for certain fees and costs to be borne by the applicant; to provide for compensation, costs, and expenses of the independent expert and any consultants to be borne jointly by the transferring insurer and assuming insurer; to provide for dismissal of petition; to provide for construction; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1073. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Cooper of the 45th, Oliver of the 82nd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Evans of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-66-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and procedure on zoning, so as to repeal additional hearing and notice provisions regarding halfway houses, drug rehabilitation centers, or other facilities for treatment of drug dependency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1114. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to enact the "Data Analysis for Tort Reform Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for data collection from certain insurers, insurance rating organizations, and state agencies; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for data analysis; to provide for reports; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1124. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 53rd and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the needs based financial aid program, so as to provide for a definition; to extend an automatic repealer; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1170. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Mathiak of the 74th, Gaines of the 120th, Gambill of the 15th and Kennard of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to require that certain state government buildings, courthouses, and university buildings maintain and make accessible opioid antagonists; to provide for definitions; to provide for the identification, development, and dissemination of educational materials and for the development of a model policy for training individuals on emergency opioid antagonist administration by the department; to provide that certain government entities shall establish and implement an internal policy; to provide for immunity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1199. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th, Corbett of the 174th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-6-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to maintenance of statistics on architectural and engineering firms doing business with the state and ineligibility of firms, so as to replace the requirement that the state auditor produce certain monthly reports with the requirement that he or she produce annual reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1203. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 25th, Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to authorize landlords to use certain off-duty sheriffs, constables, or marshals to execute writs of possession in certain circumstances if a sheriff, constable, or marshal is not able to execute a writ within 30 days of the landlord's initial request; to provide for sheriffs, constables, and marshals to maintain lists of such authorized off-duty sheriffs, constables, and marshals in their jurisdictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1207. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Petrea of the 166th, Washburn of the 144th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so

as to provide for proofing of ballots by local superintendents in certain races; to provide candidates the opportunity to review and verify such candidates' identifying information on such ballots prior to its printing or programming; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1268. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from Hall County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1269. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Dubnik of the 29th, McCollum of the 30th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Gainesville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1270. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Dubnik of the 29th, McCollum of the 30th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from Hall County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability;

to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1271. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Dubnik of the 29th, McCollum of the 30th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Gainesville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1273. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Evans County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 453. By Senators Payne of the 54th and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to transfer probation and intake services of the Juvenile Court of Gordon County to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to Code Section 15-11-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 555. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Dixon of the 45th, Brass of the 28th, Burns of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of clothing and school related supplies during the second week of August each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and

for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 556. By Senator Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the State Board of Education to establish a three-year pilot robotics program for eligible public schools; to provide for eligibility; to provide for assessment and reporting on the impacts of the pilot program; to authorize the State Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the pilot program; to provide for waivers and variances of state rules, regulations, policies, and procedures if necessary; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SR 670. By Senator Watson of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SR 677. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Halpern of the 39th, Gooch of the 51st, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Credit Card Fees on State Sales and Excise Tax and Their Impact on Georgia Merchants and Consumers Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 678. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION supporting a state goal of 100 percent clean energy by 2050, the creation of thriving-wage green jobs, and an equitable clean energy transition; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 687. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION urging the University of North Georgia and the University System of Georgia Board of Regents to name a certain building after former Speaker David Ralston; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 579. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th, Hilton of the 48th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act, so as to revise the prior school year requirement; to revise provisions for expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; to revise the requirement that students who previously qualified for the scholarship have an Individualized Education Program or Section 504 plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 934. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Mathis of the 149th, Gullett of the 19th, Cannon of the 172nd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to provide for enforcement of unsigned rental agreements under certain circumstances; to provide for the execution and delivery of a rental agreement

via email; to provide for the vacating of and removal of personal property from self-storage service facilities by occupants under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 986. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Camp of the 135th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

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the transferring insurer and assuming insurer; to provide for dismissal of petition; to provide for construction; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

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

HB 1114. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to enact the "Data Analysis for Tort Reform Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for data collection from certain insurers, insurance rating organizations, and state agencies; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for data analysis; to provide for reports; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1199. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th, Corbett of the 174th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-6-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to maintenance of statistics on architectural and engineering firms doing business with the state and ineligibility of firms, so as to replace the requirement that the state auditor produce certain monthly reports with the requirement that he or she produce annual reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

HB 1203. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 25th, Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to authorize landlords to use certain off-duty sheriffs, constables, or marshals to execute writs of possession in certain circumstances if a sheriff, constable, or marshal is not able to execute a writ within 30 days of the landlord's initial request; to provide for sheriffs, constables, and marshals to maintain lists of such authorized off-duty sheriffs, constables, and marshals in their jurisdictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1207. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Petrea of the 166th, Washburn of the 144th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for proofing of ballots by local superintendents in certain races; to provide candidates the opportunity to review and verify such candidates' identifying information on such ballots prior to its printing or programming; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

HB 1268. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from Hall County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1269. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Dubnik of the 29th, McCollum of the 30th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Gainesville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1270. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Dubnik of the 29th, McCollum of the 30th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from Hall County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1271. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Dubnik of the 29th, McCollum of the 30th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Gainesville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1273. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Evans County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 451	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Summers of the 13th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 489	Do Pass	SB 496	Do Pass
SB 503	Do Pass	SB 518	Do Pass
SB 534	Do Pass	SB 543	Do Pass by substitute
SB 547	Do Pass	SR 538	Do Pass by substitute
SR 623	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 180	Do Pass	SB 201	Do Pass by substitute
SB 320	Do Pass by substitute	SB 425	Do Pass by substitute
SB 517	Do Pass	SB 523	Do Pass by substitute
SB 533	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

The following communications were read by the Secretary:

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To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 180

February 26, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 180, which Judiciary passed out on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
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To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on SB 517

February 26, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 517, which Judiciary passed out on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
Senator Elena Parent
Member of Judiciary
Chair, Senate Democratic Caucus

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 542 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Anderson of the 24th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 490	Do Pass by substitute	SB 510	Do Pass by substitute
SB 512	Do Pass by substitute	SB 554	Do Pass by substitute
SR 616	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 336	Do Pass by substitute	SB 420	Do Pass by substitute
SB 422	Do Pass by substitute	SB 437	Do Pass by substitute
SB 444	Do Pass by substitute	SB 457	Do Pass
SB 502	Do Pass by substitute	SB 505	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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SENATE MINORITY LEADER

February 26, 2024

To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Minority Leader Gloria Butler
Re: Minority Report on SB 502

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of Senate Bill 502, which Regulated Industries passed out on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Gloria Butler
Senator Gloria Butler
Member of Regulated Industries
Leader, Senate Democratic Caucus
District 55

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following

recommendation:

HB 385 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Williams of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 221 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1189 Do Pass
SB 504 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 970	HB 985	SB 142	SB 154	SB 283	SB 346
SB 347	SB 371	SB 379	SB 383	SB 390	SB 391
SB 394	SB 403	SB 423	SB 432	SB 455	SB 456
SB 460	SB 465	SB 466	SB 474	SB 480	SB 481
SB 491	SB 493	SB 495	SB 497	SB 498	SB 499
SB 501	SB 507	SB 508	SB 515	SB 524	SB 532

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be

excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbin	Orrock
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Parent
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Payne
Beach	Hickman	Rahman
Bearden	Hodges	Rhett
Brass	Hufstetler	Robertson
Burns	Islam Parkes	Seay
Butler	Jackson	Setzler
Cowsert	James	Sims
Davenport	Jones, E.	Still
Dixon	Jones, H.	Strickland
Dolezal	Kennedy	Summers
Echols	Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Esteves	Lucas	Walker
Ginn	Mallow	Watson, B.
Gooch	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Goodman	Merritt	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Tate (Excused) Harbison

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Davenport of the 44th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Dr. Terrance Gattis of Stockbridge, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President recognized former Senator Vincent Fort.

Senator Watson of the 1st introduced representatives from the Hyundai Motor Group, commended by SR 646, adopted previously. José Muñoz, Global President and Chief Operating Officer of the Hyundai Motor Company, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Gooch of the 51st introduced vineyard owners, including former Senator Sam Zamarripa, from North Georgia, commended by SR 511, adopted previously. Jane Miller, owner of the Yonah Mountain Vineyard, addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized United States Senator Jon Ossoff. Senator Ossoff addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 688. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Rhett of the 33rd, Esteves of the 6th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Jenita Shorter for her three decades of outstanding service in education; and for other purposes.

Senator Merritt of the 9th introduced Jenita Shorter, commended by SR 688. Ms. Shorter addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hickman of the 4th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Michelle Zeanah, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 668. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 22, 2024, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and commending law enforcement officers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 669. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Fraternal Order of Police Inc. Fulton County Lodge No. 64; and for other purposes.

SR 671. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Dolezal of the 27th, Rahman of the 5th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing October 2024 as Hindu Heritage Month; and for other purposes.

SR 672. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. M. Brian Blake; and for other purposes.

SR 673. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th, Mallow of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th and Rahman of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Mildred Schmelz, the 2024 Distinguished Older Georgian; and for other purposes.

SR 674. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th, Mallow of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th and Rahman of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the legacy and history of the 1955 Cannon Street Y.M.C.A All-Stars; and for other purposes.

SR 675. By Senator Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

SR 676. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Burns of the 23rd and Anderson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Senator Donald E. Cheeks; and for other purposes.

SR 679. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Maria Boynton; and for other purposes.

SR 680. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Juandolyn Stokes; and for other purposes.

SR 681. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Shyneka Maxwell; and for other purposes.

SR 682. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gwen Redding; and for other purposes.

SR 683. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lisa Nicholas; and for other purposes.

SR 684. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sharon L. Seay; and for other purposes.

SR 685. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th, Jackson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Christopher Eubanks for his outstanding performance at Wimbledon; and for other purposes.

SR 686. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Esteves of the 6th, Jackson of the 41st, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the first anniversary of Black Art In America in East Point, Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 689. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Burns of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th, Watson of the 1st and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Brooks A. Keel, PhD, for his dedicated service to advancing higher education in the State of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, Georgia Southern University, and Augusta University; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, February 26, 2024
Twenty-sixth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 504 Burns of the 23rd
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Warren County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1189 Watson of the 11th
CITY OF BARWICK

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Barwick, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3699), so as to authorize the municipal court to collect a technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross SB 368, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 34, nays 20; the motion prevailed, and SB 368 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 235	"HBCU Innovation and Economic Prosperity Planning Districts Act"; enact (Substitute) (ED&T-39th)
SB 351	"Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act of 2024"; enact (Substitute) (ED&Y-31st)

SB 384 Public Officers and Employees; development and administration of the State of Georgia as a Model Employer (GAME) Program; provide (I&L-4th)

SB 399 Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; to enter into and amend existing agreements with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; encourage and state expectations (H ED-49th)

SB 429 "Small Business Protection Act of 2024"; enact (RI&U-27th)

SB 440 'Accelerated Career Diploma Program'; ACE Grants pilot program; establish and provide (ED&Y-28th)

SB 10 Offenses Against Public Order And Motor Vehicles and Traffic; knowingly attending and facilitating an illegal drag race or a laying drags exhibition; punishment; provide (Substitute) (PUB SAF-10th)

SB 147 "Boundless Opportunities for Georgia Students Act"; enact (Substitute) (ED&Y-48th)

SB 171 Development Authorities; the length of a director's hold-over period following expiration of term of office; limit (Substitute) (ED&T-23rd)

SB 324 State Printing and Documents; a victim centered address confidentiality program; provide (Substitute) (C&F-41st)

SB 368 Government Transparency and Campaign Finance; foreign nationals from contributing to candidates or campaign committees; prohibit (Substitute) (ETHICS-25th)

SB 402 Instruction Permits; restrictions upon the operation of Class C motor vehicles by Class D license holders with certain passengers in the vehicle; revise (PUB SAF-47th)

SB 433 Nonprofit Corporations; enact "Donor Intent Protection Act"; provide definitions; charitable organizations from violating the terms of charitable contributions; prohibit (Substitute) (RI&U-46th)

SB 450 Courts; property, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates; neither superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5; clarify (Substitute) (JUDY-18th)

SB 473 "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; consumer personal data in this state; protect the privacy (Substitute) (S&T-56th)

SR 570 Senate Supporting Safety and Welfare of All Individuals in Department of Corrections Facilities Study Committee; create (PUB SAF-29th)

SR 583 Dr. Robert F. Sullivan Memorial Highway; Franklin County; dedicate (Substitute) (TRANS-50th)

SR 609 Princess Trahlyta; dedicate a roundabout in her memory (Substitute) (TRANS-51st)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 235. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to create the HBCU Innovation and Economic Prosperity Planning Districts Commission; to provide for membership and operation; to provide for an executive director; to provide for advisory committees; to provide for powers and duties; to provide that the commission may accept outside funding from public or private grants, devises, and bequests; to provide for reporting; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to SB 235:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the board of regents and university system, so as to create the HBCU Innovation and Economic Prosperity Planning Districts Commission; to provide for membership and operation; to provide for an executive director; to provide for advisory committees; to provide for powers and duties; to authorize the commission to accept funding from public or private grants, devises, and bequests; to provide for reporting; to provide for related

matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "HBCU Innovation and Economic Prosperity Planning Districts Act."

SECTION 2.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) From their inception, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) have served as anchor institutions in their communities;

(2) The importance of HBCUs extends beyond the students they educate, as they contribute substantially to economic growth and continually work to improve the economic health of the neighborhoods surrounding the campus;

(3) HBCU planning districts can transform these institutions and surrounding communities in numerous ways related to housing, digital infrastructure, small business development, environmental upgrades, campus upgrades, economic development, and workforce development;

(4) In these planning districts, city, county, state, and federal governments, as well as private and philanthropic interests, can leverage their resources to support innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship at HBCUs and modernize their campuses and the surrounding communities;

(5) It is the policy of the General Assembly that the government should create planning districts and study best practices to implement this innovative approach through ongoing community engagement; and

(6) A thorough, intensive, and systematic study of state policies and potential legislation is necessary and appropriate to facilitate the creation of such planning districts in this state.

SECTION 3.

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Board of Regents and University System, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

20-3-100.

(a) There is created the HBCU Innovation and Economic Prosperity Planning Districts Commission. The commission shall be composed of 11 members to be appointed as follows:

(1) The Governor shall appoint three members, one of whom shall be a current

historically black college and university (HBCU) president;

(2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members, one of whom shall be a member of a community that houses an HBCU;

(3) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members, one of whom shall be a current HBCU president;

(4) The minority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members; and

(5) The minority leader of the Senate shall appoint two members.

(b) The members of the commission shall be individuals of recognized ability and achievement with knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to HBCUs and economic and community development.

(c) All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the original appointing official. Members shall serve for terms of four years and shall be eligible for successive appointments by the appointing official. Any member with four consecutive unexcused absences from regular monthly meetings may be removed from the commission by the appointing official. Each person appointed to the commission shall be a full-time resident of Georgia. Any member who ceases to be a full-time resident of this state during the term of his or her membership shall be removed from the commission and such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor. Any member may be removed from office by the appointing official when the actions or condition of that member are considered to be good cause for removal.

(d) The commission shall be assigned to the university system for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3. ~~Reserved.~~

20-3-101.

(a) The commission shall elect a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and a secretary from among its members annually, and any member shall be eligible for successive election to such office by the commission.

(b) A quorum for transacting business shall be a majority of the members of the commission.

(c) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be eligible to receive reimbursement for mileage and other expenses actually incurred in performance of their duties in accordance with the rates and standards for reimbursement of state employees.

(d) The commission shall employ an executive director who shall manage the work of the commission. The commission may delegate to such executive director the powers and duties it deems proper.

(e) The commission shall provide oversight, guidance, and leadership for the planning district advisory committees established pursuant to Code Section 20-3-102.

20-3-102.

(a)(1) The commission shall establish an advisory committee for each of the following planning districts:

(A) The Albany State University planning district;
(B) The Atlanta University Center Consortium planning district;
(C) The Fort Valley State University planning district;
(D) The Paine College planning district; and
(E) The Savannah State University planning district.

(2) The commission shall appoint HBCU presidents or other HBCU leaders, local community leaders, and other stakeholders as members of each advisory committee.

(b) Each advisory committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to fostering economic and community development in communities surrounding the planning district;

(2) To review and analyze the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States and their impact on economic and community development in communities surrounding the planning district;

(3) To initiate research, execute initiatives, recommend policies, and propose legislation to further economic and community development in communities surrounding the planning district;

(4) To collect and disseminate information regarding the status of economic and community development in communities surrounding the planning district;

(5) To consult with and advise the Governor and any state department, agency, board, commission, or authority on matters pertaining to economic and community development in communities surrounding the planning district;

(6) To cooperate with the government of the United States and the governments of other states in programs relating to economic and community development in communities surrounding the planning district;

(7) To accept public or private grants, including philanthropic funds, devises, and bequests; and

(8) To hold public hearings, conduct studies, or take any other action the committee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.

(c) The commission shall be authorized to enter into all contracts or agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties.

(d) All executive departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities shall cooperate with the commission and the advisory committees in the performance of their duties.

20-3-103.

The commission is authorized to solicit and accept donations, contributions, grants, devises, bequests, gifts of money and property, facilities, or services, with or without consideration, from any person, firm, or corporation or from any state, county, municipal corporation, or local government or governing body to enable it to carry out its functions and purpose. The commission is prohibited from paying or compensating any member of the General Assembly, directly or indirectly, any amount in excess of expenses.

20-3-104.
On the first Monday after January 1 of each year, the commission shall post electronically on the university system internet website an annual report summarizing the activities, findings, and recommendations of each advisory committee. Such report shall also be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and all members of the House of Representatives and the Senate."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Lucas of the 26th moved that SB 235 be placed on the Table.

Senator Halpern of the 39th objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
N Anavitarte	Harbison	N Parent
N Anderson, L.	N Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Beach	N Hickman	N Rhett
N Bearden	N Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	N Seay
N Burns	N Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	N James	Y Still
Y Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	N Summers
Y Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	N McLaurin	N Watson, S.
N Goodman	N Merritt	N Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 14, nays 40; the motion lost, and SB 235 was not placed on the Table.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
N Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 7.

SB 235, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 2:07 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 3:00 p.m.

At 3:14 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 351. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20 and 39 of the O.C.G.A, relating to education and minors, respectively, so as to provide for social media platform access by minors; to require local boards of education to adopt, implement, and enforce social media policies; to authorize the Attorney General and the Department of Education to consult with and assist local boards of education in

the development and implementation of such policies; to require social medial platforms to provide certain information to parents upon request; to provide for enforcement authority of the Attorney General; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for definitions; to provide for effective dates; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 351:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20 and 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and minors, respectively, so as to provide for social media platform access by minors; to provide for social media policies in public schools; to include promotion of safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship in the state's comprehensive character education program; to require the Department of Education to develop and periodically update model programs for educating students regarding online safety; to provide for required and optional instruction regarding social media for such programs; to require public school local governing bodies to adopt, implement, and enforce social media policies; to authorize the Department of Education to consult with and assist local governing bodies in the development and implementation of such policies; to require local governing bodies to submit such policies to the Department of Education for review; to authorize the State Board of Education to withhold state funds from local governing bodies for failure to comply with certain social media policy requirements; to provide for appeals; to provide for venue; to revise provisions relating to the prohibition of bullying and cyberbullying in public schools; to require social media platforms to verify the age of account holders and to refuse account services to minors without parental consent; to require social medial platforms to provide certain information to parents upon request; to provide for enforcement authority of the Attorney General; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act of 2024."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 2 of Article 6, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-145, relating to the comprehensive character education program, as follows:

"20-2-145.

(a) The State Board of Education shall develop by the start of the 1997-1998 school year a comprehensive character education program for levels K-12. This comprehensive character education program shall be known as the 'character curriculum' and shall focus on the students' development of the following character traits: courage, patriotism, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect for others, kindness, cooperation, self-respect, self-control, courtesy, compassion, tolerance, diligence, generosity, punctuality, cleanliness, cheerfulness, school pride, respect for the environment, respect for the creator, patience, creativity, sportsmanship, loyalty, perseverance, and virtue. Such program shall also address, by the start of the ~~1999-2000~~ 2025-2026 school year, methods of discouraging bullying and violent acts against fellow students and methods of promoting responsible digital citizenship and the safe and appropriate use of technology, the internet, and social media. Local ~~boards~~ governing bodies shall implement such a program in all grade levels at the beginning of the ~~2000-2001~~ 2025-2026 school year and shall provide opportunities for parental involvement in establishing expected outcomes of the character education program.

(b) The Department of Education shall develop character education program workshops designed for public school employees ~~of local school systems~~."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-149, relating to program for educating students regarding online internet safety, as follows:

"20-2-149.

(a)(1) The Department of Education shall develop ~~a model program~~ model programs for educating students regarding online safety while using the ~~Internet~~ internet, taking into consideration educational materials on this topic developed by other states as well as any other materials suggested by education experts, child psychologists, and technology companies that promote child online safety issues.

(2) The model programs provided for in this subsection shall include one or more model programs for students in grades six through 12 which:

(A) Shall include instruction regarding:

(i) The social, emotional, and physical effects of social media on users;

(ii) The effects of social media on the mental health of users, particularly teenagers;

(iii) The distribution of disinformation and misinformation on social media;

(iv) How social media influences thoughts and behaviors;

(v) The permanency and risks of sharing materials online;

(vi) How to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying, predatory behavior, and human trafficking on the internet and social media; and

(vii) How to report suspicious behavior encountered on the internet and social media to appropriate persons and authorities; and

(B) May include information regarding the benefits of social media use, such as supporting career readiness for future academic or employment opportunities, sharing information with familiar family and friends, and safely connecting with other users with similar interests.

(3) The Department of Education shall periodically update the model programs provided for in this subsection to reflect changes in internet and social media use, emergent technologies, social and psychological research, and information concerning new threats to teenagers and young adults using social media platforms and other online communication technologies.

(4) The Department of Education shall publish on its website information relating to the model programs provided for in this Code section, including recommended curricula and instructional materials as updated periodically as provided in this subsection. The Department of Education shall provide technical assistance in addition to such model programs and recommended curricula and instructional materials to aid any local board of education that may elect to incorporate one or more components of internet and social media safety into its instructional program.

(b) Each local board of education may incorporate into its instructional program a component on online ~~Internet~~ internet safety, including social media safety, to be taught on a schedule as determined by the local board of education."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 15 of Article 6, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-324.7.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Internet' means the global information system that is logically linked together by a globally unique address space based on the internet protocol or its subsequent extensions; that is able to support communications using the transmission control protocol/internet protocol (TCP/IP) suite, its subsequent extensions, or other compatible protocols; and that provides, uses, or makes accessible, either publicly or privately, high-level services layered on such communications and related infrastructure.

(2) 'Local governing body' means the board of education of each local school system, the governing body of each charter school subject to the provisions of Article 31 or 31A of this chapter, and the governing board of each completion special school subject to the provisions of Article 31C of this chapter. Such term shall not include system charter schools, as defined in Code Section 20-2-2062; conversion charter schools, as defined in Code Section 20-2-2062, whose charter is not held by a nonprofit corporation; and college and career academies that are charter schools.

(3) 'Social media platform' has the same meaning as defined in Code Section 39-6-1.

(b) No later than April 1, 2026, each local governing body shall adopt a social media policy which shall:

(1) Prohibit students from accessing social media platforms through the use of computer equipment, communications services, or internet access that is operated, owned, leased, and made available to students by the local governing body, the school system, or a public school; and

(2) Establish appropriate measures to be taken when a student violates such policy.

(c) A local governing body shall take such steps as it deems appropriate to implement and enforce its social media policy, which shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Use of software programs and other technologies reasonably designed and intended to block access to social media platforms; and

(2) Selection of online servers that block access to social media platforms.

(d) Each local school system or public school shall publish on its website a copy of the social media policy adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section and shall provide a paper copy of such upon written request of a parent or guardian of an enrolled student.

(e) The Department of Education shall be authorized to consult with and assist any local governing body in developing and implementing a social media policy pursuant to this Code section.

(f)(1) No later than April 1, 2026, each local governing body shall submit a copy of the social media policy adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section to the Department of Education for compliance review. Such submission shall identify any software program or other technology that is being or will be utilized to block access to social media platforms in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section.

(2) The Department of Education shall review each social media policy and any subsequent revisions submitted pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection. If the Department of Education determines after compliance review that a policy or revision thereof is not reasonably designed to achieve the requirements of this Code section, it shall provide written notice of noncompliance to the local governing body as provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(3) No revision of a social media policy which has been deemed compliant pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be implemented until such revision is reviewed by the Department of Education. If the Department of Education fails to provide a notice of noncompliance for the revision within 60 days of its receipt, the local governing body may proceed with the implementation of the revision.

(4)(A) The Department of Education shall be responsible for conducting any necessary investigations and making written determinations as to whether a local governing body has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section.

(B) If the Department of Education determines that a local governing body has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section, it shall provide a written notice of noncompliance to such local governing body and the local governing body shall have 30 days from the receipt of such notice to correct such noncompliance and to

develop a corrective action plan for preventing future recurrences. The Department of Education may extend such 30 day period upon a showing of good cause by the local governing body.

(5)(A) The State Board of Education shall be authorized to take corrective action, including, but not limited to, withholding a portion of state funding to a local school system or public school, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-243, if such local governing body fails to comply with the provisions of this Code section or fails to enforce or substantially disregards its social media policy.

(B) If the State Board of Education notifies the local governing body that it is subject to the withholding of state funding pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, such local governing body may bring an action against the State Board of Education seeking appropriate relief from the superior court of the county where the local governing body is headquartered."

SECTION 2-4.

Said chapter is further amended in Subpart 2 of Part 2 of Article 16, relating to public school disciplinary tribunals for students, by revising Code Section 20-2-751.4, relating to policies prohibiting bullying, assignment to alternative school, and notice, as follows:

"20-2-751.4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1)(A) Bullying' '~~bullying~~' means an act that is:

~~(1)~~(i) Any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person, when accompanied by an apparent present ability to do so;

~~(2)~~(ii) Any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm; or

~~(3)~~(iii) Any intentional written, verbal, or physical act which a reasonable person would perceive as being intended to threaten, harass, or intimidate, that:

~~(A)~~(I) Causes another person substantial physical harm within the meaning of Code Section 16-5-23.1 or visible bodily harm as such term is defined in Code Section 16-5-23.1;

~~(B)~~(II) Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education or otherwise substantially infringing upon the rights of a student;

~~(C)~~(III) Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or

~~(D)~~(IV) Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

(B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, such ~~The~~ term applies to acts which occur on school property, on school vehicles, at designated school bus stops, or at school related functions or activities, including, but not limited to, extracurricular activities, or by use of data or software that is accessed through a computer, computer system, computer network, or other electronic technology of a local school system. ~~The term also applies to~~

(C) Such term includes acts of cyberbullying ~~which occur through the use of~~

~~electronic communication, whether or not such electronic act originated~~ that originate on school property or involve the use of ~~or with~~ school equipment, including, but not limited to, acts that occur within a school sponsored online activity. ~~if the electronic communication (1) is directed specifically at students or school personnel, (2) is maliciously intended for the purpose of threatening the safety of those specified or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school, and (3) creates a reasonable fear of harm to the students' or school personnel's person or property or has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose. For purposes of this Code section, electronic communication includes but is not limited to any transfer of signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, data or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photo electronic or photo optical system.~~

(2) 'Cyberbullying' means bullying that involves the use of electronic communication, including, but not limited to, communication devices and services, including, but not limited to, cellular telephones, cameras, computers, social media platforms, text messages, chat platforms, and internet sites.

(3) 'Electronic communication' means, but is not limited to, any transfer of signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or photo-optical system. Such term shall include photographs and video and audio recordings.

(4) 'Extracurricular activities' has the same meaning as defined in Code Section 20-2-319.6.

(5) 'Parent' means a person who has legal authority to act on behalf of a minor child as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(6) 'School equipment' means any computer or computer networking equipment, technology or technology related device or service, or communication system or service that is operated, owned, leased, and made available to students by a local board of education, local school system, or public school and that is used for transmitting, receiving, accessing, viewing, hearing, downloading, recording, or storing electronic communication.

(7) 'Transmit' means to send or broadcast an electronic communication.

(b) No later than ~~August 1, 2011~~ July 1, 2026:

(1) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy that prohibits bullying, including, without limitation, cyberbullying, ~~of a student by another~~ by a student and shall require such prohibition to be included in the student code of conduct for schools in that school system;

(2) Each local board policy shall require that, upon a finding by the disciplinary hearing officer, panel, or tribunal of school officials provided for in this subpart that a student in grades six through 12 has committed the offense of bullying for the third time in a school year, such student shall be assigned to an alternative school;

(3) Each local board of education shall establish and publish in its local board policy a method to notify the parent, guardian, or other person who has control or charge of a student upon a finding by a school administrator that such student has committed an offense of bullying or is a target or suspected victim of bullying. Such notice shall, as

appropriate under the circumstances, include referrals to resources for counseling and other appropriate services for students who have been found to have committed an offense of bullying or are targets or suspected victims of bullying; ~~and~~

(4) Each local board of education shall ensure that students and parents and guardians of students are notified of the prohibition against bullying, and the penalties for violating the prohibition, by posting such information at each school and by including such information in student and parent handbooks; and

(5) Each local board of education shall establish a process to regularly evaluate and update the use of technology solutions to aid in the prevention of cyberbullying on school equipment, including, but not limited to, monitoring software intended to provide electronic notification when the occurrence of cyberbullying is detected on such equipment.

(c) No later than January 1, ~~2011~~ 2026, the Department of Education shall develop a model policy regarding bullying, that may be revised from time to time, and shall post such policy on its website in order to assist local school systems. Such model policy shall include:

(1) A statement prohibiting bullying;

(2) A requirement that any teacher or other school employee who has reliable information that would lead a reasonable person to suspect that someone is a target of bullying shall immediately report it to the school principal;

(3) A requirement that each school have a procedure for the school administration to promptly investigate in a timely manner and determine whether bullying has occurred;

(4) An age-appropriate range of consequences for bullying which shall include, at minimum and without limitation, disciplinary action or counseling as appropriate under the circumstances;

(5) A requirement that each school provide referrals, as appropriate under the circumstances, to age-appropriate interventions and services, including, but not limited to, counseling services, for students who have been found to have committed an offense of bullying or are targets or suspected victims of bullying;

(6) A procedure for a teacher or other school employee, student, parent, guardian, or other person who has control or charge of a student, either anonymously or in such person's name, at such person's option, to report or otherwise provide information on bullying activity;

~~(6)~~(7) A statement prohibiting retaliation following a report of bullying; and

~~(7)~~(8) Provisions consistent with the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) No later than January 1, 2026, the ~~The~~ Department of Education shall develop and post on its website:

(1) A ~~a~~ list of entities and their contact information which produce antibullying training programs and materials deemed appropriate by the department for use in local school systems. Such list shall include at least one entity that provides awareness and training programs relating to cyberbullying; and

(2) A list of online and in-person providers of counseling and other appropriate services

for students who have been found by school officials to have committed an offense of bullying or are targets or suspected victims of bullying. Such list shall include in-person providers available to families in areas throughout the state.

(e) Any person who reports an incident of bullying in good faith shall be immune from civil liability for any damages caused by such reporting.

(f) Nothing in this Code section or in the model policy promulgated by the Department of Education shall be construed to require a local board of education to provide transportation to a student transferred to another school as a result of a bullying incident.

(g) Any school system which is not in compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be ineligible to receive state funding pursuant to Code Sections 20-2-161 and 20-2-260."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 6

39-6-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Account holder' means a person who is a resident of this state and has an account or profile to use a social media platform, including a minor account holder.

(2) 'Educational entity' means:

(A) A public elementary or secondary school, including without exception public schools provided for under Articles 31, 31A, and 31C of Chapter 2 of Title 20;

(B) A private elementary or secondary school;

(C) A unit of the University System of Georgia;

(D) A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia;

(E) An independent or private college or university located in Georgia and eligible to be deemed an 'approved school' pursuant to paragraph (2) of Code Section 20-3-411; or

(F) A nonpublic postsecondary educational institution provided for in Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20.

(3) 'Minor' means an individual who resides in this state and is actually known or reasonably believed by a social media platform to be under the age of 16 years.

(4) 'Minor account holder' means an account holder who is a minor.

(5) 'Post' means content that an account holder makes available on a social media platform for other account holders or users to view or listen to, including text, images, audio, and video.

(6) 'Social media platform' means an online forum that allows an account holder to create a profile, upload posts, view and listen to posts, form mutual connections, and

interact publicly and privately with other account holders and users. Such term shall not include an online service, website, or application where the predominant or exclusive function is any of the following:

(A) Email;

(B) A service that, pursuant to its terms of use, does not permit minors to use the platform and utilizes commercially reasonable age assurance mechanisms to deter minors from becoming account holders;

(C) A streaming service that provides only licensed media that is not user generated in a continuous flow from the service, website, or application to the end user and does not obtain a license to the media from a user or account holder by agreement to its terms of service;

(D) News, sports, entertainment, or other content that is preselected by the provider and not user generated, and any chat, comment, or interactive functionality that is provided incidental to or directly or indirectly related to such content;

(E) Online shopping or ecommerce, if the interaction with other users or account holders is generally limited to the ability to upload a post and comment on reviews, the ability to display lists or collections of goods for sale or wish lists, and other functions that are focused on online shopping or ecommerce rather than interaction between users or account holders;

(F) Interactive gaming, virtual gaming, or an online service, website, or application that allows the creation and uploading of content for the purpose of interactive gaming, educational entertainment, or associated entertainment, and communications related to that content;

(G) Photograph editing that has an associated photograph hosting service if the interaction with other users or account holders is generally limited to liking or commenting;

(H) Single-purpose community groups for public safety if the interaction with other users or account holders is limited to that single purpose and the community group has guidelines or policies against illegal content;

(I) Business-to-business software;

(J) Teleconferencing or videoconferencing services that allow reception and transmission of audio and video signals for real-time communication;

(K) Cloud storage;

(L) Shared document collaboration;

(M) Cloud computing services, which may include cloud storage and shared document collaboration;

(N) Providing access to or interacting with data visualization platforms, libraries, or hubs;

(O) Permitting comments on a digital news website if the news content is posted only by the provider of the digital news website;

(P) Providing or obtaining technical support for a platform, product, or service;

(Q) Academic, scholarly, or genealogical research where the majority of the content is created or posted by the provider of the online service, website, or application and

the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users is directly related to the provider's content;

(R) Internet access and broadband service;

(S) A classified advertising service in which the provider of the online service, website, or application is limited to all of the following:

(i) Permitting only the sale of goods;

(ii) Prohibiting the solicitation of personal services;

(iii) Posting or creating a substantial amount of the content; and

(iv) Providing the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users only if it is directly related to the provider's content; or

(T) An online service, website, or application that is used by or under the direction of an educational entity, including a learning management system, student engagement program, or subject- or skill-specific program, where the majority of the content is created or posted by the provider of the online service, website, or application and the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users is directly related to the provider's content.

(7) 'User' means a person who has access to view all or some of the posts on a social media platform, but who is not an account holder.

39-6-2.

(a) The provider of a social media platform shall make commercially reasonable efforts to verify the age of account holders with a level of certainty appropriate to the risks that arise from the social media platform's information management practices or shall apply the special conditions applied to minors under this chapter to all account holders.

(b) The provider of a social media platform shall treat as a minor any individual such provider verifies to be under the age of 16 years.

(c) No provider of a social media platform shall permit a minor to be an account holder unless such provider obtains the express consent of such minor's parent or guardian. Acceptable methods of obtaining express consent from a parent or guardian include:

(1) Providing a form for the minor's parent or guardian to sign and return to the social media platform by common carrier, facsimile, email, or scanning;

(2) Providing a toll-free telephone number for the minor's parent or guardian to call to consent;

(3) Coordinating a call with the minor's parent or guardian using videoconferencing technology;

(4) Collecting information related to the minor's parent's or guardian's government issued identification or financial or payment card information and deleting such information after confirming the identity of the parent or guardian;

(5) Allowing the minor's parent or guardian to provide consent by responding to an email and taking additional steps to verify the parent's or guardian's identity; and

(6) Any other commercially reasonable method of obtaining consent using available technology.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no provider of a social media

platform shall permit a minor to hold or open an account on the social media platform if the minor is ineligible to hold or open an account under any other provision of state or federal law.

(e) The provider of a social media platform shall make available, upon the request of a parent or guardian of a minor, a list and description of the features offered by the social media platform related to censoring or moderating content available on the social media platform, including any features that can be disabled or modified by an account holder.

39-6-3.

For a minor account holder, the provider of a social media platform shall prohibit all of the following:

(1) The display of any advertising in the minor account holder's account based on such minor account holder's personal information, except age and location; and

(2) The collection or use of personal information from the posts, content, messages, text, or usage activities of the minor account holder's account other than what is adequate, relevant, and reasonably necessary for the purposes for which such information is collected, as disclosed to the minor.

39-6-4.

(a) The Attorney General shall have exclusive authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to serve as the basis for a private right of action under this chapter or any other law.

(c) Subject to the ability to cure an alleged violation under subsection (d) of this Code section, the Attorney General may initiate an action and seek damages for up to $2,500.00 for each violation under this chapter.

(d) At least 90 days before the day on which the Attorney General initiates an enforcement action against a person or entity that is subject to the requirements of this chapter, the Attorney General shall provide the person or entity with a written notice that identifies each alleged violation and an explanation of the basis for each allegation. The Attorney General shall not initiate an action if the person or entity cures the noticed violation within 90 days of receiving notice from the Attorney General and provides the Attorney General with a written statement indicating that the alleged violation is cured.

39-6-5.

No provision in a contract, statement of terms or conditions, or any other purported agreement, including, but not limited to, a choice of law provision, a waiver or limitation, or a purported waiver or limitation, may be utilized to prevent the application of this chapter or prevent, limit, or otherwise interfere with any person's or entity's right to cooperate with the Attorney General or to file a complaint with the Attorney General. Any such provision shall be null and void and unenforceable as contrary to public policy, and a court or arbitrator shall not enforce or give effect to any such provision."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 4-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
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Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
E Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

SB 351, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

HB 915. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 264), to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on HB 915 recommends that both the House of Representatives and the Senate recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to HB 915 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
/s/ Senator Tillery of the 19th	/s/ Representative Hatchett of the 155th
/s/ Senator Kennedy of the 18th	/s/ Representative Jones of the 47th
/s/ Senator Gooch of the 51st	/s/ Representative Houston of the 170th

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 915
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
PART I

An Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023, is amended by striking everything following the Part I designation up to but not including the Part II designation and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

HB 915 (FY 2024A)	Governor	House	Senate	CC
Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,512,773,362	$37,512,773,362	$37,512,773,362	$37,904,773,362
State General Funds	$32,457,737,195	$32,457,737,195	$32,457,737,195	$32,849,737,195
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,185,931,199	$2,185,931,199	$2,185,931,199	$2,185,931,199
Lottery Proceeds	$1,511,932,238	$1,511,932,238	$1,511,932,238	$1,511,932,238
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$148,572,487	$148,572,487	$148,572,487	$148,572,487
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
State Children’s Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,996,085	$8,996,085	$8,996,085	$8,996,085
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$155,666,898	$155,666,898	$155,666,898	$155,666,898
Hospital Provider Fee	$407,945,221	$407,945,221	$407,945,221	$407,945,221
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,579,632,784	$18,522,578,458	$18,479,682,658	$18,461,984,533
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,106,049,066	$6,106,049,066	$6,106,049,066	$6,106,049,066
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$227,917,447	$227,917,447	$227,917,447	$227,917,447
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$81,759,372	$81,759,372	$81,759,372	$81,759,372
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$16,975,266	$16,975,266	$16,975,266	$16,975,266
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,502,952,007	$9,445,897,681	$9,389,393,687	$9,372,445,827
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$4,695,265	$3,945,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$52,654,959	$52,654,959	$52,654,959	$52,654,959
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$481,068,688	$481,068,688
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$369,516,820	$369,516,820	$369,516,820	$369,516,820
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$368,253,772	$368,253,772	$368,253,772	$368,253,772
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,810,192,491	$5,810,828,319	$5,810,732,491	$5,810,732,491
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$2,180,902	$2,180,902	$2,180,902	$2,180,902
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$2,180,902	$2,180,902	$2,180,902	$2,180,902
Reserved Fund Balances	$20,834,667	$21,470,495	$21,374,667	$21,374,667
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$20,834,667	$21,470,495	$21,374,667	$21,374,667

Interest and Investment Income	$8,926,262	$8,926,262	$8,926,262	$8,926,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,926,262	$8,926,262	$8,926,262	$8,926,262
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,676,990,480	$1,676,990,480	$1,676,990,480	$1,676,990,480
Hospital Authorities	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$484,728,957	$484,728,957	$484,728,957	$484,728,957
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$540,389,862	$540,389,862	$540,389,862	$540,389,862
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$540,389,862	$540,389,862	$540,389,862	$540,389,862
Royalties and Rents	$1,125,058	$1,125,058	$1,125,058	$1,125,058
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$1,125,058	$1,125,058	$1,125,058	$1,125,058
Sales and Services	$3,555,925,353	$3,555,925,353	$3,555,925,353	$3,555,925,353
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$873,509,256	$873,509,256	$873,509,256	$873,509,256
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,681,724,059	$2,681,724,059	$2,681,724,059	$2,681,724,059
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,553,415,193	$5,553,415,193	$5,553,415,193	$5,553,415,193
State Funds Transfers	$5,549,853,066	$5,549,853,066	$5,549,853,066	$5,549,853,066
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$135,332,403	$135,332,403	$135,332,403	$135,332,403
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$14,616,052	$14,616,052	$14,616,052	$14,616,052
Health Insurance Payments	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Merit System Assessments	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	$84,087,441	$84,087,441	$84,087,441	$84,087,441
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,565,000	$1,565,000	$1,565,000	$1,565,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,565,000	$1,565,000	$1,565,000	$1,565,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,997,127	$1,997,127	$1,997,127	$1,997,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,902,598,637	$61,846,180,139	$61,803,188,511	$62,177,490,386
Changes in Fund Availability				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,076,086,512	$5,076,086,512	$5,076,086,512	$5,468,086,512
State General Funds	$4,635,846,919	$4,635,846,919	$4,635,846,919	$5,027,846,919
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
State Motor Fuel Funds	$57,919,528	$57,919,528	$57,919,528	$57,919,528
Lottery Proceeds	($2,713,077)	($2,713,077)	($2,713,077)	($2,713,077)
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536
Ambulance Provider Fees	$226,770	$226,770	$226,770	$226,770
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$2,981,404	$2,981,404	$2,981,404	$2,981,404
Hospital Provider Fee	$22,372,044	$22,372,044	$22,372,044	$22,372,044
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,882,177	$115,827,851	$72,932,051	$55,233,926
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$172,882,177	$115,827,851	$59,323,857	$42,375,997
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$0	$0	$750,265	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$0	$0	$12,857,929	$12,857,929
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	($79,952)	$555,876	$460,048	$460,048
Reserved Fund Balances	$0	$635,828	$540,000	$540,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$0	$635,828	$540,000	$540,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,248,888,737	$5,192,470,239	$5,149,478,611	$5,523,780,486

Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application

Section 1: Georgia Senate

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,918,856	$15,918,856	$15,918,856	$15,918,856
State General Funds	$15,918,856	$15,918,856	$15,918,856	$15,918,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,998,808	$15,998,808	$15,998,808	$15,998,808

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,267,183	$16,267,183	$16,785,045	$16,785,045
State General Funds	$16,267,183	$16,267,183	$16,785,045	$16,785,045
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,267,183	$16,267,183	$16,785,045	$16,785,045

Lieutenant Governor's Office			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231
State General Funds	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231

1.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations, staff retention initiatives and growth of field constituent programs.*

State General Funds	$53,737	$53,737	$53,737	$53,737

1.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds			$8,612	$8,612

1.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for a statewide workforce study initiative.*

State General Funds			$200,000	$200,000

1.1000 Lieutenant Governor's Office			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,844,968	$1,844,968	$2,053,580	$2,053,580
State General Funds	$1,844,968	$1,844,968	$2,053,580	$2,053,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,844,968	$1,844,968	$2,053,580	$2,053,580

Secretary of the Senate's Office			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336
State General Funds	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336

2.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$44,590	$44,590	$44,590	$44,590

2.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds			$8,612	$8,612

2.1000 Secretary of the Senate's Office			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,530,926	$1,530,926	$1,539,538	$1,539,538
State General Funds	$1,530,926	$1,530,926	$1,539,538	$1,539,538
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,530,926	$1,530,926	$1,539,538	$1,539,538

Senate			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,641,289	$12,641,289	$12,641,289	$12,641,289
State General Funds	$12,641,289	$12,641,289	$12,641,289	$12,641,289
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,721,241	$12,721,241	$12,721,241	$12,721,241

3.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$488,201	$488,201
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)
Total Public Funds:	$170,048	$170,048	$408,249	$408,249

3.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds			$62,437	$62,437

3.3 *Utilize existing funds ($75,000) for a consortium study on educational testing. (S:YES)(CC:YES)*

State General Funds			$0	$0

3.1000 Senate				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,891,289	$12,891,289	$13,191,927	$13,191,927
State General Funds	$12,891,289	$12,891,289	$13,191,927	$13,191,927
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,891,289	$12,891,289	$13,191,927	$13,191,927

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

		Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
State General Funds	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
		Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497	$25,001,497
State General Funds	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497	$25,001,497
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497	$25,001,497

House of Representatives			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
State General Funds	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039

4.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$488,201	$488,201	$488,201	$488,201

4.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$103,257	$103,257	$103,257

4.1000 House of Representatives				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497	$25,001,497
State General Funds	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497	$25,001,497
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,898,240	$25,001,497	$25,001,497	$25,001,497

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346
State General Funds	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,658,194	$19,089,902	$19,089,902	$19,089,902
State General Funds	$18,658,194	$19,089,902	$19,089,902	$19,089,902
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,658,194	$19,089,902	$19,089,902	$19,089,902

Ancillary Activities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730
State General Funds	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730

5.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$229,515	$599,046	$599,046	$599,046

5.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$23,316	$23,316	$23,316

5.1000 Ancillary Activities **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,705,245	$12,098,092	$12,098,092	$12,098,092
State General Funds	$11,705,245	$12,098,092	$12,098,092	$12,098,092
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,705,245	$12,098,092	$12,098,092	$12,098,092

Legislative Fiscal Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an

account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680
State General Funds	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680

6.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$30,314	$30,314	$30,314	$30,314

6.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$7,773	$7,773	$7,773

6.1000 Legislative Fiscal Office **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,545,994	$1,553,767	$1,553,767	$1,553,767
State General Funds	$1,545,994	$1,553,767	$1,553,767	$1,553,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,545,994	$1,553,767	$1,553,767	$1,553,767

Office of Legislative Counsel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936
State General Funds	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936

7.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$106,019	$106,019	$106,019	$106,019

7.2 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$31,088	$31,088	$31,088

7.1000 Office of Legislative Counsel				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,406,955	$5,438,043	$5,438,043	$5,438,043
State General Funds	$5,406,955	$5,438,043	$5,438,043	$5,438,043
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,406,955	$5,438,043	$5,438,043	$5,438,043

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,891,338	$44,891,338	$44,891,338	$44,891,338
State General Funds	$44,891,338	$44,891,338	$44,891,338	$44,891,338
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,951,338	$44,951,338	$44,951,338	$44,951,338

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,238,079	$46,174,825	$46,174,825	$46,174,825
State General Funds	$46,238,079	$46,174,825	$46,174,825	$46,174,825
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,298,079	$46,234,825	$46,234,825	$46,234,825

Audit and Assurance Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,680,185	$36,680,185	$36,680,185	$36,680,185
State General Funds	$36,680,185	$36,680,185	$36,680,185	$36,680,185

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,740,185	$36,740,185	$36,740,185	$36,740,185

8.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective April 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$290,223	$0	$0	$0

8.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to invest in expanding Department of Audits and Accounts' (DOAA) strategic data analytics capabilities to enhance operational efficiency and optimize our services to the legislature, clients, and the public.*

State General Funds	$873,678	$873,678	$873,678	$873,678

8.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$239,393	$239,393	$239,393

8.1000 Audit and Assurance Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,844,086	$37,793,256	$37,793,256	$37,793,256
State General Funds	$37,844,086	$37,793,256	$37,793,256	$37,793,256
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,904,086	$37,853,256	$37,853,256	$37,853,256

Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029
State General Funds	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029

9.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective April 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$23,399	$0	$0	$0

9.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to invest in expanding Department of Audits and Accounts' (DOAA) strategic data analytics capabilities to enhance operational efficiency and optimize our services to the legislature, clients, and the public.*

State General Funds	$70,199	$70,199	$70,199	$70,199

9.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$15,790	$15,790	$15,790

9.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,191,627	$3,184,018	$3,184,018	$3,184,018
State General Funds	$3,191,627	$3,184,018	$3,184,018	$3,184,018
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,191,627	$3,184,018	$3,184,018	$3,184,018

Legislative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

10.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective April 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$1,003	$0	$0	$0

10.1000 Legislative Services				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,244,003	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,244,003	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,244,003	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124
State General Funds	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124

11.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective April 1, 2024.*				
State General Funds	$22,060	$0	$0	$0
11.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to invest in expanding Department of Audits and Accounts' (DOAA) strategic data analytics capabilities to enhance operational efficiency and optimize our services to the legislature, clients, and the public.*				
State General Funds	$66,179	$66,179	$66,179	$66,179
11.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*				
State General Funds		$18,248	$18,248	$18,248

11.1000 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level				

of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,958,363	$2,954,551	$2,954,551	$2,954,551
State General Funds	$2,958,363	$2,954,551	$2,954,551	$2,954,551
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,958,363	$2,954,551	$2,954,551	$2,954,551

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,419,560	$27,419,560	$27,419,560	$27,419,560
State General Funds	$27,419,560	$27,419,560	$27,419,560	$27,419,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,569,560	$27,569,560	$27,569,560	$27,569,560
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,576,879	$27,540,195	$27,540,195	$27,540,195
State General Funds	$27,576,879	$27,540,195	$27,540,195	$27,540,195
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,726,879	$27,690,195	$27,690,195	$27,690,195

Court of Appeals **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,585,681	$25,585,681	$25,585,681	$25,585,681
State General Funds	$25,585,681	$25,585,681	$25,585,681	$25,585,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,735,681	$25,735,681	$25,735,681	$25,735,681

12.1 *Increase funds to annualize temporary senior judge's salary and commute cost.*

State General Funds	$127,069	$0	$0	$0

12.2 *Increase funds for cost of changes to docket necessitated by credit card service vendor.*

State General Funds	$23,750	$23,750	$23,750	$23,750

12.3 *Increase funds for an increase in annual cyber security insurance premium.*

State General Funds	$6,500	$0	$0	$0

12.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$96,885	$96,885	$96,885

12.1000 Court of Appeals **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,743,000	$25,706,316	$25,706,316	$25,706,316
State General Funds	$25,743,000	$25,706,316	$25,706,316	$25,706,316
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,893,000	$25,856,316	$25,856,316	$25,856,316

Georgia State-wide Business Court **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
State General Funds	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879

13.1 *Utilize existing funds to authorize expenditures to comply with O.C.G.A. 15-5A-9(a)(2) and 15-5A-9(a)(3). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

13.1000 Georgia State-wide Business Court				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
State General Funds	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879

Section 6: Judicial Council

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,187,869	$20,187,869	$20,187,869	$20,187,869
State General Funds	$20,187,869	$20,187,869	$20,187,869	$20,187,869
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,644,556	$24,644,556	$24,644,556	$24,644,556

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,750,820	$20,443,777	$21,093,777	$21,093,777
State General Funds	$20,750,820	$20,443,777	$21,093,777	$21,093,777
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,207,507	$24,900,464	$25,550,464	$25,550,464

Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606
State General Funds	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606

14.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

14.1000 Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$926,606	$933,065	$933,065	$933,065
State General Funds	$926,606	$933,065	$933,065	$933,065
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$926,606	$933,065	$933,065	$933,065

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

15.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153

15.1000 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153
State General Funds	$0	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$489,365	$489,365	$489,365

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$822,352	$822,352	$822,352	$822,352
State General Funds	$822,352	$822,352	$822,352	$822,352
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,775,555	$1,775,555	$1,775,555	$1,775,555

16.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds		$8,612	$8,612	$8,612

16.1000 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$822,352	$830,964	$830,964	$830,964
State General Funds	$822,352	$830,964	$830,964	$830,964
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,775,555	$1,784,167	$1,784,167	$1,784,167

Judicial Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,341,232	$16,341,232	$16,341,232	$16,341,232
State General Funds	$16,341,232	$16,341,232	$16,341,232	$16,341,232
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,357,504	$19,357,504	$19,357,504	$19,357,504

17.1 *Increase funds for an economic impact study on access to justice initiatives.*

State General Funds	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000

17.2 *Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients.*

State General Funds	$419,000	$0	$0	$0

17.3 *Increase funds for Council of Municipal Court Judges operations.*

State General Funds	$18,951	$18,951	$18,951	$18,951

17.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$89,350	$89,350	$89,350

17.5 *Increase funds to procure and manage information technology and data migration for the Juvenile Courts.*

State General Funds			$650,000	$650,000

17.1000 Judicial Council **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,904,183	$16,574,533	$17,224,533	$17,224,533
State General Funds	$16,904,183	$16,574,533	$17,224,533	$17,224,533
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,920,455	$19,590,805	$20,240,805	$20,240,805

Judicial Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary

sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679
State General Funds	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679

18.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

18.1000 Judicial Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,303,062	$1,303,062	$1,303,062
State General Funds	$1,297,679	$1,303,062	$1,303,062	$1,303,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,303,062	$1,303,062	$1,303,062

Resource Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
State General Funds	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000

19.1000 Resource Center **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000

State General Funds	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,501,119	$9,501,119	$9,501,119	$9,501,119
State General Funds	$9,501,119	$9,501,119	$9,501,119	$9,501,119
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,568,605	$9,568,605	$9,568,605	$9,568,605
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,744,119	$9,706,884	$9,706,884	$9,706,884
State General Funds	$9,744,119	$9,706,884	$9,706,884	$9,706,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,811,605	$9,774,370	$9,774,370	$9,774,370

Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,522	$1,986,522	$1,986,522	$1,986,522
State General Funds	$1,986,522	$1,986,522	$1,986,522	$1,986,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,054,008	$2,054,008	$2,054,008	$2,054,008

20.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765	

20.1000 Council of Juvenile Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,522	$1,997,287	$1,997,287	$1,997,287
State General Funds	$1,986,522	$1,997,287	$1,997,287	$1,997,287
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,054,008	$2,064,773	$2,064,773	$2,064,773

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597
State General Funds	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597

21.1 *Increase funds for grants to counties for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-52 effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$12,500	$12,500	$12,500	$12,500

21.2 *Increase funds for grants to counties for the Coweta Judicial Circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-52 effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$12,500	$12,500	$12,500	$12,500

21.3 *Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges' salary supplement pursuant to the General Appropriations for FY2023 (Act 865, HB911, 2022 Session). (S:Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges' salary supplement. Beginning in FY2023, a $6,000 supplement has been paid to Juvenile Court Judges who certified no backlog of cases existed in their courts. There is ambiguity surrounding whether the purpose of this allocation has been followed. A new data system should answer questions concerning case backlogs. Therefore, this $6,000 supplement shall cease on December 1, 2024 for any Juvenile Court Judge who has not adopted a uniform case management system that at a minimum provides the period of time that a child has been in Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) custody pending permanency)(CC:Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges' salary supplement. Beginning in FY2023, a $6,000 supplement has been paid to Juvenile Court Judges who certified no backlog of cases existed in their courts. There is ambiguity surrounding whether the purpose of this allocation has been followed. A new*

data system should answer questions concerning case backlogs. Therefore, this $6,000 supplement shall cease on February 1, 2025 for any Juvenile Court Judge who has not adopted a uniform case management system that at a minimum provides the period of time that a child has been in Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) custody pending permanency)

State General Funds	$218,000	$170,000	$170,000	$170,000

21.1000 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,757,597	$7,709,597	$7,709,597	$7,709,597
State General Funds	$7,757,597	$7,709,597	$7,709,597	$7,709,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,757,597	$7,709,597	$7,709,597	$7,709,597

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,266,535	$116,266,535	$116,266,535	$116,266,535
State General Funds	$116,266,535	$116,266,535	$116,266,535	$116,266,535
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,395,240	$118,395,240	$118,395,240	$118,395,240
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,266,535	$116,180,009	$116,180,009	$116,180,009
State General Funds	$116,266,535	$116,180,009	$116,180,009	$116,180,009
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,395,240	$118,308,714	$118,308,714	$118,308,714

Conflict Case **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727
State General Funds	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727

22.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

22.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds	($46,646)	($46,646)	($46,646)

22.1000 Conflict Case **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,761,540	$1,761,540	$1,761,540
State General Funds	$1,801,727	$1,761,540	$1,761,540	$1,761,540
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,761,540	$1,761,540	$1,761,540

Council of Superior Court Clerks **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
State General Funds	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166

23.1000 Council of Superior Court Clerks **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
State General Funds	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166

District Attorneys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,321,999	$104,321,999	$104,321,999	$104,321,999
State General Funds	$104,321,999	$104,321,999	$104,321,999	$104,321,999
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,450,704	$106,450,704	$106,450,704	$106,450,704

24.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$845,053	$845,053	$845,053

24.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds	($93,228)	($93,228)	($93,228)

24.1000 District Attorneys **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,321,999	$105,073,824	$105,073,824	$105,073,824
State General Funds	$104,321,999	$105,073,824	$105,073,824	$105,073,824
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578

Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,450,704	$107,202,529	$107,202,529	$107,202,529

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643
State General Funds	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643

25.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$49,519	$49,519	$49,519

25.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds	($3,933)	($3,933)	($3,933)

25.3 *Reduce funds for the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($843,750)	($843,750)	($843,750)

25.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,159,479	$9,159,479	$9,159,479
State General Funds	$9,957,643	$9,159,479	$9,159,479	$9,159,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,159,479	$9,159,479	$9,159,479

Section 9: Superior Courts

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,790,503	$88,790,503	$88,790,503	$88,790,503
State General Funds	$88,790,503	$88,790,503	$88,790,503	$88,790,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125

Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,871,628	$88,871,628	$88,871,628	$88,871,628
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,745,128	$89,059,466	$89,059,466	$89,059,466
State General Funds	$88,745,128	$89,059,466	$89,059,466	$89,059,466
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,826,253	$89,140,591	$89,140,591	$89,140,591

Council of Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,861,834	$1,861,834	$1,861,834	$1,861,834
State General Funds	$1,861,834	$1,861,834	$1,861,834	$1,861,834
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,886,834	$1,886,834	$1,886,834	$1,886,834

26.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds		$9,688	$9,688	$9,688

26.1000 Council of Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,861,834	$1,871,522	$1,871,522	$1,871,522
State General Funds	$1,861,834	$1,871,522	$1,871,522	$1,871,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,886,834	$1,896,522	$1,896,522	$1,896,522

Judicial Administrative Districts **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,396,756	$3,396,756	$3,396,756	$3,396,756
State General Funds	$3,396,756	$3,396,756	$3,396,756	$3,396,756
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,407,881	$3,407,881	$3,407,881	$3,407,881

27.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$21,530

27.1000 Judicial Administrative Districts **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,396,756	$3,418,286	$3,418,286	$3,418,286
State General Funds	$3,396,756	$3,418,286	$3,418,286	$3,418,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,407,881	$3,429,411	$3,429,411	$3,429,411

Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,531,913	$83,531,913	$83,531,913	$83,531,913
State General Funds	$83,531,913	$83,531,913	$83,531,913	$83,531,913
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,576,913	$83,576,913	$83,576,913	$83,576,913

28.1 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the South Georgia circuit new judgeship created in HB624 (2022 Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

28.2 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Blue Ridge circuit new judgeship created in HB56 (2022 Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

28.3 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Mountain circuit new judgeship created in SB395 (2022 Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

28.4 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$283,120	$283,120	$283,120

28.1000 Superior Court Judges				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,486,538	$83,769,658	$83,769,658	$83,769,658
State General Funds	$83,486,538	$83,769,658	$83,769,658	$83,769,658
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,531,538	$83,814,658	$83,814,658	$83,814,658

Section 10: Supreme Court

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
State General Funds	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,131,960	$20,131,960	$20,131,960	$20,131,960
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,298,461	$18,383,505	$18,383,505	$18,383,505
State General Funds	$18,298,461	$18,383,505	$18,383,505	$18,383,505
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,158,284	$20,243,328	$20,243,328	$20,243,328

Supreme Court of Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in

cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
State General Funds	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,131,960	$20,131,960	$20,131,960	$20,131,960

29.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement, with the Supreme Court.*

State General Funds	$10,067	$10,067	$10,067	$10,067

29.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) administered self-insurance premiums.*

State General Funds	$16,257	$16,257	$16,257	$16,257

29.3 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$85,044	$85,044	$85,044

29.1000 Supreme Court of Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,298,461	$18,383,505	$18,383,505	$18,383,505
State General Funds	$18,298,461	$18,383,505	$18,383,505	$18,383,505
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,158,284	$20,243,328	$20,243,328	$20,243,328

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,951,047	$7,951,047	$7,951,047	$7,951,047
State General Funds	$7,951,047	$7,951,047	$7,951,047	$7,951,047
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,537,212	$34,537,212	$34,537,212	$34,537,212

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,618,174	$8,618,174	$8,618,174	$8,618,174
State General Funds	$8,618,174	$8,618,174	$8,618,174	$8,618,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,204,339	$35,204,339	$35,204,339	$35,204,339

Administration (SAO) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$355,246	$355,246	$355,246	$355,246
State General Funds	$355,246	$355,246	$355,246	$355,246
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,268,618	$1,268,618	$1,268,618	$1,268,618

30.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

30.1000 Administration (SAO)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$360,629	$360,629	$360,629	$360,629
State General Funds	$360,629	$360,629	$360,629	$360,629
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,274,001	$1,274,001	$1,274,001	$1,274,001

Financial Systems **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
State Funds Transfers	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
Accounting System Assessments	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250

31.1000 Financial Systems			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.				
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
State Funds Transfers	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
Accounting System Assessments	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250

Shared Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement

and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$938,390	$938,390	$938,390	$938,390
State General Funds	$938,390	$938,390	$938,390	$938,390
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,802,176	$2,802,176	$2,802,176	$2,802,176

32.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836

32.1000 Shared Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$964,226	$964,226	$964,226	$964,226
State General Funds	$964,226	$964,226	$964,226	$964,226
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,828,012	$2,828,012	$2,828,012	$2,828,012

Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,792,418	$2,792,418	$2,792,418	$2,792,418
State General Funds	$2,792,418	$2,792,418	$2,792,418	$2,792,418
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
State Funds Transfers	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757

Accounting System Assessments	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,927,175	$2,927,175	$2,927,175	$2,927,175

33.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301

33.2 *Increase funds for the consolidation of data collection systems used to develop the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to prepare for NextGen project implementation.*

State General Funds	$560,000	$560,000	$560,000	$560,000

33.1000 Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,370,719	$3,370,719	$3,370,719	$3,370,719
State General Funds	$3,370,719	$3,370,719	$3,370,719	$3,370,719
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
State Funds Transfers	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
Accounting System Assessments	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,505,476	$3,505,476	$3,505,476	$3,505,476

State Ethics Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449
State General Funds	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449

34.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301

34.2 *Increase funds to enhance the e-filing system to improve customer service and transparency in reporting.*

State General Funds	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000

34.998 *Change the name of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission to the State Ethics Commission pursuant to HB572 (2023 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

34.1000 State Ethics Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,035,750	$3,035,750	$3,035,750	$3,035,750
State General Funds	$3,035,750	$3,035,750	$3,035,750	$3,035,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,035,750	$3,035,750	$3,035,750	$3,035,750

Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544
State General Funds	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544

35.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

35.2 *Utilize existing funds ($26,476) for costs related to office relocation and administrative hearings. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

35.1000 Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and

disciplinary actions when warranted.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$886,850	$886,850	$886,850	$886,850
State General Funds	$886,850	$886,850	$886,850	$886,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$886,850	$886,850	$886,850	$886,850

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,520,988	$6,520,988	$6,520,988	$6,520,988
State General Funds	$6,520,988	$6,520,988	$6,520,988	$6,520,988
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$48,160,504	$48,160,504	$48,160,504	$48,160,504
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Sales and Services	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Funds Transfers	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$51,144,343	$51,144,343	$51,144,343	$51,144,343
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Merit System Assessments	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$273,085,988	$273,085,988	$273,085,988	$273,085,988
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$413,187,687	$413,187,687	$413,187,687	$413,187,687

State General Funds	$413,187,687	$413,187,687	$413,187,687	$413,187,687
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$48,160,504	$48,160,504	$48,160,504	$48,160,504
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Sales and Services	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Funds Transfers	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$51,144,343	$51,144,343	$51,144,343	$51,144,343
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Merit System Assessments	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$679,752,687	$679,752,687	$679,752,687	$679,752,687

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

36.1000 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need

applications.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

Departmental Administration (DOAS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,517,735	$4,517,735	$4,517,735	$4,517,735
Intergovernmental Transfers	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Sales and Services	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Funds Transfers	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,302	$1,653,302	$1,653,302	$1,653,302
Merit System Assessments	$2,251,287	$2,251,287	$2,251,287	$2,251,287
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,232,324	$9,232,324	$9,232,324	$9,232,324

37.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672

37.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$861,672	$861,672	$861,672	$861,672
State General Funds	$861,672	$861,672	$861,672	$861,672
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,517,735	$4,517,735	$4,517,735	$4,517,735
Intergovernmental Transfers	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Sales and Services	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Funds Transfers	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,302	$1,653,302	$1,653,302	$1,653,302
Merit System Assessments	$2,251,287	$2,251,287	$2,251,287	$2,251,287
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,283,996	$9,283,996	$9,283,996	$9,283,996

Fleet Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739

38.1000 Fleet Management **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739

Human Resources Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
State Funds Transfers	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
Merit System Assessments	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,079,059	$13,079,059	$13,079,059	$13,079,059

39.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836

39.1000 Human Resources Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836
State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775

State Funds Transfers	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
Merit System Assessments	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,104,895	$13,104,895	$13,104,895	$13,104,895

Risk Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,430,000	$2,430,000	$2,430,000	$2,430,000
State General Funds	$2,430,000	$2,430,000	$2,430,000	$2,430,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Funds Transfers	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$210,504,783	$210,504,783	$210,504,783	$210,504,783

40.1 *Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($2,000,000) to pay negotiated Workers' Compensation settlements to reduce outstanding claims and associated costs (Total Funds: $125,000,000).*

State General Funds	$123,000,000	$123,000,000	$123,000,000	$123,000,000

40.2 *Increase funds to reduce outstanding obligations relating to the State Liability program.*

State General Funds	$75,000,000	$75,000,000	$75,000,000	$75,000,000

40.3 *Increase funds to meet the cost of excess insurance and projected future claims expenses for the property risk pool.*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000

40.1000 Risk Management			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,430,000	$250,430,000	$250,430,000	$250,430,000
State General Funds	$250,430,000	$250,430,000	$250,430,000	$250,430,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Funds Transfers	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$458,504,783	$458,504,783	$458,504,783	$458,504,783

State Purchasing			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184

41.1000 State Purchasing **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184

Surplus Property **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

42.1000 Surplus Property **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,675,240	$2,675,240	$2,675,240	$2,675,240
State General Funds	$2,675,240	$2,675,240	$2,675,240	$2,675,240
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Funds Transfers	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,750,341	$5,750,341	$5,750,341	$5,750,341

43.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$27,989	$27,989

43.1000 Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,703,229	$2,703,229	$2,703,229	$2,703,229
State General Funds	$2,703,229	$2,703,229	$2,703,229	$2,703,229
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Funds Transfers	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,778,330	$5,778,330	$5,778,330	$5,778,330

Georgia Tax Tribunal **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242
State General Funds	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242

44.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

44.2 *Increase funds to purchase tax law research software.*

State General Funds	$3,400	$3,400	$3,400	$3,400

44.1000 Georgia Tax Tribunal **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$572,872	$572,872	$572,872	$572,872
State General Funds	$572,872	$572,872	$572,872	$572,872
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$572,872	$572,872	$572,872	$572,872

State Treasurer, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262

45.1000 State Treasurer, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency

allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

46.1 *Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, for the modernization of the NextGen Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, the Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance system, the Professional Standards Commission Educator Certification Case Management system, the Board of Regents ERP system, and the Department of Human Services $TARS Case Management system.*

State General Funds	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572

46.1000 Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572
State General Funds	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572	$158,554,572

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,743,086	$61,743,086	$61,743,086	$61,743,086
State General Funds	$59,615,358	$59,615,358	$59,615,358	$59,615,358
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,319,932	$73,319,932	$73,319,932	$73,319,932
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$65,303,191	$64,938,569	$62,336,506	$65,801,506
State General Funds	$63,175,463	$62,810,841	$60,208,778	$63,673,778
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,880,037	$76,515,415	$73,913,352	$77,378,352

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
State General Funds	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552

47.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
State General Funds	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552

Consumer Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate

commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,571,608	$34,571,608	$34,571,608	$34,571,608
State General Funds	$34,571,608	$34,571,608	$34,571,608	$34,571,608
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,242,753	$44,242,753	$44,242,753	$44,242,753

48.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$412,300	$412,300	$412,300	$412,300

48.2 *Transfer funds from the Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority program ($322,800) to the Consumer Protection program and increase funds for equipment and vehicles to implement the Georgia Electric Vehicle Charging Program pursuant to SB146 (2023 Session). (H:NO; Reduce funds to reflect delayed implementation)(S and CC:Increase funds for equipment and vehicles to begin implementation of the Georgia Electric Vehicle Charging Program pursuant to SB146 (2023 Session))*

State General Funds	$3,315,000	$0	$250,000	$250,000

48.3 *Increase funds to establish the Georgia Pet Education Campaign and Portal.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

48.4 *Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($94,422)	($101,685)	($101,685)

48.1000 Consumer Protection **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries

(including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,298,908	$35,039,486	$35,282,223	$35,282,223
State General Funds	$38,298,908	$35,039,486	$35,282,223	$35,282,223
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,970,053	$44,710,631	$44,953,368	$44,953,368

Departmental Administration (DOA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,663,878	$7,663,878	$7,663,878	$7,663,878
State General Funds	$7,663,878	$7,663,878	$7,663,878	$7,663,878
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,713,878	$8,713,878	$8,713,878	$8,713,878

49.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$59,208	$59,208	$59,208	$59,208

49.2 *Increase funds to establish the Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund (SB220, 2023 Session). (CC:Recognize funding in Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund program)*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$0	$0

49.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for long-term planning for the Atlanta Farmers Market capital needs. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to update prior long-term studies for Atlanta Farmers Market capital needs)*

State General Funds	$500,000	$50,000	$100,000

49.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for agricultural improvements.*

State General Funds			$1,415,000

49.1000 Departmental Administration (DOA) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,723,086	$10,223,086	$7,773,086	$9,238,086
State General Funds	$7,723,086	$10,223,086	$7,773,086	$9,238,086
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,773,086	$11,273,086	$8,823,086	$10,288,086

Marketing and Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,029,741	$8,029,741	$8,029,741	$8,029,741
State General Funds	$5,902,013	$5,902,013	$5,902,013	$5,902,013
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930

State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,885,442	$8,885,442	$8,885,442	$8,885,442

50.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$34,448	$34,448	$34,448	$34,448

50.1000 Marketing and Promotion **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,064,189	$8,064,189	$8,064,189	$8,064,189
State General Funds	$5,936,461	$5,936,461	$5,936,461	$5,936,461
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,919,890	$8,919,890	$8,919,890	$8,919,890

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

51.1000 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578
State General Funds	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578

52.1 *Transfer funds from the Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority program to the Consumer Protection program to align budget with expenditures. (S and CC:Reduce funds to reclaim funds disregarded in the FY2024 General Budget)*

State General Funds	($322,800)	$0	($322,800)	($322,800)

52.1000 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$1,222,578	$899,778	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778	$1,222,578	$899,778	$899,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$1,222,578	$899,778	$899,778

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672

State General Funds	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672

53.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$31,219	$31,219	$31,219	$31,219

53.2 *Increase funds for the replacement of one vehicle.*

State General Funds	$30,730	$30,730	$30,730	$30,730

53.3 *Increase funds to develop and implement a Master Farmer Program. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$72,000	$0	$0

53.1000 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,219,621	$3,291,621	$3,219,621	$3,219,621
State General Funds	$3,219,621	$3,291,621	$3,219,621	$3,219,621
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,219,621	$3,291,621	$3,219,621	$3,219,621

Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0
State General Funds	$0

500.1 *Increase funds to establish the Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund (SB220, 2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$2,000,000

500.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants for the Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund.*

State General Funds	$0

500.1000 Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund	**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants for the Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund.	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,000,000
State General Funds	$2,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,000,000

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

			Section Total - Continuation	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948
State General Funds	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948

			Section Total - Final	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,419,758	$14,419,758	$14,419,758	$14,419,758
State General Funds	$14,419,758	$14,419,758	$14,419,758	$14,419,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,419,758	$14,419,758	$14,419,758	$14,419,758

Departmental Administration (DBF)			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917
State General Funds	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917

54.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$13,995	$13,995	$13,995	$13,995

54.2 *Increase funds for database upgrades to process applications for merchant acquirer limited purpose banks and foreign banks and to improve efficiency.*

State General Funds	$64,536	$64,536	$64,536	$64,536

54.1000 Departmental Administration (DBF)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,957,448	$2,957,448	$2,957,448	$2,957,448
State General Funds	$2,957,448	$2,957,448	$2,957,448	$2,957,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,957,448	$2,957,448	$2,957,448	$2,957,448

Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531
State General Funds	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531

55.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$50,596	$50,596	$50,596	$50,596

55.1000 Financial Institution Supervision			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,225,127	$8,225,127	$8,225,127	$8,225,127
State General Funds	$8,225,127	$8,225,127	$8,225,127	$8,225,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,225,127	$8,225,127	$8,225,127	$8,225,127

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial

institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500
State General Funds	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500

56.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$23,683	$23,683	$23,683	$23,683

56.1000 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,237,183	$3,237,183	$3,237,183	$3,237,183
State General Funds	$3,237,183	$3,237,183	$3,237,183	$3,237,183
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,237,183	$3,237,183	$3,237,183	$3,237,183

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,498,212,940	$1,498,212,940	$1,498,212,940	$1,498,212,940
State General Funds	$1,487,957,802	$1,487,957,802	$1,487,957,802	$1,487,957,802
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$149,263,138	$149,263,138	$149,263,138	$149,263,138
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,081,397	$5,081,397	$5,081,397	$5,081,397
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$29,958,095	$29,958,095	$29,958,095	$29,958,095
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,971,962	$25,971,962	$25,971,962	$25,971,962

Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,675,867,750	$1,675,867,750	$1,675,867,750	$1,675,867,750

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,559,997,437	$1,563,637,524	$1,551,066,250	$1,567,977,306
State General Funds	$1,549,742,299	$1,553,382,386	$1,540,811,112	$1,557,722,168
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$149,263,138	$149,263,138	$149,263,138	$149,263,138
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,081,397	$5,081,397	$5,081,397	$5,081,397
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$29,958,095	$29,958,095	$29,958,095	$29,958,095
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,971,962	$25,971,962	$25,971,962	$25,971,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024

Sales and Services	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,737,652,247	$1,741,292,334	$1,728,721,060	$1,745,632,116

Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,133,411	$56,133,411	$56,133,411	$56,133,411
State General Funds	$56,133,411	$56,133,411	$56,133,411	$56,133,411
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,822,545	$100,822,545	$100,822,545	$100,822,545

57.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$19,377	$19,377

57.1000 Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other

drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,152,788	$56,152,788	$56,152,788	$56,152,788
State General Funds	$56,152,788	$56,152,788	$56,152,788	$56,152,788
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,841,922	$100,841,922	$100,841,922	$100,841,922

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

58.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$429,164,775	$429,164,775	$429,164,775	$429,164,775
State General Funds	$418,909,637	$418,909,637	$418,909,637	$418,909,637
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,317,724	$50,317,724	$50,317,724	$50,317,724
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,336,582	$12,336,582	$12,336,582	$12,336,582
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,342,499	$502,342,499	$502,342,499	$502,342,499

59.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$683,581	$683,581	$683,581	$683,581

59.2 *Transfer funds from the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($278,197)	($278,197)	($278,197)	($278,197)

59.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$429,570,159	$429,570,159	$429,570,159	$429,570,159
State General Funds	$419,315,021	$419,315,021	$419,315,021	$419,315,021
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,317,724	$50,317,724	$50,317,724	$50,317,724
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,336,582	$12,336,582	$12,336,582	$12,336,582
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,747,883	$502,747,883	$502,747,883	$502,747,883

Adult Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$141,815,480	$141,815,480	$141,815,480	$141,815,480
State General Funds	$141,815,480	$141,815,480	$141,815,480	$141,815,480
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,841,980	$141,841,980	$141,841,980	$141,841,980

60.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,169,079	$1,169,079	$1,169,079	$1,169,079

60.2 *Transfer funds from the Adult Forensic Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,589,607)	($2,589,607)	($2,589,607)	($2,589,607)

60.3 *Increase funds for an additional 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot. (S:NO; Consider funding for an additional 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot in the FY2025 General Budget)(CC:Increase funds for an additional 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot)*

State General Funds		$664,462	$0	$664,462

60.1000 Adult Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$140,394,952	$141,059,414	$140,394,952	$141,059,414
State General Funds	$140,394,952	$141,059,414	$140,394,952	$141,059,414
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$140,421,452	$141,085,914	$140,421,452	$141,085,914

Adult Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$596,965,329	$596,965,329	$596,965,329	$596,965,329
State General Funds	$596,965,329	$596,965,329	$596,965,329	$596,965,329
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,858,953	$11,858,953	$11,858,953	$11,858,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,070,420	$2,070,420	$2,070,420	$2,070,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$609,914,377	$609,914,377	$609,914,377	$609,914,377

61.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,575,268	$6,575,268	$6,575,268	$6,575,268

61.2 *Transfer funds from the Adult Mental Health Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($3,074,118)	($3,074,118)	($3,074,118)	($3,074,118)

61.3 *Adjust funds to reflect projected expenditures based on actual utilization of core adult mental health services, and transfer funds from the Adult Mental Health Services program to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program to fund the construction of the Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.*

State General Funds		($10,420,218)	($10,420,218)	($10,420,218)

61.4 *Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds		$475,625	$475,625	$475,625

61.5 *Increase funds for a pilot to implement transportation alternatives for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$500,000	$750,000

61.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding to expand mental health services in Warner Robins.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

61.7 *Increase funds to support mental health community wellness and outreach programs. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to support mental health community wellness and outreach programs)*

State General Funds		$450,000	$450,000

61.1000 Adult Mental Health Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$600,466,479	$593,021,886	$591,971,886	$592,221,886
State General Funds	$600,466,479	$593,021,886	$591,971,886	$592,221,886
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,858,953	$11,858,953	$11,858,953	$11,858,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,070,420	$2,070,420	$2,070,420	$2,070,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$613,415,527	$605,970,934	$604,920,934	$605,170,934

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,325,741	$3,325,741	$3,325,741	$3,325,741
State General Funds	$3,325,741	$3,325,741	$3,325,741	$3,325,741
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,253,890	$11,253,890	$11,253,890	$11,253,890

62.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

62.1000 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,326,818	$3,326,818	$3,326,818	$3,326,818
State General Funds	$3,326,818	$3,326,818	$3,326,818	$3,326,818
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,254,967	$11,254,967	$11,254,967	$11,254,967

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,226,511	$16,226,511	$16,226,511	$16,226,511
State General Funds	$16,226,511	$16,226,511	$16,226,511	$16,226,511
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,512,007	$19,512,007	$19,512,007	$19,512,007

63.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$36,601	$36,601

63.2 *Increase funds for adaptive play for children with disabilities and their families. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for adaptive play for children with disabilities and their families)*

State General Funds			$60,000	$60,000

63.1000 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,263,112	$16,263,112	$16,323,112	$16,323,112
State General Funds	$16,263,112	$16,263,112	$16,323,112	$16,323,112
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,548,608	$19,548,608	$19,608,608	$19,608,608

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031
State General Funds	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031

64.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$31,219	$31,219	$31,219	$31,219

64.2 *Transfer funds from the Child and Adolescent Forensic Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($17,298)	($17,298)	($17,298)	($17,298)

64.1000 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,198,952	$7,198,952	$7,198,952	$7,198,952
State General Funds	$7,198,952	$7,198,952	$7,198,952	$7,198,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,198,952	$7,198,952	$7,198,952	$7,198,952

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,984,605	$56,984,605	$56,984,605	$56,984,605
State General Funds	$56,984,605	$56,984,605	$56,984,605	$56,984,605
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,324,515	$10,324,515	$10,324,515	$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,886,984	$2,886,984	$2,886,984	$2,886,984
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,394,120	$67,394,120	$67,394,120	$67,394,120

65.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$19,377	$19,377	$19,377	$19,377

65.2 *Transfer funds from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,001,541)	($1,001,541)	($1,001,541)	($1,001,541)

65.3 *Transfer funds from Adult Mental Health Services program to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program for the construction of the Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah. (S and CC:Transfer funds from Adult Mental Health Services program to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program and increase funds for the construction of the Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah)*

State General Funds		$10,420,218	$13,000,000	$15,500,000

65.1000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,002,441	$66,422,659	$69,002,441	$71,502,441
State General Funds	$56,002,441	$66,422,659	$69,002,441	$71,502,441

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,324,515	$10,324,515	$10,324,515	$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,886,984	$2,886,984	$2,886,984	$2,886,984
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,411,956	$76,832,174	$79,411,956	$81,911,956

Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,964,012	$31,964,012	$31,964,012	$31,964,012
State General Funds	$31,964,012	$31,964,012	$31,964,012	$31,964,012
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,264,758	$41,264,758	$41,264,758	$41,264,758

66.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$307,879	$307,879	$307,879	$307,879

66.2 *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration (DBHDD) program to the Direct Care Support Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($650,000)	($650,000)	($650,000)	($650,000)

66.1000 Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,621,891	$31,621,891	$31,621,891	$31,621,891

State General Funds	$31,621,891	$31,621,891	$31,621,891	$31,621,891
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,922,637	$40,922,637	$40,922,637	$40,922,637

Direct Care Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$154,255,108	$154,255,108	$154,255,108	$154,255,108
State General Funds	$154,255,108	$154,255,108	$154,255,108	$154,255,108
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,128,149	$158,128,149	$158,128,149	$158,128,149

67.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$976,386	$976,386	$976,386	$976,386

67.2 *Transfer funds ($7,610,761) from the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services, Adult Forensic Services, Adult Mental Health Services, Child and Adolescent Forensic Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and Departmental Administration (DBHDD) programs to Direct Care Support Services program, utilize existing funds ($461,188), and increase funds to address Regional State Hospitals' urgent and significant capital needs according to the 2023 Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) campus survey (Total Funds: $60,000,000). (S:Transfer funds ($7,610,761) from the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services, Adult Forensic Services, Adult Mental Health Services, Child and Adolescent Forensic*

Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and Departmental Administration (DBHDD) programs to Direct Care Support Services program, utilize existing funds ($461,188), and increase funds to address Regional State Hospitals' urgent and significant capital needs according to the 2023 Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) campus survey (Total Funds: $46,503,406))(CC:Transfer funds ($7,610,761) from the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services, Adult Forensic Services, Adult Mental Health Services, Child and Adolescent Forensic Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and Departmental Administration (DBHDD) programs to Direct Care Support Services program, utilize existing funds ($461,188), and increase funds to address Regional State Hospitals' urgent and significant capital needs according to the 2023 Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) campus survey (Total Funds: $60,000,000))

State General Funds	$59,538,812	$59,538,812	$46,042,218	$59,538,812

67.1000 Direct Care Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$214,770,306	$214,770,306	$201,273,712	$214,770,306
State General Funds	$214,770,306	$214,770,306	$201,273,712	$214,770,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$218,643,347	$218,643,347	$205,146,753	$218,643,347

Substance Abuse Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$352,378	$352,378	$352,378	$352,378
State General Funds	$352,378	$352,378	$352,378	$352,378
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,348,793	$10,348,793	$10,348,793	$10,348,793

68.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148

68.1000 Substance Abuse Prevention **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$368,526	$368,526	$368,526	$368,526
State General Funds	$368,526	$368,526	$368,526	$368,526
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,364,941	$10,364,941	$10,364,941	$10,364,941

Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$780,964	$780,964	$780,964	$780,964
State General Funds	$780,964	$780,964	$780,964	$780,964
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,800,006	$2,800,006	$2,800,006	$2,800,006

69.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

69.1000 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$791,729	$791,729	$791,729	$791,729
State General Funds	$791,729	$791,729	$791,729	$791,729
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,810,771	$2,810,771	$2,810,771	$2,810,771

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595
State General Funds	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595

70.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

70.998 *Change the name of the Sexual Offender Review Board to the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

70.1000 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$969,284	$969,284	$969,284	$969,284
State General Funds	$969,284	$969,284	$969,284	$969,284
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$969,284	$969,284	$969,284	$969,284

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,372,566	$58,372,566	$58,372,566	$58,372,566
State General Funds	$58,372,566	$58,372,566	$58,372,566	$58,372,566
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,758,057	$14,758,057	$14,758,057	$14,758,057
Reserved Fund Balances	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Intergovernmental Transfers	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Sales and Services	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
State Funds Transfers	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
Agency to Agency Contracts	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$242,403,370	$242,403,370	$242,403,370	$242,403,370
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$534,547,118	$538,347,118	$541,347,118	$535,847,118
State General Funds	$534,547,118	$538,347,118	$541,347,118	$535,847,118
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,758,057	$14,758,057	$14,758,057	$14,758,057
Reserved Fund Balances	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Intergovernmental Transfers	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Sales and Services	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
State Funds Transfers	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
Agency to Agency Contracts	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$718,577,922	$722,377,922	$725,377,922	$719,877,922

Building Construction **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed

enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$306,335	$306,335	$306,335	$306,335
State General Funds	$306,335	$306,335	$306,335	$306,335
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$538,688	$538,688	$538,688	$538,688

71.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

71.1000 Building Construction **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$310,641	$310,641	$310,641	$310,641
State General Funds	$310,641	$310,641	$310,641	$310,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$542,994	$542,994	$542,994	$542,994

Coordinated Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918
State General Funds	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918

72.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

72.1000 Coordinated Planning **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,757,760	$3,757,760	$3,757,760	$3,757,760
State General Funds	$3,757,760	$3,757,760	$3,757,760	$3,757,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,757,760	$3,757,760	$3,757,760	$3,757,760

Departmental Administration (DCA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,790,639	$1,790,639	$1,790,639	$1,790,639
State General Funds	$1,790,639	$1,790,639	$1,790,639	$1,790,639
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,945,396	$2,945,396	$2,945,396	$2,945,396
Reserved Fund Balances	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Sales and Services	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328

State Funds Transfers	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
Agency to Agency Contracts	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,699,074	$7,699,074	$7,699,074	$7,699,074

73.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$82,891	$82,891	$82,891	$82,891

73.1000 Departmental Administration (DCA) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,873,530	$1,873,530	$1,873,530	$1,873,530
State General Funds	$1,873,530	$1,873,530	$1,873,530	$1,873,530
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,945,396	$2,945,396	$2,945,396	$2,945,396
Reserved Fund Balances	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Sales and Services	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
State Funds Transfers	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
Agency to Agency Contracts	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,781,965	$7,781,965	$7,781,965	$7,781,965

Federal Community and Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,782,656	$1,782,656	$1,782,656	$1,782,656
State General Funds	$1,782,656	$1,782,656	$1,782,656	$1,782,656
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$631,978	$631,978	$631,978	$631,978
Intergovernmental Transfers	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Sales and Services	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,918,456	$49,918,456	$49,918,456	$49,918,456

74.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831

74.1000 Federal Community and Economic Development Programs **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,822,487	$1,822,487	$1,822,487	$1,822,487
State General Funds	$1,822,487	$1,822,487	$1,822,487	$1,822,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$631,978	$631,978	$631,978	$631,978
Intergovernmental Transfers	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Sales and Services	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,958,287	$49,958,287	$49,958,287	$49,958,287

Homeownership Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,600,238	$5,600,238	$5,600,238	$5,600,238
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Sales and Services	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,118,534	$8,118,534	$8,118,534	$8,118,534

75.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973

75.1000 Homeownership Programs **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973
State General Funds	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,600,238	$5,600,238	$5,600,238	$5,600,238
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Sales and Services	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,188,507	$8,188,507	$8,188,507	$8,188,507

Regional Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community

and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,264,767	$1,264,767	$1,264,767	$1,264,767
State General Funds	$1,264,767	$1,264,767	$1,264,767	$1,264,767
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$140,752	$140,752	$140,752	$140,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,605,519	$1,605,519	$1,605,519	$1,605,519

76.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$12,918	$12,918

76.1000 Regional Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,277,685	$1,277,685	$1,277,685	$1,277,685
State General Funds	$1,277,685	$1,277,685	$1,277,685	$1,277,685
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$140,752	$140,752	$140,752	$140,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,618,437	$1,618,437	$1,618,437	$1,618,437

Rental Housing Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,145,738	$4,145,738	$4,145,738	$4,145,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Sales and Services	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,019,277	$116,019,277	$116,019,277	$116,019,277

77.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$174,394	$174,394	$174,394	$174,394

77.1000 Rental Housing Programs **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$174,394	$174,394	$174,394	$174,394
State General Funds	$174,394	$174,394	$174,394	$174,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,145,738	$4,145,738	$4,145,738	$4,145,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738

Sales and Services	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,193,671	$116,193,671	$116,193,671	$116,193,671

Research and Surveys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$397,224	$397,224	$397,224	$397,224
State General Funds	$397,224	$397,224	$397,224	$397,224
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$447,224	$447,224	$447,224	$447,224

78.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

78.1000 Research and Surveys **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$400,454	$400,454	$400,454	$400,454
State General Funds	$400,454	$400,454	$400,454	$400,454
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$450,454	$450,454	$450,454	$450,454

Special Housing Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,031,329	$4,031,329	$4,031,329	$4,031,329
State General Funds	$4,031,329	$4,031,329	$4,031,329	$4,031,329
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,993	$289,993	$289,993	$289,993
Reserved Fund Balances	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Sales and Services	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
State Funds Transfers	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
Agency to Agency Contracts	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,533,781	$7,533,781	$7,533,781	$7,533,781

79.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$90,427	$90,427	$90,427	$90,427

79.2 *Utilize existing funds ($800,000), transfer funds ($400,000) from the State Community Development Programs program to the Special Housing Initiatives program, and increase funds to the State Housing Trust Fund to leverage federal grant funds for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (Total Funds: $2,924,806).*

State General Funds	$2,124,806	$2,124,806	$2,124,806	$2,124,806

79.1000 Special Housing Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,246,562	$6,246,562	$6,246,562	$6,246,562
State General Funds	$6,246,562	$6,246,562	$6,246,562	$6,246,562
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,993	$289,993	$289,993	$289,993
Reserved Fund Balances	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Sales and Services	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
State Funds Transfers	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
Agency to Agency Contracts	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,014	$9,749,014	$9,749,014	$9,749,014

State Community Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,184,467	$3,184,467	$3,184,467	$3,184,467
State General Funds	$3,184,467	$3,184,467	$3,184,467	$3,184,467
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,286,059	$4,286,059	$4,286,059	$4,286,059

80.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066

80.2 *Transfer funds from the State Community Development Programs program to the Special Housing Initiatives program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($400,000)	($400,000)	($400,000)	($400,000)

80.3 *Increase funds for one-time community improvement grants. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0	$0

80.1000 State Community Development Programs			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,813,533	$5,313,533	$2,813,533	$2,813,533
State General Funds	$2,813,533	$5,313,533	$2,813,533	$2,813,533
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,915,125	$6,415,125	$3,915,125	$3,915,125

80.1001 Special Project - State Community Development Programs: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and award community improvement grants. (CC:NO)

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$0

State Economic Development Programs			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,705,396	$13,705,396	$13,705,396	$13,705,396
State General Funds	$13,705,396	$13,705,396	$13,705,396	$13,705,396
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$476,088	$476,088	$476,088	$476,088
Intergovernmental Transfers	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Sales and Services	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,181,484	$14,181,484	$14,181,484	$14,181,484

81.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

81.2 *Increase funds for the projected cost of economic development projects receiving Regional Economic Business Assistance.*

State General Funds	$100,000,000	$100,000,000	$100,000,000	$100,000,000

81.1000 State Economic Development Programs				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$113,715,085	$113,715,085	$113,715,085	$113,715,085
State General Funds	$113,715,085	$113,715,085	$113,715,085	$113,715,085
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$476,088	$476,088	$476,088	$476,088
Intergovernmental Transfers	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Sales and Services	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$114,191,173	$114,191,173	$114,191,173	$114,191,173

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495

82.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia Fund to support water and wastewater infrastructure development through low-interest loans to local communities.*

State General Funds	$250,000,000	$250,000,000	$250,000,000	$250,000,000

82.1000 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$251,253,495	$251,253,495	$251,253,495	$251,253,495
State General Funds	$251,253,495	$251,253,495	$251,253,495	$251,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$251,253,495	$251,253,495	$251,253,495	$251,253,495

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,910,340	$26,910,340	$26,910,340	$26,910,340
State General Funds	$26,910,340	$26,910,340	$26,910,340	$26,910,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,055,861	$27,055,861	$27,055,861	$27,055,861

83.1 *Increase funds to support rural economic development projects and expand grant opportunities for rural site development.*

State General Funds	$100,000,000	$100,000,000	$100,000,000	$100,000,000

83.2 *Utilize existing funds ($26,078,821) and increase funds for the Rural Workforce Housing Program (Total Funds: $50,000,000).*

State General Funds	$23,921,179	$23,921,179	$23,921,179	$23,921,179

83.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for economic development.*

State General Funds		$1,300,000	$1,300,000	$1,300,000

83.4 *Increase funds for an agriculture center grant. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			$500,000	$0

83.1000 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$150,831,519	$152,131,519	$152,631,519	$152,131,519
State General Funds	$150,831,519	$152,131,519	$152,631,519	$152,131,519
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,977,040	$152,277,040	$152,777,040	$152,277,040

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,755,971,201	$4,755,971,201	$4,755,971,201	$4,755,971,201

State General Funds	$4,084,880,864	$4,084,880,864	$4,084,880,864	$4,084,880,864
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,769,315	$8,769,315	$8,769,315	$8,769,315
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,685,494	$152,685,494	$152,685,494	$152,685,494
Hospital Provider Fee	$385,573,177	$385,573,177	$385,573,177	$385,573,177
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,687,933,882	$9,687,933,882	$9,687,933,882	$9,687,933,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,684,102	$26,684,102	$26,684,102	$26,684,102
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,193,039,021	$9,193,039,021	$9,193,039,021	$9,193,039,021
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$468,210,759
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$220,774,078	$220,774,078	$220,774,078	$220,774,078
Intergovernmental Transfers	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Hospital Authorities	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
State Funds Transfers	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,788,410,812	$19,788,410,812	$19,788,410,812	$19,788,410,812

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,880,571,226	$4,853,083,743	$4,830,882,110	$4,822,982,619
State General Funds	$4,183,900,671	$4,156,413,188	$4,134,211,555	$4,126,312,064
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,996,085	$8,996,085	$8,996,085	$8,996,085
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$155,666,898	$155,666,898	$155,666,898	$155,666,898
Hospital Provider Fee	$407,945,221	$407,945,221	$407,945,221	$407,945,221
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,860,816,059	$9,803,761,733	$9,760,115,668	$9,743,167,808
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,684,102	$26,684,102	$26,684,102	$26,684,102
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,365,921,198	$9,308,866,872	$9,252,362,878	$9,235,415,018

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$481,068,688	$481,068,688
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$220,774,078	$220,774,078	$220,774,078	$220,774,078
Intergovernmental Transfers	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Hospital Authorities	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
State Funds Transfers	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,085,893,014	$20,001,351,205	$19,935,503,507	$19,910,656,156

Departmental Administration (DCH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,078,435	$91,078,435	$91,078,435	$91,078,435
State General Funds	$91,078,435	$91,078,435	$91,078,435	$91,078,435
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$376,976,734	$376,976,734	$376,976,734	$376,976,734
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,778,946	$17,778,946	$17,778,946	$17,778,946
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$493,651,523	$493,651,523	$493,651,523	$493,651,523

84.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$466,125	$466,125	$466,125	$466,125

84.1000 Departmental Administration (DCH)			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,544,560	$91,544,560	$91,544,560	$91,544,560
State General Funds	$91,544,560	$91,544,560	$91,544,560	$91,544,560
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$376,976,734	$376,976,734	$376,976,734	$376,976,734
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,778,946	$17,778,946	$17,778,946	$17,778,946
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$494,117,648	$494,117,648	$494,117,648	$494,117,648

Georgia Board of Dentistry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037
State General Funds	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037

85.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536

85.2 *Utilize existing funds ($81,221) for investigative software. (G:YES)(H:Increase funds for investigative software)(S and CC:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($55,000) for investigative software)*

State General Funds	$0	$81,221	$81,221	$81,221

85.3 *Utilize existing funds ($65,000) to replace two vehicles. (G:YES)(H:Utilize existing funds ($26,450) and increase funds ($38,550) to replace two vehicles)(S and CC:Increase funds to replace two vehicles)*

State General Funds	$0	$38,550	$65,000	$65,000

85.1000 Georgia Board of Dentistry **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$881,573	$1,001,344	$1,027,794	$1,027,794
State General Funds	$881,573	$1,001,344	$1,027,794	$1,027,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$881,573	$1,001,344	$1,027,794	$1,027,794

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432
State General Funds	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432

86.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612

86.2 *Utilize existing funds ($25,483) for an electronic documentation storage system. (G:YES)(H and S:Utilize existing funds ($53,268) and increase funds ($66,732) for an electronic documentation storage system)*

State General Funds	$0	$66,732	$66,732	$66,732

86.1000 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice

of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$858,044	$924,776	$924,776	$924,776
State General Funds	$858,044	$924,776	$924,776	$924,776
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$858,044	$924,776	$924,776	$924,776

Health Care Access and Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,992,849	$18,992,849	$18,992,849	$18,992,849
State General Funds	$18,992,849	$18,992,849	$18,992,849	$18,992,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,165,437	$19,165,437	$19,165,437	$19,165,437

87.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

87.2 *Transfer funds from the Health Care Access and Improvement program to the PeachCare program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($459,000)	($459,000)	($459,000)	($459,000)

87.3 *Increase funds to support existing and new housing with the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC).*

State General Funds		$148,250	$296,500	$148,250

87.4 *Increase funds to support Lupus research, data collection, awareness, and education.*

State General Funds		$50,000	$100,000	$50,000

87.5 *Increase funds for one federally qualified health center start-up grant in Cobb County. (S:NO; Consider the inclusion of one federally qualified health center start-up grant in Cobb County in the FY2025 General Budget)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for one federally qualified health center start-up grant in Cobb County)*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0	$250,000

87.6 *Increase funds for one-time grants up to $1,000,000 for the development of Programs of All-Inclusive Care (PACE) to provide home and community-based services. (CC:Increase funds for one-time grants up to $500,000 for the development of nonprofit Programs of All-Inclusive Care (PACE) to provide home and community-based services)*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

87.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse.*

State General Funds	$250,000

87.1000 Health Care Access and Improvement **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,543,538	$18,991,788	$20,940,038	$21,241,788
State General Funds	$18,543,538	$18,991,788	$20,940,038	$21,241,788
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,716,126	$19,164,376	$21,112,626	$21,414,376

Healthcare Facility Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,136,965	$27,136,965	$27,136,965	$27,136,965
State General Funds	$27,136,965	$27,136,965	$27,136,965	$27,136,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,945,354	$5,945,354	$5,945,354	$5,945,354
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,060,223	$6,060,223	$6,060,223	$6,060,223
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,242,542	$39,242,542	$39,242,542	$39,242,542

88.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$205,612	$205,612	$205,612	$205,612

88.1000 Healthcare Facility Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,342,577	$27,342,577	$27,342,577	$27,342,577
State General Funds	$27,342,577	$27,342,577	$27,342,577	$27,342,577
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,945,354	$5,945,354	$5,945,354	$5,945,354
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,060,223	$6,060,223	$6,060,223	$6,060,223
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,448,154	$39,448,154	$39,448,154	$39,448,154

Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$142,586,524	$142,586,524	$142,586,524	$142,586,524
Intergovernmental Transfers	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$554,269,739	$554,269,739	$554,269,739	$554,269,739

89.1000 Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042

State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$142,586,524	$142,586,524	$142,586,524	$142,586,524
Intergovernmental Transfers	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$554,269,739	$554,269,739	$554,269,739	$554,269,739

Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,329,655,949	$2,329,655,949	$2,329,655,949	$2,329,655,949
State General Funds	$2,122,710,631	$2,122,710,631	$2,122,710,631	$2,122,710,631
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,769,315	$8,769,315	$8,769,315	$8,769,315
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,685,494	$152,685,494	$152,685,494	$152,685,494
Hospital Provider Fee	$39,298,703	$39,298,703	$39,298,703	$39,298,703
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,440,149,741	$4,440,149,741	$4,440,149,741	$4,440,149,741
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,437,362,527	$4,437,362,527	$4,437,362,527	$4,437,362,527
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Hospital Authorities	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,099,437,310	$7,099,437,310	$7,099,437,310	$7,099,437,310

90.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$120,960,448	$120,960,448	$120,960,448	$120,960,448
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$244,727,550	$244,727,550	$244,727,550	$244,727,550
Total Public Funds:	$365,687,998	$365,687,998	$365,687,998	$365,687,998

90.2 *Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.*

State General Funds	$20,530,349	$20,530,349	$20,530,349	$20,530,349
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$41,537,066	$41,537,066	$41,537,066	$41,537,066
Total Public Funds:	$62,067,415	$62,067,415	$62,067,415	$62,067,415

90.3 *Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2021 cost reports.*

State General Funds	$92,923,563	$92,923,563	$92,923,563	$92,923,563
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$188,003,238	$188,003,238	$188,003,238	$188,003,238
Total Public Funds:	$280,926,801	$280,926,801	$280,926,801	$280,926,801

90.4 *Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

State General Funds	$39,489,850	$39,489,850	$39,489,850	$39,489,850

90.5 *Replace state general funds with hospital provider fees.*

State General Funds	($2,237,205)	($2,237,205)	($2,237,205)	($2,237,205)
Hospital Provider Fee	$2,237,205	$2,237,205	$2,237,205	$2,237,205
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

90.6 *Replace state general funds with nursing home provider fees.*

State General Funds	($2,981,404)	($2,981,404)	($2,981,404)	($2,981,404)
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$2,981,404	$2,981,404	$2,981,404	$2,981,404
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

90.7 *Increase funds to recognize ambulance provider fees.*

Ambulance Provider Fees	$226,770	$226,770	$226,770	$226,770

90.8 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers. (CC:NO; Consider inclusion of funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers in FY2025 General Budget)*

State General Funds	$2,107,212	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,263,317	$0

Total Public Funds:	$6,370,529	$0

90.1000 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,603,786,929	$2,603,786,929	$2,605,894,141	$2,603,786,929
State General Funds	$2,391,396,232	$2,391,396,232	$2,393,503,444	$2,391,396,232
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,996,085	$8,996,085	$8,996,085	$8,996,085
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$155,666,898	$155,666,898	$155,666,898	$155,666,898
Hospital Provider Fee	$41,535,908	$41,535,908	$41,535,908	$41,535,908
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,914,417,595	$4,914,417,595	$4,918,680,912	$4,914,417,595
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,911,630,381	$4,911,630,381	$4,915,893,698	$4,911,630,381
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Hospital Authorities	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,847,836,144	$7,847,836,144	$7,854,206,673	$7,847,836,144

Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,013,907,252	$2,013,907,252	$2,013,907,252	$2,013,907,252
State General Funds	$1,549,762,233	$1,549,762,233	$1,549,762,233	$1,549,762,233
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$346,274,474	$346,274,474	$346,274,474	$346,274,474
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Hospital Authorities	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,100,719,900	$6,100,719,900	$6,100,719,900	$6,100,719,900

91.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid enrollment based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($152,993,355)	($181,193,355)	($209,393,355)	($213,469,355)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($309,536,628)	($366,590,954)	($423,645,281)	($431,891,857)
Total Public Funds:	($462,529,983)	($547,784,309)	($633,038,636)	($645,361,212)

91.2 *Replace state general funds with hospital provider fees.*

State General Funds	($20,134,839)	($20,134,839)	($20,134,839)	($20,134,839)
Hospital Provider Fee	$20,134,839	$20,134,839	$20,134,839	$20,134,839
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

91.3 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers. (CC:NO; Consider inclusion of funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers in FY2025 General Budget)*

State General Funds	$2,193,535	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,437,967	$0
Total Public Funds:	$6,631,502	$0

91.1000 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,860,913,897	$1,832,713,897	$1,806,707,432	$1,800,437,897
State General Funds	$1,376,634,039	$1,348,434,039	$1,322,427,574	$1,316,158,039
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$366,409,313	$366,409,313	$366,409,313	$366,409,313
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,751,530,857	$3,694,476,531	$3,641,860,171	$3,629,175,628
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,751,530,857	$3,694,476,531	$3,641,860,171	$3,629,175,628

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Hospital Authorities	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,638,189,917	$5,552,935,591	$5,474,312,766	$5,455,358,688

PeachCare **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,953,107	$100,953,107	$100,953,107	$100,953,107
State General Funds	$100,953,107	$100,953,107	$100,953,107	$100,953,107
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$438,760,584	$438,760,584	$438,760,584	$438,760,584
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,565	$4,565	$4,565	$4,565
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$438,756,019	$438,756,019	$438,756,019	$438,756,019
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$539,865,474	$539,865,474	$539,865,474	$539,865,474

92.1 *Transfer funds from the Health Care Access and Improvement program to the PeachCare program ($459,000) and increase funds ($3,569,736) for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$4,028,736	$4,028,736	$4,028,736	$4,028,736
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$8,150,951	$8,150,951	$0	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767			$12,857,929	$12,857,929
Total Public Funds:	$12,179,687	$12,179,687	$16,886,665	$16,886,665

92.1000 PeachCare **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,981,843	$104,981,843	$104,981,843	$104,981,843
State General Funds	$104,981,843	$104,981,843	$104,981,843	$104,981,843
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$446,911,535	$446,911,535	$451,618,513	$451,618,513

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$8,155,516	$8,155,516	$4,565	$4,565
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$438,756,019	$438,756,019	$451,613,948	$451,613,948
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$552,045,161	$552,045,161	$556,752,139	$556,752,139

State Health Benefit Plan **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
State Funds Transfers	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
Health Insurance Payments	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285

93.1000 State Health Benefit Plan **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
State Funds Transfers	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
Health Insurance Payments	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001

State General Funds	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001

94.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612

94.2 *Reduce funds for operations to align budget to expenditures.*

State General Funds	($15,062)	$0	$0	$0

94.3 *Utilize existing funds ($168,738) for one data analyst and data management software. (G:YES)(H:NO)(S and CC:YES; Utilize existing funds for personnel and software to assist in additional licensure studies)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

94.4 *Utilize existing funds ($100,000) for statewide healthcare specialty assessments to evaluate gaps in healthcare services. (G:YES)(H:Utilize existing funds ($100,000) and increase funds to study needs in licensure or sub-specialties of licensure and evaluate gaps in healthcare staffing in Neurology, Psychiatry, Rheumatology, and Endocrinology)(S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($100,000) for statewide healthcare specialty assessments to evaluate gaps in healthcare services)(CC:Utilize existing funds ($100,000) and increase funds for one-time funding for statewide healthcare specialty assessments to evaluate gaps in healthcare services in Neurology, Psychiatry, and Endocrinology)*

State General Funds	$0	$200,000	$0	$100,000

94.5 *Reduce funds based on actual start date.*

State General Funds		($103,662)	($103,662)	($103,662)

94.6 *The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce shall collaborate with state licensing boards to provide and receive healthcare workforce data as needed. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

94.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,772,551	$1,883,951	$1,683,951	$1,783,951
State General Funds	$1,772,551	$1,883,951	$1,683,951	$1,783,951
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,772,551	$1,883,951	$1,683,951	$1,783,951

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
State General Funds	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231

95.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
State General Funds	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
State General Funds	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552

96.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
State General Funds	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
State General Funds	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696

97.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
State General Funds	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Physicians for Rural Areas **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000
State General Funds	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000

98.1 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures until authorizing legislation is passed to establish a loan repayment program for mental health professionals.*

State General Funds	($850,000)	($850,000)	($850,000)	($850,000)

98.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to utilize unallocated award amounts from multi-year physician loan repayments for funding of nursing faculty loan repayments.*

State General Funds			($300,000)	($300,000)

98.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Physicians for Rural Areas **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,215,000	$4,215,000	$3,915,000	$3,915,000
State General Funds	$4,215,000	$4,215,000	$3,915,000	$3,915,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,215,000	$4,215,000	$3,915,000	$3,915,000

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
State General Funds	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783

99.1 *Increase funds for nursing program recruitment in Southwest Georgia.*

State General Funds	$56,000	$0	$56,000

99.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to utilize unallocated award amounts from multi-year physician loan repayments for funding of nursing faculty loan repayments.*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,000	

99.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,501,783	$7,745,783	$7,801,783
State General Funds	$7,445,783	$7,501,783	$7,745,783	$7,801,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,501,783	$7,745,783	$7,801,783

Georgia Composite Medical Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,151,410	$3,151,410	$3,151,410	$3,151,410
State General Funds	$3,151,410	$3,151,410	$3,151,410	$3,151,410
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000

Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,451,410	$3,451,410	$3,451,410	$3,451,410

100.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$27,989	$27,989	$27,989	$27,989

100.2 *Utilize existing funds ($275,000) to upgrade licensure application software and fully digitize the application process. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

100.3 *Utilize existing funds ($62,790) to upgrade technology equipment. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

100.4 *Reduce funds based on actual start dates.*

State General Funds		($89,636)	($110,716)	($91,210)

100.1000 Georgia Composite Medical Board **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,179,399	$3,089,763	$3,068,683	$3,088,189
State General Funds	$3,179,399	$3,089,763	$3,068,683	$3,088,189
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,479,399	$3,389,763	$3,368,683	$3,388,189

Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460

State General Funds	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460

101.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301

101.2 *Increase funds to reflect the full cost of the database management agreement funded by HB19 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$5,250	$5,250	$5,250	$5,250

101.1000 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,167,011	$3,167,011	$3,167,011	$3,167,011
State General Funds	$3,167,011	$3,167,011	$3,167,011	$3,167,011
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,167,011	$3,167,011	$3,167,011	$3,167,011

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$206,256,998	$206,256,998	$206,256,998	$206,256,998
State General Funds	$206,256,998	$206,256,998	$206,256,998	$206,256,998
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,944	$289,944	$289,944	$289,944
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$208,643,406	$208,643,406	$208,643,406	$208,643,406

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$208,318,915	$208,318,915	$208,318,915	$208,318,915
State General Funds	$208,318,915	$208,318,915	$208,318,915	$208,318,915
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,944	$289,944	$289,944	$289,944
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$210,705,323	$210,705,323	$210,705,323	$210,705,323

Departmental Administration (DCS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,770,766	$10,770,766	$10,770,766	$10,770,766
State General Funds	$10,770,766	$10,770,766	$10,770,766	$10,770,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,771,966	$10,771,966	$10,771,966	$10,771,966

102.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$73,202	$73,202	$73,202	$73,202

102.1000 Departmental Administration (DCS)				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,843,968	$10,843,968	$10,843,968	$10,843,968
State General Funds	$10,843,968	$10,843,968	$10,843,968	$10,843,968
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,845,168	$10,845,168	$10,845,168	$10,845,168

Field Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$189,869,483	$189,869,483	$189,869,483	$189,869,483
State General Funds	$189,869,483	$189,869,483	$189,869,483	$189,869,483
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$127,515	$127,515	$127,515	$127,515
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$191,905,338	$191,905,338	$191,905,338	$191,905,338

103.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,905,404	$1,905,404	$1,905,404	$1,905,404

103.1000 Field Services				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$191,774,887	$191,774,887	$191,774,887	$191,774,887
State General Funds	$191,774,887	$191,774,887	$191,774,887	$191,774,887
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$127,515	$127,515	$127,515	$127,515
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$193,810,742	$193,810,742	$193,810,742	$193,810,742

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840
State General Funds	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840

104.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913

104.1000 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,978,753	$3,978,753	$3,978,753	$3,978,753
State General Funds	$3,978,753	$3,978,753	$3,978,753	$3,978,753
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,978,753	$3,978,753	$3,978,753	$3,978,753

Misdemeanor Probation				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962
State General Funds	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962

105.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536

105.1000 Misdemeanor Probation				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$986,498	$986,498	$986,498	$986,498
State General Funds	$986,498	$986,498	$986,498	$986,498
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$986,498	$986,498	$986,498	$986,498

Family Violence, Georgia Commission on				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$685,947	$685,947	$685,947	$685,947

State General Funds	$685,947	$685,947	$685,947	$685,947
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,035,300	$1,035,300	$1,035,300	$1,035,300

106.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612

106.2 *Increase funds to update the Georgia State Plan for Ending Family Violence.*

State General Funds	$40,250	$40,250	$40,250	$40,250

106.1000 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$734,809	$734,809	$734,809	$734,809
State General Funds	$734,809	$734,809	$734,809	$734,809
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,084,162	$1,084,162	$1,084,162	$1,084,162

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125
State General Funds	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,343,263,283	$1,343,263,283	$1,343,263,283	$1,343,263,283
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,415,761,695	$1,426,977,419	$1,430,339,541	$1,436,882,819
State General Funds	$1,415,761,695	$1,426,977,419	$1,430,339,541	$1,436,882,819
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,429,496,853	$1,440,712,577	$1,444,074,699	$1,450,617,977

Departmental Administration (DOC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788
State General Funds	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788

107.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$246,519	$246,519	$246,519	$246,519

107.2 *Transfer funds from the Offender Management program ($3,551,094) to the Departmental Administration (DOC) program and increase funds ($2,574,744) for a recruitment advertising campaign and work culture review.*

State General Funds	$6,125,838	$6,125,838	$6,125,838	$6,125,838

107.1000 Departmental Administration (DOC)				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,876,145	$42,876,145	$42,876,145	$42,876,145
State General Funds	$42,876,145	$42,876,145	$42,876,145	$42,876,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,876,145	$42,876,145	$42,876,145	$42,876,145

Detention Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,221,640	$62,221,640	$62,221,640	$62,221,640
State General Funds	$62,221,640	$62,221,640	$62,221,640	$62,221,640
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,675,140	$64,675,140	$64,675,140	$64,675,140

108.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$716,950	$716,950	$716,950	$716,950

108.2 *Utilize existing funds ($94,646) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

108.1000 Detention Centers				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,938,590	$62,938,590	$62,938,590	$62,938,590
State General Funds	$62,938,590	$62,938,590	$62,938,590	$62,938,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,392,090	$65,392,090	$65,392,090	$65,392,090

Food and Farm Operations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020
State General Funds	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020

109.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148

109.2 *Utilize existing funds ($5,676) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

109.3 *Increase funds to meet projected expenditures for food operations.*

State General Funds		$925,663	$308,554	$925,663

109.1000 Food and Farm Operations **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,770,168	$28,695,831	$28,078,722	$28,695,831
State General Funds	$27,770,168	$28,695,831	$28,078,722	$28,695,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,770,168	$28,695,831	$28,078,722	$28,695,831

Health **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$273,257,694	$273,257,694	$273,257,694	$273,257,694
State General Funds	$273,257,694	$273,257,694	$273,257,694	$273,257,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$273,718,249	$273,718,249	$273,718,249	$273,718,249

110.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$30,143	$30,143	$30,143	$30,143

110.2 *Increase funds for physical health and pharmacy service contracts.*

State General Funds	$65,268,881	$65,268,881	$63,268,881	$65,268,881

110.1000 Health **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$338,556,718	$338,556,718	$336,556,718	$338,556,718
State General Funds	$338,556,718	$338,556,718	$336,556,718	$338,556,718
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$339,017,273	$339,017,273	$337,017,273	$339,017,273

Offender Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,417,607	$48,417,607	$48,417,607	$48,417,607
State General Funds	$48,417,607	$48,417,607	$48,417,607	$48,417,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,447,607	$48,447,607	$48,447,607	$48,447,607

111.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$60,284	$60,284

111.2 *Transfer funds from the Offender Management program to the Departmental Administration (DOC) program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($3,551,094)	($3,551,094)	($3,551,094)	($3,551,094)

111.3 *Increase funds for a $2 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions effective April 1, 2024. (S:Increase funds for a $3 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions effective April 1, 2024)(CC:Increase funds for a $2 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions effective April 1, 2024)*

State General Funds		$887,773	$1,331,793	$887,773

111.1000 Offender Management **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,926,797	$45,814,570	$46,258,590	$45,814,570
State General Funds	$44,926,797	$45,814,570	$46,258,590	$45,814,570
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,956,797	$45,844,570	$46,288,590	$45,844,570

Private Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public

safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593
State General Funds	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593

112.1 *Increase funds for 200 temporary additional beds at Coffee and Wheeler facilities to allow for maintenance and repairs at state prisons.*

State General Funds	$5,202,288	$5,202,288	$5,202,288

112.1000 Private Prisons **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$138,311,593	$143,513,881	$143,513,881	$143,513,881
State General Funds	$138,311,593	$143,513,881	$143,513,881	$143,513,881
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$138,311,593	$143,513,881	$143,513,881	$143,513,881

State Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$711,018,989	$711,018,989	$711,018,989	$711,018,989
State General Funds	$711,018,989	$711,018,989	$711,018,989	$711,018,989
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$721,810,092	$721,810,092	$721,810,092	$721,810,092

113.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,667,770	$5,667,770	$5,667,770	$5,667,770

113.2 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$172,200	$172,200	$172,200	$172,200

113.3 *Increase funds for safety, security, and technology initiatives. (CC:Increase funds for safety, security, and technology initiatives to eliminate contraband and provide quarterly updates to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and the Senate Public Safety Committee)*

State General Funds	$5,604,789	$9,804,789	$15,340,000	$19,710,189

113.4 *Increase funds for offender call monitoring at facilities, statewide.*

State General Funds	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000

113.5 *Increase funds for radio communications at facilities, statewide.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

113.6 *Utilize existing funds ($947,656) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

113.1000 State Prisons **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$723,313,748	$727,513,748	$733,048,959	$737,419,148
State General Funds	$723,313,748	$727,513,748	$733,048,959	$737,419,148
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$734,104,851	$738,304,851	$743,840,062	$748,210,251

Transition Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794
State General Funds	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794

114.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$355,245	$355,245	$355,245	$355,245

114.2 *Increase funds for six months of operational cost for the Metro Re-Entry Phase IV to add 400 transition center beds.*

State General Funds	$4,669,897	$4,669,897	$4,669,897	$4,669,897

114.3 *Utilize existing funds ($40,192) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

114.1000 Transition Centers **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,067,936	$37,067,936	$37,067,936	$37,067,936
State General Funds	$37,067,936	$37,067,936	$37,067,936	$37,067,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,067,936	$37,067,936	$37,067,936	$37,067,936

Section 20: Defense, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,393,076	$12,393,076	$12,393,076	$12,393,076
State General Funds	$12,393,076	$12,393,076	$12,393,076	$12,393,076
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595

Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$110,927,121	$110,927,121	$110,927,121	$110,927,121

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,843,053	$12,843,053	$12,843,053	$12,843,053
State General Funds	$12,843,053	$12,843,053	$12,843,053	$12,843,053
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,377,098	$111,377,098	$111,377,098	$111,377,098

Departmental Administration (DOD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,196	$1,400,196	$1,400,196	$1,400,196
State General Funds	$1,400,196	$1,400,196	$1,400,196	$1,400,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,537,967	$2,537,967	$2,537,967	$2,537,967

115.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$22,606	$22,606	$22,606	$22,606

115.1000 Departmental Administration (DOD) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,422,802	$1,422,802	$1,422,802	$1,422,802
State General Funds	$1,422,802	$1,422,802	$1,422,802	$1,422,802
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,560,573	$2,560,573	$2,560,573	$2,560,573

Military Readiness **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,009,257	$6,009,257	$6,009,257	$6,009,257
State General Funds	$6,009,257	$6,009,257	$6,009,257	$6,009,257
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,553,926	$88,553,926	$88,553,926	$88,553,926

116.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$259,438	$259,438	$259,438	$259,438

116.1000 Military Readiness				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,268,695	$6,268,695	$6,268,695	$6,268,695
State General Funds	$6,268,695	$6,268,695	$6,268,695	$6,268,695
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,813,364	$88,813,364	$88,813,364	$88,813,364

Youth Educational Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,983,623	$4,983,623	$4,983,623	$4,983,623
State General Funds	$4,983,623	$4,983,623	$4,983,623	$4,983,623
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,835,228	$19,835,228	$19,835,228	$19,835,228

117.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$167,933	$167,933	$167,933	$167,933

117.1000 Youth Educational Services				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,151,556	$5,151,556	$5,151,556	$5,151,556
State General Funds	$5,151,556	$5,151,556	$5,151,556	$5,151,556
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,003,161	$20,003,161	$20,003,161	$20,003,161

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,774,172	$80,774,172	$80,774,172	$80,774,172
State General Funds	$80,774,172	$80,774,172	$80,774,172	$80,774,172
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,618,293	$83,618,293	$83,618,293	$83,618,293
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$90,022,897	$90,022,897	$90,022,897	$90,022,897
State General Funds	$90,022,897	$90,022,897	$90,022,897	$90,022,897
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,867,018	$92,867,018	$92,867,018	$92,867,018

Departmental Administration (DDS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,376,670	$10,376,670	$10,376,670	$10,376,670
State General Funds	$10,376,670	$10,376,670	$10,376,670	$10,376,670
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,877,527	$10,877,527	$10,877,527	$10,877,527

118.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$60,284	$60,284	$60,284	$60,284

118.2 *Increase funds for development of a card production request-for-proposal (RFP).*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

118.1000 Departmental Administration (DDS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,586,954	$10,586,954	$10,586,954	$10,586,954
State General Funds	$10,586,954	$10,586,954	$10,586,954	$10,586,954
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,087,811	$11,087,811	$11,087,811	$11,087,811

License Issuance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,430,595	$69,430,595	$69,430,595	$69,430,595
State General Funds	$69,430,595	$69,430,595	$69,430,595	$69,430,595
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,258,430	$71,258,430	$71,258,430	$71,258,430

119.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$824,599	$824,599	$824,599	$824,599

119.2 *Utilize existing funds ($2,310,516) and increase funds for card production server migration and card services upgrades (Total Funds: $10,165,000).*

State General Funds	$7,854,484	$7,854,484	$7,854,484	$7,854,484

119.3 *Increase funds for postage rate increases.*

State General Funds	$341,057	$341,057	$341,057	$341,057

119.1000 License Issuance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$78,450,735	$78,450,735	$78,450,735	$78,450,735
State General Funds	$78,450,735	$78,450,735	$78,450,735	$78,450,735
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,278,570	$80,278,570	$80,278,570	$80,278,570

Regulatory Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,907	$966,907	$966,907	$966,907
State General Funds	$966,907	$966,907	$966,907	$966,907
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,482,336	$1,482,336	$1,482,336	$1,482,336

120.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301	$18,301

120.1000 Regulatory Compliance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$985,208	$985,208	$985,208	$985,208
State General Funds	$985,208	$985,208	$985,208	$985,208
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,500,637	$1,500,637	$1,500,637	$1,500,637

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$506,324,539	$506,324,539	$506,324,539	$506,324,539
State General Funds	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475
Lottery Proceeds	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$494,874,422	$494,874,422	$494,874,422	$494,874,422
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$174,961,385	$174,961,385	$174,961,385	$174,961,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$227,164,017	$227,164,017	$227,164,017	$227,164,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,001,698,461	$1,001,698,461	$1,001,698,461	$1,001,698,461

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$523,009,220	$525,840,854	$524,466,754	$525,840,854
State General Funds	$63,285,758	$63,285,758	$63,285,758	$63,285,758
Lottery Proceeds	$459,723,462	$462,555,096	$461,180,996	$462,555,096
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$494,874,422	$494,874,422	$494,874,422	$494,874,422
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$174,961,385	$174,961,385	$174,961,385	$174,961,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$227,164,017	$227,164,017	$227,164,017	$227,164,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$395,828	$300,000	$300,000
Reserved Fund Balances		$95,828		
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized		$95,828		
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,018,383,142	$1,021,310,604	$1,019,840,676	$1,021,214,776

Child Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475
State General Funds	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$267,505,684	$267,505,684	$267,505,684	$267,505,684
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,786,385	$4,786,385	$4,786,385	$4,786,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$169,970,279	$169,970,279	$169,970,279	$169,970,279
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,040,159	$330,040,159	$330,040,159	$330,040,159

121.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$471,507	$471,507	$471,507	$471,507

121.1000 Child Care Services				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,005,982	$63,005,982	$63,005,982	$63,005,982
State General Funds	$63,005,982	$63,005,982	$63,005,982	$63,005,982
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$267,505,684	$267,505,684	$267,505,684	$267,505,684
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,786,385	$4,786,385	$4,786,385	$4,786,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$169,970,279	$169,970,279	$169,970,279	$169,970,279
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,511,666	$330,511,666	$330,511,666	$330,511,666

Nutrition Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

122.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$55,978	$55,978	$55,978	$55,978

122.2 *Increase funds for startup grants of up to $10,000 per provider to establish additional Summer Food Service Program meal sites in areas with high rates of child food insecurity.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

122.1000 Nutrition Services				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,978	$155,978	$155,978	$155,978

State General Funds	$155,978	$155,978	$155,978	$155,978
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,155,978	$170,155,978	$170,155,978	$170,155,978

Pre-Kindergarten Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$443,965,064	$443,965,064	$443,965,064	$443,965,064

123.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

Lottery Proceeds	$8,300,892	$8,300,892	$8,300,892	$8,300,892

123.2 *Increase funds for computer refresh.*

Lottery Proceeds	$99,574	$99,574	$99,574	$99,574

123.3 *Increase funds to reflect the correct employer contribution rate for State Health Benefit Plan.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,389,766	$1,389,766	$1,389,766	$1,389,766

123.4 *Increase funds to expand the Summer Transition Program with income eligibility requirements. (H and S:Increase funds to maintain the current number of classrooms in the Summer Transition Program without the implementation of an income eligibility requirement)*

Lottery Proceeds	$6,143,166	$8,974,800	$7,600,700	$8,974,800

123.5 *Utilize existing lottery funds for three Pre-Kindergarten administrative positions. (S and CC:YES; Utilize existing lottery funds ($95,828) for three Pre-Kindergarten administrative positions)*

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized		$95,828	$0	$0

123.1000 Pre-Kindergarten Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$459,723,462	$462,555,096	$461,180,996	$462,555,096
Lottery Proceeds	$459,723,462	$462,555,096	$461,180,996	$462,555,096
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS		$95,828		
Reserved Fund Balances		$95,828		
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized		$95,828		
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$459,898,462	$462,825,924	$461,355,996	$462,730,096

Quality Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

124.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798

124.1000 Quality Initiatives				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798
State General Funds	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,817,036	$57,817,036	$57,817,036	$57,817,036

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,668,877	$37,668,877	$37,668,877	$37,668,877
State General Funds	$37,668,877	$37,668,877	$37,668,877	$37,668,877
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,709,727	$41,709,727	$41,709,727	$41,709,727
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,273,968	$68,663,968	$67,463,968	$68,063,968
State General Funds	$70,273,968	$68,663,968	$67,463,968	$68,063,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,314,818	$72,704,818	$71,504,818	$72,104,818

Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841
State General Funds	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841

125.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$35,525	$35,525	$35,525	$35,525

125.2 *Transfer funds from the Tourism program ($70,000) to the Departmental Administration (DEcD) program and increase funds to align budget with rent expenditures. (H and S:Increase funds to align budget with rent expenditures)*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$100,000	$150,000

125.3 *Increase funds to purchase five replacement vehicles. (H and S:Increase funds to purchase one replacement vehicle)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase one replacement vehicle)*

State General Funds	$225,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000

125.1000 Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,010,366	$5,830,366	$5,630,366	$5,680,366
State General Funds	$6,010,366	$5,830,366	$5,630,366	$5,680,366
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,010,366	$5,830,366	$5,630,366	$5,680,366

Film, Video, and Music **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937
State General Funds	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937

126.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

126.1000 Film, Video, and Music **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,144,396	$1,144,396	$1,144,396	$1,144,396
State General Funds	$1,144,396	$1,144,396	$1,144,396	$1,144,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,144,396	$1,144,396	$1,144,396	$1,144,396

Arts, Georgia Council for the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056
State General Funds	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056

127.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

127.2 *Increase funds to inventory art collection currently housed at the State Archives Building. (H and S:Increase funds for the inventory and value assessment of the state art collection and report findings to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House State Properties Committee, and the Senate State Institutions and Property Committee by December 1, 2024)*

State General Funds	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000

127.1000 Arts, Georgia Council for the **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$625,439	$625,439	$625,439	$625,439
State General Funds	$625,439	$625,439	$625,439	$625,439
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$625,439	$625,439	$625,439	$625,439

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

128.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for grants that support the arts.*

State General Funds	$550,000

128.1000 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$1,526,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$1,526,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$2,185,756

Global Commerce **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679
State General Funds	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679

129.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$44,137	$44,137	$44,137	$44,137

129.1000 Global Commerce **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,488,816	$10,488,816	$10,488,816	$10,488,816
State General Funds	$10,488,816	$10,488,816	$10,488,816	$10,488,816
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,488,816	$10,488,816	$10,488,816	$10,488,816

Innovation and Technology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792
State General Funds	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792

130.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

130.2 *Increase funds to support deployment of hydrogen energy applications. (S and CC:YES; Utilize industry sponsorships to support stakeholder involvement in planning for hydrogen energy applications)*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0	$0

130.1000 Innovation and Technology **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,701,481	$3,701,481	$2,701,481	$2,701,481
State General Funds	$3,701,481	$3,701,481	$2,701,481	$2,701,481
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,701,481	$3,701,481	$2,701,481	$2,701,481

International Relations and Trade **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,636,322	$2,636,322	$2,636,322	$2,636,322
State General Funds	$2,636,322	$2,636,322	$2,636,322	$2,636,322
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,903,112	$2,903,112	$2,903,112	$2,903,112

131.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

131.2 *Increase funds for contracts to support the global export of Georgia manufactured and agricultural products.*

State General Funds	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

131.1000 International Relations and Trade				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,846,011	$2,846,011	$2,846,011	$2,846,011
State General Funds	$2,846,011	$2,846,011	$2,846,011	$2,846,011
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,112,801	$3,112,801	$3,112,801	$3,112,801

Rural Development			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,313	$966,313	$966,313	$966,313
State General Funds	$966,313	$966,313	$966,313	$966,313
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,080,973	$4,080,973	$4,080,973	$4,080,973

132.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

132.1000 Rural Development				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$969,543	$969,543	$969,543	$969,543
State General Funds	$969,543	$969,543	$969,543	$969,543
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,084,203	$4,084,203	$4,084,203	$4,084,203

Small and Minority Business Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169
State General Funds	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169

133.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

133.1000 Small and Minority Business Development **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,061,628	$1,061,628	$1,061,628	$1,061,628
State General Funds	$1,061,628	$1,061,628	$1,061,628	$1,061,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,061,628	$1,061,628	$1,061,628	$1,061,628

Tourism **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412
State General Funds	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412

134.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$49,520	$49,520	$49,520	$49,520

134.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority for public safety and infrastructure costs related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2025 College Football Playoff National Championship. (H and S:Increase funds for one-time funding for Georgia World Congress Center Authority for public safety, security, transportation, and infrastructure expenses and implementation between governmental agencies for hosting the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup in 2026 and College Football Playoff National Championship in 2025)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for Georgia World Congress Center Authority for public safety, security, transportation, and infrastructure expenses and implementation between governmental agencies for hosting the FIFA World Cup in 2026 and College Football Playoff National Championship in 2025)*

State General Funds	$29,250,000	$29,250,000	$29,250,000	$29,250,000

134.3 *Increase funds to relocate the 1996 Olympic cauldron.*

State General Funds	$1,500,000	$0	$0	$0

134.4 *Transfer funds from the Tourism program to the Departmental Administration (DEcD) program to align budget with rent expenditures. (H and S:NO; Maintain funds for state-owned historical markers)*

State General Funds	($70,000)	$0	$0	$0

134.1000 Tourism				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,449,932	$41,019,932	$41,019,932	$41,019,932
State General Funds	$42,449,932	$41,019,932	$41,019,932	$41,019,932
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,449,932	$41,019,932	$41,019,932	$41,019,932

Section 24: Education, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900
State General Funds	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,158,675,433	$14,158,675,433	$14,158,675,433	$14,158,675,433

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,197,026,196	$12,206,690,561	$12,202,066,410	$12,207,151,361
State General Funds	$11,837,580,808	$11,847,245,173	$11,842,621,022	$11,847,705,973
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,495,317,729	$14,504,982,094	$14,500,357,943	$14,505,442,894

Agricultural Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and

to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,484,116	$14,484,116	$14,484,116	$14,484,116
State General Funds	$14,484,116	$14,484,116	$14,484,116	$14,484,116
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,943,119	$15,943,119	$15,943,119	$15,943,119

135.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$649,269	$649,269	$649,269	$649,269

135.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($288,000)	($288,000)	($288,000)	($288,000)

135.1000 Agricultural Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,845,385	$14,845,385	$14,845,385	$14,845,385
State General Funds	$14,845,385	$14,845,385	$14,845,385	$14,845,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,304,388	$16,304,388	$16,304,388	$16,304,388

Business and Finance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,048,336	$8,048,336	$8,048,336	$8,048,336
State General Funds	$8,048,336	$8,048,336	$8,048,336	$8,048,336
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,121,337	$18,121,337	$18,121,337	$18,121,337

136.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$76,432	$76,432	$76,432	$76,432

136.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new position.*

State General Funds		($90,000)	($90,000)	($90,000)

136.1000 Business and Finance Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,124,768	$8,034,768	$8,034,768	$8,034,768
State General Funds	$8,124,768	$8,034,768	$8,034,768	$8,034,768
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,197,769	$18,107,769	$18,107,769	$18,107,769

Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,046,404	$5,046,404	$5,046,404	$5,046,404
State General Funds	$5,046,404	$5,046,404	$5,046,404	$5,046,404
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,271,994	$66,271,994	$66,271,994	$66,271,994

137.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$130,257	$130,257	$130,257	$130,257

137.2 *Reduce funds for funding allocated but not spent on Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) study.*

State General Funds			($39,200)	($39,200)

137.1000 Central Office **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,176,661	$5,176,661	$5,137,461	$5,137,461
State General Funds	$5,176,661	$5,176,661	$5,137,461	$5,137,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,402,251	$66,402,251	$66,363,051	$66,363,051

Charter Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,853,152	$9,853,152	$9,853,152	$9,853,152
State General Funds	$9,853,152	$9,853,152	$9,853,152	$9,853,152
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,802,494	$14,802,494	$14,802,494	$14,802,494

138.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

138.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,700,000)	($1,700,000)	($1,700,000)	($1,700,000)

138.1000 Charter Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,157,458	$8,157,458	$8,157,458	$8,157,458
State General Funds	$8,157,458	$8,157,458	$8,157,458	$8,157,458
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,106,800	$13,106,800	$13,106,800	$13,106,800

Communities in Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100
State General Funds	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100

139.1 *Increase funds to leverage matching grant funds for program expansion.*

State General Funds	$1,579,000	$0	$1,579,000

139.1000 Communities in Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,690,100	$3,269,100	$1,690,100	$3,269,100
State General Funds	$1,690,100	$3,269,100	$1,690,100	$3,269,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,690,100	$3,269,100	$1,690,100	$3,269,100

Curriculum Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,734,693	$6,734,693	$6,734,693	$6,734,693
State General Funds	$6,734,693	$6,734,693	$6,734,693	$6,734,693
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,744,743	$13,744,743	$13,744,743	$13,744,743

140.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$61,361	$61,361	$61,361	$61,361

140.2 *Utilize $10,000,000 of existing $10,994,021 ESSER Funds to provide one-to-one match for character education programming. (S:YES)(CC:YES)*

State General Funds			$0	$0

140.1000 Curriculum Development **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,796,054	$6,796,054	$6,796,054	$6,796,054
State General Funds	$6,796,054	$6,796,054	$6,796,054	$6,796,054
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,806,104	$13,806,104	$13,806,104	$13,806,104

Federal Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

141.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355

141.1000 Federal Programs				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355
State General Funds	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,239,787	$1,305,239,787	$1,305,239,787	$1,305,239,787

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,808,418	$52,808,418	$52,808,418	$52,808,418
State General Funds	$52,808,418	$52,808,418	$52,808,418	$52,808,418
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,131,220	$64,131,220	$64,131,220	$64,131,220

142.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,158,838	$1,158,838	$1,158,838	$1,158,838

142.1000 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,967,256	$53,967,256	$53,967,256	$53,967,256
State General Funds	$53,967,256	$53,967,256	$53,967,256	$53,967,256
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,290,058	$65,290,058	$65,290,058	$65,290,058

Georgia Virtual School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,958,631	$2,958,631	$2,958,631	$2,958,631
State General Funds	$2,958,631	$2,958,631	$2,958,631	$2,958,631
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,242,631	$11,242,631	$11,242,631	$11,242,631

143.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$66,743	$66,743	$66,743	$66,743

143.1000 Georgia Virtual School **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,025,374	$3,025,374	$3,025,374	$3,025,374
State General Funds	$3,025,374	$3,025,374	$3,025,374	$3,025,374
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,309,374	$11,309,374	$11,309,374	$11,309,374

Information Technology Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,653,162	$20,653,162	$20,653,162	$20,653,162
State General Funds	$20,653,162	$20,653,162	$20,653,162	$20,653,162

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,062,429	$21,062,429	$21,062,429	$21,062,429

144.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$78,585	$78,585	$78,585	$78,585

144.1000 Information Technology Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,731,747	$20,731,747	$20,731,747	$20,731,747
State General Funds	$20,731,747	$20,731,747	$20,731,747	$20,731,747
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,141,014	$21,141,014	$21,141,014	$21,141,014

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733
State General Funds	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733

145.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,997,864	$8,997,864	$8,997,864	$8,997,864

145.1000 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,792,597	$29,792,597	$29,792,597	$29,792,597
State General Funds	$29,792,597	$29,792,597	$29,792,597	$29,792,597

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,792,597	$29,792,597	$29,792,597	$29,792,597

Nutrition **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,262,827	$39,262,827	$39,262,827	$39,262,827
State General Funds	$39,262,827	$39,262,827	$39,262,827	$39,262,827
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$842,856,296	$842,856,296	$842,856,296	$842,856,296

146.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$14,374,506	$14,374,506	$14,374,506	$14,374,506

146.2 *Reduce funds for the cost of breakfast and lunch for reduce-paying students through the 2023-2024 school year given the availability of existing funds.*

State General Funds	($6,333,713)	($6,333,713)	($6,333,713)	($6,333,713)

146.1000 Nutrition **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,303,620	$47,303,620	$47,303,620	$47,303,620
State General Funds	$47,303,620	$47,303,620	$47,303,620	$47,303,620
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$850,897,089	$850,897,089	$850,897,089	$850,897,089

Preschool Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890
State General Funds	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890

147.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$965,134	$965,134	$965,134	$965,134

147.1000 Preschool Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,746,024	$47,746,024	$47,746,024	$47,746,024
State General Funds	$47,746,024	$47,746,024	$47,746,024	$47,746,024
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,746,024	$47,746,024	$47,746,024	$47,746,024

Pupil Transportation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195
State General Funds	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195

148.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$14,401,461	$14,401,461	$14,401,461	$14,401,461

148.1000 Pupil Transportation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$163,151,656	$163,151,656	$163,151,656	$163,151,656
State General Funds	$163,151,656	$163,151,656	$163,151,656	$163,151,656
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$163,151,656	$163,151,656	$163,151,656	$163,151,656

Quality Basic Education Equalization **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
State General Funds	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581

149.1000 Quality Basic Education Equalization **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
State General Funds	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)
State General Funds	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)

150.1 *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share for eight new State Commission Charter Schools.*

State General Funds	($1,881,395)	($1,840,758)	($2,391,178)	($1,840,758)

150.2 *Adjust funds to reflect data correction for Burke County.*

State General Funds	$997,238	$997,238	$997,238	$997,238

150.1000 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,570,405,707)	($2,570,365,070)	($2,570,915,490)	($2,570,365,070)
State General Funds	($2,570,405,707)	($2,570,365,070)	($2,570,915,490)	($2,570,365,070)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,570,405,707)	($2,570,365,070)	($2,570,915,490)	($2,570,365,070)

Quality Basic Education Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393
State General Funds	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393

151.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$143,604,851	$143,604,851	$143,604,851	$143,604,851

151.2 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth.*

State General Funds	$102,542,821	$102,506,757	$100,740,150	$102,506,757

151.3 *Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement. (S and CC:Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $231,328,204)*

State General Funds	$28,513,994	$27,768,764	$27,768,764	$27,768,764

151.4 *Reduce funds to provide a salary supplement of $1,000 to all custodian custodians given the availability of existing funds.*

State General Funds	($8,636,781)	($8,636,781)	($8,636,781)	($8,636,781)

151.5 *Reduce funds to provide a military counselor to Chattahoochee County given the availability of existing funds.*

State General Funds	($49,493)	($49,493)	($49,493)	($49,493)

151.6 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.*

State General Funds	$277,812	$277,905	$277,905	$277,905

151.7 *Reduce formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant pursuant to SB59 (2021 Session).*

State General Funds	($22,252)	($22,252)	($22,252)	($22,252)

151.8 *Increase funds to reflect growth in the Special Needs Scholarship.*

State General Funds	$8,976,356	$8,976,356	$8,976,356	$8,976,356

151.9 *Add formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement pursuant to HB87 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$6,298,617	$6,298,548	$6,298,548	$6,298,548

151.10 *Increase funds to restore Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula funds for Mountain Education Charter High School and Coastal Plains High School due to establishment as a completion special school.*

State General Funds	$14,850,769	$23,501,767	$23,501,767	$23,501,767

151.11 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience.*

State General Funds	$4,155,198	$3,731,274	$3,731,274	$3,731,274

151.12 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($359,445,388)	($359,445,388)	($359,445,388)	($359,445,388)
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

151.1000 Quality Basic Education Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,444,526,285	$13,451,972,089	$13,450,205,482	$13,451,972,089
State General Funds	$13,085,080,897	$13,092,526,701	$13,090,760,094	$13,092,526,701
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388	$359,445,388
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,444,526,285	$13,451,972,089	$13,450,205,482	$13,451,972,089

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school

systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615
State General Funds	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615

152.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$195,861	$195,861	$195,861	$195,861

152.1000 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,223,476	$16,223,476	$16,223,476	$16,223,476
State General Funds	$16,223,476	$16,223,476	$16,223,476	$16,223,476
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,223,476	$16,223,476	$16,223,476	$16,223,476

School Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,661,849	$10,661,849	$10,661,849	$10,661,849
State General Funds	$10,661,849	$10,661,849	$10,661,849	$10,661,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,119,570	$14,119,570	$14,119,570	$14,119,570

153.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$78,585	$78,585	$78,585	$78,585

153.1000 School Improvement **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,740,434	$10,740,434	$10,740,434	$10,740,434
State General Funds	$10,740,434	$10,740,434	$10,740,434	$10,740,434
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,198,155	$14,198,155	$14,198,155	$14,198,155

School Nurse **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204
State General Funds	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204

154.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,617,965	$1,617,965	$1,617,965	$1,617,965

154.1000 School Nurse **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,162,169	$43,162,169	$43,162,169	$43,162,169
State General Funds	$43,162,169	$43,162,169	$43,162,169	$43,162,169

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,162,169	$43,162,169	$43,162,169	$43,162,169

State Charter School Commission Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379

155.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224

155.1000 State Charter School Commission Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224
State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,702,603	$6,702,603	$6,702,603	$6,702,603

State Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,543,965	$37,543,965	$37,543,965	$37,543,965
State General Funds	$37,543,965	$37,543,965	$37,543,965	$37,543,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,802,425	$39,802,425	$39,802,425	$39,802,425

156.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$357,398	$357,398	$357,398	$357,398

156.1000 State Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,901,363	$37,901,363	$37,901,363	$37,901,363
State General Funds	$37,901,363	$37,901,363	$37,901,363	$37,901,363
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,159,823	$40,159,823	$40,159,823	$40,159,823

Technology/Career Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,402,168	$22,402,168	$22,402,168	$22,402,168
State General Funds	$22,402,168	$22,402,168	$22,402,168	$22,402,168
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$79,103,378	$79,103,378	$79,103,378	$79,103,378

157.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,425,523	$2,425,523	$2,425,523	$2,425,523

157.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($711,000)	($711,000)	($711,000)	($711,000)

157.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for career development programs.*

State General Funds				$500,000

157.1000 Technology/Career Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,116,691	$24,116,691	$24,116,691	$24,616,691
State General Funds	$24,116,691	$24,116,691	$24,116,691	$24,616,691
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,817,901	$80,817,901	$80,817,901	$81,317,901

Testing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,233,072	$22,233,072	$22,233,072	$22,233,072
State General Funds	$22,233,072	$22,233,072	$22,233,072	$22,233,072
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,930,879	$37,930,879	$37,930,879	$37,930,879

158.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$22,607	$22,607	$22,607	$22,607

158.2 *Increase funds to administer statewide standardized testing in accordance with federal assessment requirements. (H and S:Increase funds for AP STEM exams due to increased utilization)*

State General Funds	$292,000	$980,924	$292,000	$980,924

158.1000 Testing **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,547,679	$23,236,603	$22,547,679	$23,236,603
State General Funds	$22,547,679	$23,236,603	$22,547,679	$23,236,603
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,245,486	$38,934,410	$38,245,486	$38,934,410

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

159.1000 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,022.47. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,910,561	$61,910,561	$61,910,561	$61,910,561
State General Funds	$61,910,561	$61,910,561	$61,910,561	$61,910,561
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$95,728,763	$95,728,763	$95,728,763	$95,728,763

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$561,910,561	$561,910,561	$561,910,561	$561,910,561
State General Funds	$561,910,561	$561,910,561	$561,910,561	$561,910,561
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$595,728,763	$595,728,763	$595,728,763	$595,728,763

Deferred Compensation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262

160.1000 Deferred Compensation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262

Georgia Military Pension Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
State General Funds	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161

161.1000 Georgia Military Pension Fund **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
State General Funds	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161

Public School Employees Retirement System **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
State General Funds	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000

162.1000 Public School Employees Retirement System **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
State General Funds	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000

System Administration (ERS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400
State General Funds	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940

Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,382,340	$55,382,340	$55,382,340	$55,382,340

163.1 *Increase funds to strategically invest in increasing the funded ratio in order to improve long-term financial viability of the pension system and support state retirees.*

State General Funds	$500,000,000	$500,000,000	$500,000,000	$500,000,000

163.1000 System Administration (ERS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$526,760,400	$526,760,400	$526,760,400	$526,760,400
State General Funds	$526,760,400	$526,760,400	$526,760,400	$526,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$555,382,340	$555,382,340	$555,382,340	$555,382,340

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.35% for New Plan employees and 24.60% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $918.35 per member for State Fiscal Year 2024.

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,030,321	$50,030,321	$50,030,321	$50,030,321
State General Funds	$50,030,321	$50,030,321	$50,030,321	$50,030,321
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,493,857	$66,493,857	$66,493,857	$66,493,857
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,496,360	$57,756,360	$57,496,360	$57,756,360
State General Funds	$57,496,360	$57,756,360	$57,496,360	$57,756,360
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,959,896	$74,219,896	$73,959,896	$74,219,896

Commission Administration (SFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,938,968	$6,938,968	$6,938,968	$6,938,968
State General Funds	$6,938,968	$6,938,968	$6,938,968	$6,938,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,570,548	$7,570,548	$7,570,548	$7,570,548

164.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$38,754	$38,754

164.2 *Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (SFC) program to the Forest Protection program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,347,037)	($2,347,037)	($2,347,037)	($2,347,037)

164.1000 Commission Administration (SFC) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,630,685	$4,630,685	$4,630,685	$4,630,685
State General Funds	$4,630,685	$4,630,685	$4,630,685	$4,630,685
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,262,265	$5,262,265	$5,262,265	$5,262,265

Forest Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with

management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,522,487	$4,522,487	$4,522,487	$4,522,487
State General Funds	$4,522,487	$4,522,487	$4,522,487	$4,522,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,344,370	$9,344,370	$9,344,370	$9,344,370

165.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$88,273	$88,273	$88,273	$88,273

165.1000 Forest Management **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,610,760	$4,610,760	$4,610,760	$4,610,760
State General Funds	$4,610,760	$4,610,760	$4,610,760	$4,610,760
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,432,643	$9,432,643	$9,432,643	$9,432,643

Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,568,866	$38,568,866	$38,568,866	$38,568,866
State General Funds	$38,568,866	$38,568,866	$38,568,866	$38,568,866
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,371,859	$48,371,859	$48,371,859	$48,371,859

166.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$457,513	$457,513	$457,513	$457,513

166.2 *Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (SFC) program ($2,347,037) to the Forest Protection program and increase funds for equipment and installation associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability. (S:Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (SFC) program ($2,347,037) to the Forest Protection program and increase funds for equipment and installation associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability and for harrow replacement for firebreak installation services)(CC:Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (SFC) program ($2,347,037) to the Forest Protection program and increase funds for equipment and installation associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability)*

State General Funds	$8,600,000	$8,600,000	$8,600,000	$8,600,000

166.3 *Increase funds for harrow replacement for firebreak installation services. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for harrow replacement for firebreak installation services)*

State General Funds		$260,000	$0	$260,000

166.1000 Forest Protection **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,626,379	$47,886,379	$47,626,379	$47,886,379
State General Funds	$47,626,379	$47,886,379	$47,626,379	$47,886,379
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,429,372	$57,689,372	$57,429,372	$57,689,372

Tree Seedling Nursery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

167.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536

167.2 *Increase funds for the transition to containerized seedlings to enhance seedling offerings and generate additional revenue.*

State General Funds	$621,000	$621,000	$621,000	$621,000

167.1000 Tree Seedling Nursery				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$628,536	$628,536	$628,536	$628,536
State General Funds	$628,536	$628,536	$628,536	$628,536
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,835,616	$1,835,616	$1,835,616	$1,835,616

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$59,577,302	$59,577,302	$59,577,302	$59,577,302
State General Funds	$59,577,302	$59,577,302	$59,577,302	$59,577,302
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,552,612	$30,552,612	$30,552,612	$30,552,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,799,182	$29,799,182	$29,799,182	$29,799,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$90,937,770	$90,937,770	$90,937,770	$90,937,770
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$71,534,944	$71,598,944	$71,598,944	$71,598,944
State General Funds	$71,534,944	$71,598,944	$71,598,944	$71,598,944
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,552,612	$30,552,612	$30,552,612	$30,552,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,799,182	$29,799,182	$29,799,182	$29,799,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,895,412	$102,959,412	$102,959,412	$102,959,412

Governor's Emergency Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

168.1 *Increase funds for emergency response expenses associated with Hurricane Idalia and for other declared emergency expenses as necessary. (S and CC:Increase funds to provide resources for border support, for emergency response expenses associated with Hurricane Idalia, and for other declared emergency expenses as necessary)*

State General Funds	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000

168.1000 Governor's Emergency Fund **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,062,041	$22,062,041	$22,062,041	$22,062,041
State General Funds	$22,062,041	$22,062,041	$22,062,041	$22,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,062,041	$22,062,041	$22,062,041	$22,062,041

Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437
State General Funds	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437

169.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$33,372	$33,372	$33,372	$33,372

169.1000 Governor's Office **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,751,809	$6,751,809	$6,751,809	$6,751,809
State General Funds	$6,751,809	$6,751,809	$6,751,809	$6,751,809
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,751,809	$6,751,809	$6,751,809	$6,751,809

Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361
State General Funds	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361

170.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$61,361	$61,361	$61,361	$61,361

170.1000 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,800,722	$8,800,722	$8,800,722	$8,800,722
State General Funds	$8,800,722	$8,800,722	$8,800,722	$8,800,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,800,722	$8,800,722	$8,800,722	$8,800,722

Georgia Data Analytic Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072
State General Funds	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072

171.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

171.1000 Georgia Data Analytic Center **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,952,455	$1,952,455	$1,952,455	$1,952,455
State General Funds	$1,952,455	$1,952,455	$1,952,455	$1,952,455
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,952,455	$1,952,455	$1,952,455	$1,952,455

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466
State General Funds	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466

172.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

172.1000 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,979,696	$1,979,696	$1,979,696	$1,979,696
State General Funds	$1,979,696	$1,979,696	$1,979,696	$1,979,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,979,696	$1,979,696	$1,979,696	$1,979,696

Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,328,407	$1,328,407	$1,328,407	$1,328,407
State General Funds	$1,328,407	$1,328,407	$1,328,407	$1,328,407
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,359,407	$1,359,407	$1,359,407	$1,359,407

173.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148

173.1000 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,344,555	$1,344,555	$1,344,555	$1,344,555
State General Funds	$1,344,555	$1,344,555	$1,344,555	$1,344,555
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,375,555	$1,375,555	$1,375,555	$1,375,555

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating				

federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,990,956	$4,990,956	$4,990,956	$4,990,956
State General Funds	$4,990,956	$4,990,956	$4,990,956	$4,990,956
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,501,994	$35,501,994	$35,501,994	$35,501,994

174.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$149,634	$149,634	$149,634	$149,634

174.2 *Increase funds to enhance State Operation Center capabilities.*

State General Funds	$154,221	$154,221	$154,221	$154,221

174.3 *Utilize existing funds ($482,581) and increase funds to restore the payment of grants to counties (Total Funds: $835,001).*

State General Funds	$352,420	$352,420	$352,420	$352,420

174.1000 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,647,231	$5,647,231	$5,647,231	$5,647,231
State General Funds	$5,647,231	$5,647,231	$5,647,231	$5,647,231
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856

Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,158,269	$36,158,269	$36,158,269	$36,158,269

Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,407,153	$8,407,153	$8,407,153	$8,407,153
State General Funds	$8,407,153	$8,407,153	$8,407,153	$8,407,153
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$818,430	$818,430	$818,430	$818,430
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,225,583	$9,225,583	$9,225,583	$9,225,583

175.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355	$75,355

175.1000 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,482,508	$8,482,508	$8,482,508	$8,482,508
State General Funds	$8,482,508	$8,482,508	$8,482,508	$8,482,508
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$818,430	$818,430	$818,430	$818,430
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,300,938	$9,300,938	$9,300,938	$9,300,938

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603
State General Funds	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603

176.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224	$17,224

176.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

176.3 *Increase funds to upgrade GA AWARDS dashboards and improve accessibility of literacy data.*

State General Funds	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000

176.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,124,827	$6,124,827	$6,124,827	$6,124,827
State General Funds	$6,124,827	$6,124,827	$6,124,827	$6,124,827
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,124,827	$6,124,827	$6,124,827	$6,124,827

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

177.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

177.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,001,077	$1,001,077	$1,001,077	$1,001,077
State General Funds	$1,001,077	$1,001,077	$1,001,077	$1,001,077
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,001,077	$1,001,077	$1,001,077	$1,001,077

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245
State General Funds	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245

178.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

178.2 *Increase funds to upgrade technology for faculty.*

State General Funds		$49,000	$49,000	$49,000

178.3 *Increase funds to increase rural participation.*

State General Funds		$15,000	$15,000	$15,000

178.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,643,475	$1,707,475	$1,707,475	$1,707,475
State General Funds	$1,643,475	$1,707,475	$1,707,475	$1,707,475

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,643,475	$1,707,475	$1,707,475	$1,707,475

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946
State General Funds	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946

179.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

179.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,578,788	$2,578,788	$2,578,788	$2,578,788
State General Funds	$2,578,788	$2,578,788	$2,578,788	$2,578,788
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,578,788	$2,578,788	$2,578,788	$2,578,788

Child Advocate, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137
State General Funds	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137

180.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

180.2 *Increase funds to improve the legal representation of foster children. (H and S:YES; Increase funds to improve the legal representation of foster children and coordinate with existing support organizations)*

State General Funds	$99,780	$99,780	$99,780	$99,780

180.1000 Child Advocate, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,539,606	$1,539,606	$1,539,606	$1,539,606
State General Funds	$1,539,606	$1,539,606	$1,539,606	$1,539,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,539,606	$1,539,606	$1,539,606	$1,539,606

Office of the State Inspector General **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478
State General Funds	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478

181.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

181.2 *Increase funds for fees, training, and additional ongoing expenses for the implementation of SB59 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$21,487	$21,487	$21,487	$21,487

181.3 *Increase funds for one vehicle.*

State General Funds	$46,424	$46,424	$46,424	$46,424

181.1000 Office of the State Inspector General **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,626,154	$1,626,154	$1,626,154	$1,626,154

State General Funds	$1,626,154	$1,626,154	$1,626,154	$1,626,154
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,626,154	$1,626,154	$1,626,154	$1,626,154

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$985,477,516	$985,477,516	$985,477,516	$985,477,516
State General Funds	$983,991,858	$983,991,858	$983,991,858	$983,991,858
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,154,399
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$548,087,300	$548,087,300	$548,087,300	$548,087,300
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$81,159,372	$81,159,372	$81,159,372	$81,159,372
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$107,072,714	$107,072,714	$107,072,714	$107,072,714
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,173,817	$12,173,817	$12,173,817	$12,173,817
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$336,358,892	$336,358,892	$336,358,892	$336,358,892
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$335,095,844	$335,095,844	$335,095,844	$335,095,844
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,939,110	$25,939,110	$25,939,110	$25,939,110
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,313,413	$1,313,413	$1,313,413	$1,313,413
State Funds Transfers	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency to Agency Contracts	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,189,884,438	$2,189,884,438	$2,189,884,438	$2,189,884,438

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,003,941,516	$1,004,170,102	$1,003,982,044	$1,006,467,102
State General Funds	$1,002,455,858	$1,002,684,444	$1,002,496,386	$1,004,981,444
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,904,664	$1,177,154,399
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$548,087,300	$548,087,300	$548,087,300	$548,087,300
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$81,159,372	$81,159,372	$81,159,372	$81,159,372
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$107,072,714	$107,072,714	$107,072,714	$107,072,714
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$750,265	
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,173,817	$12,173,817	$12,173,817	$12,173,817
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$336,358,892	$336,358,892	$336,358,892	$336,358,892
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$335,095,844	$335,095,844	$335,095,844	$335,095,844
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,939,110	$25,939,110	$25,939,110	$25,939,110
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,313,413	$1,313,413	$1,313,413	$1,313,413
State Funds Transfers	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency to Agency Contracts	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,208,348,438	$2,208,577,024	$2,209,139,231	$2,210,874,024

Adoptions Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,569,051	$46,569,051	$46,569,051	$46,569,051

State General Funds	$46,569,051	$46,569,051	$46,569,051	$46,569,051
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,748,473	$77,748,473	$77,748,473	$77,748,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,627,072	$68,627,072	$68,627,072	$68,627,072
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,317,524	$124,317,524	$124,317,524	$124,317,524

182.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$52,749	$52,749	$52,749	$52,749

182.1000 Adoptions Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,621,800	$46,621,800	$46,621,800	$46,621,800
State General Funds	$46,621,800	$46,621,800	$46,621,800	$46,621,800
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,748,473	$77,748,473	$77,748,473	$77,748,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,627,072	$68,627,072	$68,627,072	$68,627,072
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,370,273	$124,370,273	$124,370,273	$124,370,273

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,242,661	$3,242,661	$3,242,661	$3,242,661
State General Funds	$1,957,202	$1,957,202	$1,957,202	$1,957,202
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,980,533	$10,980,533	$10,980,533	$10,980,533
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,014,443	$8,014,443	$8,014,443	$8,014,443
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,223,194	$14,223,194	$14,223,194	$14,223,194

183.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

183.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,254,503	$3,254,503	$3,254,503	$3,254,503
State General Funds	$1,969,044	$1,969,044	$1,969,044	$1,969,044
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,980,533	$10,980,533	$10,980,533	$10,980,533
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,014,443	$8,014,443	$8,014,443	$8,014,443
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,235,036	$14,235,036	$14,235,036	$14,235,036

Child Support Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,257,326	$32,257,326	$32,257,326	$32,257,326
State General Funds	$32,257,326	$32,257,326	$32,257,326	$32,257,326
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,328,371	$125,328,371	$125,328,371	$125,328,371

184.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,107,719	$1,107,719	$1,107,719	$1,107,719

184.1000 Child Support Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,365,045	$33,365,045	$33,365,045	$33,365,045
State General Funds	$33,365,045	$33,365,045	$33,365,045	$33,365,045
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,436,090	$126,436,090	$126,436,090	$126,436,090

Child Welfare Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$229,607,756	$229,607,756	$229,607,756	$229,607,756
State General Funds	$229,607,756	$229,607,756	$229,607,756	$229,607,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,481,983	$244,481,983	$244,481,983	$244,481,983
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,046,628	$34,046,628	$34,046,628	$34,046,628
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$38,889,409	$38,889,409	$38,889,409	$38,889,409
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$91,416	$91,416	$91,416	$91,416
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,908,512	$2,908,512	$2,908,512	$2,908,512
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$168,546,018	$168,546,018	$168,546,018	$168,546,018
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$167,282,970	$167,282,970	$167,282,970	$167,282,970
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
State Funds Transfers	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
Agency to Agency Contracts	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$474,252,927	$474,252,927	$474,252,927	$474,252,927

185.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,388,823	$3,388,823	$3,388,823	$3,388,823

185.2 *Increase funds for technology upgrades and improvements to the SHINES child welfare case management system.*

State General Funds	$3,167,659	$3,167,659	$3,167,659	$3,167,659

185.3 *Increase funds for the full cost of two community action team pilot programs funded by HB911 (2022 Session).*

State General Funds	$214,146	$214,146	$214,146	$214,146

185.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for start-up costs of a heavy equipment operator certification program for high-risk youth.*

State General Funds			$200,000	$200,000

185.5 *Increase funds to match federal funds for wraparound services.*

State General Funds				$1,500,000

185.1000 Child Welfare Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$236,378,384	$236,378,384	$236,578,384	$238,078,384
State General Funds	$236,378,384	$236,378,384	$236,578,384	$238,078,384
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,481,983	$244,481,983	$244,481,983	$244,481,983
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,046,628	$34,046,628	$34,046,628	$34,046,628
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$38,889,409	$38,889,409	$38,889,409	$38,889,409
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$91,416	$91,416	$91,416	$91,416
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,908,512	$2,908,512	$2,908,512	$2,908,512
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$168,546,018	$168,546,018	$168,546,018	$168,546,018
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$167,282,970	$167,282,970	$167,282,970	$167,282,970
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
State Funds Transfers	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
Agency to Agency Contracts	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$481,023,555	$481,023,555	$481,223,555	$482,723,555

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659

186.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659

Departmental Administration (DHS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,125,920	$63,125,920	$63,125,920	$63,125,920
State General Funds	$63,125,920	$63,125,920	$63,125,920	$63,125,920
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,473,179	$53,473,179	$53,473,179	$53,473,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,375,970	$35,375,970	$35,375,970	$35,375,970
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$273,396	$273,396	$273,396	$273,396
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,579,886	$6,579,886	$6,579,886	$6,579,886
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$763,398	$763,398	$763,398	$763,398
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,496,909	$6,496,909	$6,496,909	$6,496,909
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,545,587	$13,545,587	$13,545,587	$13,545,587
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
State Funds Transfers	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
Agency to Agency Contracts	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$130,179,151	$130,179,151	$130,179,151	$130,179,151

187.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$493,037	$493,037	$493,037	$493,037

187.2 *Transfer funds from the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program ($590,000) to the Departmental Administration (DHS) program and increase funds for Medicaid Redetermination notice mailings.*

State General Funds	$1,500,530	$1,500,530	$750,265	$1,500,530
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$750,265	$0
Total Public Funds:	$1,500,530	$1,500,530	$1,500,530	$1,500,530

187.3 *Increase funds to integrate Pathways and Georgia Access into the Georgia Gateway integrated eligibility system.*

State General Funds	$1,732,568	$1,732,568	$1,732,568	$1,732,568

187.4 *Reduce funds for rent to reflect savings from office space consolidation.*

State General Funds	($2,636,268)	($2,636,268)	($2,636,268)	($2,636,268)

187.1000 Departmental Administration (DHS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$64,215,787	$64,215,787	$63,465,522	$64,215,787
State General Funds	$64,215,787	$64,215,787	$63,465,522	$64,215,787
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,473,179	$53,473,179	$54,223,444	$53,473,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,375,970	$35,375,970	$35,375,970	$35,375,970

Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$273,396	$273,396	$273,396	$273,396
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,579,886	$6,579,886	$6,579,886	$6,579,886
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$763,398	$763,398	$763,398	$763,398
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,496,909	$6,496,909	$6,496,909	$6,496,909
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$750,265	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,545,587	$13,545,587	$13,545,587	$13,545,587
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
State Funds Transfers	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
Agency to Agency Contracts	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$131,269,018	$131,269,018	$131,269,018	$131,269,018

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,407,238	$28,407,238	$28,407,238	$28,407,238
State General Funds	$28,407,238	$28,407,238	$28,407,238	$28,407,238
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,911,715	$3,911,715	$3,911,715	$3,911,715
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,596,753	$1,596,753	$1,596,753	$1,596,753
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,314,962	$2,314,962	$2,314,962	$2,314,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,318,953	$32,318,953	$32,318,953	$32,318,953

188.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$331,563	$331,563	$331,563	$331,563

188.2 *Transfer funds from the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program to the Departmental Administration (DHS) program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($590,000)	($590,000)	($590,000)	($590,000)

188.3 *Increase funds for the Long-term Care Ombudsman program to reflect an increase in cost of services. (CC:NO; Consider funding in the FY2025 General Budget)*

State General Funds		$153,000	$153,000	$0

188.1000 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,148,801	$28,301,801	$28,301,801	$28,148,801
State General Funds	$28,148,801	$28,301,801	$28,301,801	$28,148,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,911,715	$3,911,715	$3,911,715	$3,911,715
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,596,753	$1,596,753	$1,596,753	$1,596,753
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,314,962	$2,314,962	$2,314,962	$2,314,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,060,516	$32,213,516	$32,213,516	$32,060,516

Elder Community Living Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,117,304	$52,117,304	$52,117,304	$52,117,304
State General Funds	$52,117,304	$52,117,304	$52,117,304	$52,117,304
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$37,318,008	$37,318,008	$37,318,008	$37,318,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,367,665	$30,367,665	$30,367,665	$30,367,665
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$6,950,343	$6,950,343	$6,950,343	$6,950,343
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,435,312	$89,435,312	$89,435,312	$89,435,312

189.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$32,297	$32,297	$32,297	$32,297

189.1000 Elder Community Living Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own

communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,149,601	$52,149,601	$52,149,601	$52,149,601
State General Funds	$52,149,601	$52,149,601	$52,149,601	$52,149,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$37,318,008	$37,318,008	$37,318,008	$37,318,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,367,665	$30,367,665	$30,367,665	$30,367,665
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$6,950,343	$6,950,343	$6,950,343	$6,950,343
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,467,609	$89,467,609	$89,467,609	$89,467,609

Energy Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157

190.1000 Energy Assistance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$148,250,993	$148,250,993	$148,250,993	$148,250,993
State General Funds	$148,250,993	$148,250,993	$148,250,993	$148,250,993
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,103,052	$244,103,052	$244,103,052	$244,103,052
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,680,335	$122,680,335	$122,680,335	$122,680,335
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$258,495	$258,495	$258,495	$258,495

Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$5,807,841	$5,807,841	$5,807,841	$5,807,841
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,235,199	$1,235,199	$1,235,199	$1,235,199
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$99,147,424	$99,147,424	$99,147,424	$99,147,424
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$392,354,045	$392,354,045	$392,354,045	$392,354,045

191.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,383,510	$4,383,510	$4,383,510	$4,383,510

191.2 *Reduce funds for a duplicative quick response (QR) codes contract.*

State General Funds	($65,524)	($65,524)	($65,524)	($65,524)

191.3 *Increase funds for labor and wage data verification services.*

State General Funds	$2,061,147	$2,061,147	$2,061,147	$2,061,147

191.1000 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$154,630,126	$154,630,126	$154,630,126	$154,630,126
State General Funds	$154,630,126	$154,630,126	$154,630,126	$154,630,126
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,103,052	$244,103,052	$244,103,052	$244,103,052
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,680,335	$122,680,335	$122,680,335	$122,680,335
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$258,495	$258,495	$258,495	$258,495
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$5,807,841	$5,807,841	$5,807,841	$5,807,841
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,235,199	$1,235,199	$1,235,199	$1,235,199
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$99,147,424	$99,147,424	$99,147,424	$99,147,424
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$398,733,178	$398,733,178	$398,733,178	$398,733,178

Out-of-Home Care **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
State General Funds	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,074,630	$100,074,630	$100,074,630	$100,074,630
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$141,072	$141,072	$141,072	$141,072
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$29,313,386	$29,313,386	$29,313,386	$29,313,386
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$434,305,766	$434,305,766	$434,305,766	$434,305,766

192.1000 Out-of-Home Care **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
State General Funds	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,074,630	$100,074,630	$100,074,630	$100,074,630
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$141,072	$141,072	$141,072	$141,072
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$29,313,386	$29,313,386	$29,313,386	$29,313,386
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$434,305,766	$434,305,766	$434,305,766	$434,305,766

Out-of-School Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$4,660,000
State General Funds	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$4,660,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,160,000	$20,160,000	$20,160,000	$20,160,000

193.1 *Increase funds for community youth tutoring and wellness. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for community youth tutoring and wellness)*

State General Funds			$400,000	$750,000

193.1000 Out-of-School Care Services			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$5,060,000	$5,410,000
State General Funds	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$5,060,000	$5,410,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,160,000	$20,160,000	$20,560,000	$20,910,000

Refugee Assistance			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754

194.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

194.1000 Refugee Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230
State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,038,984	$5,038,984	$5,038,984	$5,038,984

Residential Child Care Licensing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,341,265	$2,341,265	$2,341,265	$2,341,265
State General Funds	$2,341,265	$2,341,265	$2,341,265	$2,341,265
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,910,115	$2,910,115	$2,910,115	$2,910,115

195.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913

195.2 *Increase funds for technology upgrades and improvements to the TRAILS electronic records management system to enhance efficiency.*

State General Funds	$360,000	$360,000	$360,000	$360,000

195.3 *Increase funds to establish an application and inspection process for Qualified Residential Treatment Programs.*

State General Funds	$82,102	$82,102	$82,102	$82,102

195.1000 Residential Child Care Licensing **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,810,280	$2,810,280	$2,810,280	$2,810,280
State General Funds	$2,810,280	$2,810,280	$2,810,280	$2,810,280
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,379,130	$3,379,130	$3,379,130	$3,379,130

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

196.1000 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,497,565	$20,497,565	$20,497,565	$20,497,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,302,740	$6,302,740	$6,302,740	$6,302,740
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,597,565	$20,597,565	$20,597,565	$20,597,565

197.1000 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,497,565	$20,497,565	$20,497,565	$20,497,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,302,740	$6,302,740	$6,302,740	$6,302,740
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,597,565	$20,597,565	$20,597,565	$20,597,565

Council On Aging **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529
State General Funds	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529

198.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

198.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($10,000)	($10,000)	($10,000)	($10,000)

198.1000 Council On Aging				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,759	$359,759	$359,759	$359,759
State General Funds	$359,759	$359,759	$359,759	$359,759
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$359,759	$359,759	$359,759	$359,759

Family Connection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,763,639	$9,763,639	$9,763,639	$9,763,639
State General Funds	$9,763,639	$9,763,639	$9,763,639	$9,763,639
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,100,604	$11,100,604	$11,100,604	$11,100,604

199.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153

199.1000 Family Connection **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,765,792	$9,765,792	$9,765,792	$9,765,792
State General Funds	$9,765,792	$9,765,792	$9,765,792	$9,765,792
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,102,757	$11,102,757	$11,102,757	$11,102,757

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$326,141	$326,141	$326,141	$326,141
State General Funds	$326,141	$326,141	$326,141	$326,141
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,769,410	$2,769,410	$2,769,410	$2,769,410

200.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

200.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$336,906	$336,906	$336,906	$336,906
State General Funds	$336,906	$336,906	$336,906	$336,906
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,780,175	$2,780,175	$2,780,175	$2,780,175

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,436,787	$2,436,787	$2,436,787	$2,436,787
State General Funds	$2,436,787	$2,436,787	$2,436,787	$2,436,787
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,567,432	$10,567,432	$10,567,432	$10,567,432

201.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$67,820	$67,820	$67,820	$67,820

201.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration	**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,504,607	$2,504,607	$2,504,607	$2,504,607
State General Funds	$2,504,607	$2,504,607	$2,504,607	$2,504,607
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,635,252	$10,635,252	$10,635,252	$10,635,252

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

202.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

203.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

203.2 *Increase funds for the replacement of two forklifts. (S:Increase funds for the replacement of one forklift)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the replacement of two forklifts)*

State General Funds		$75,586	$37,793	$75,586

203.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,459	$82,045	$44,252	$82,045
State General Funds	$6,459	$82,045	$44,252	$82,045
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,372,347	$4,447,933	$4,410,140	$4,447,933

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,028,571	$24,028,571	$24,028,571	$24,028,571
State General Funds	$24,028,571	$24,028,571	$24,028,571	$24,028,571
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,517,151	$98,517,151	$98,517,151	$98,517,151

204.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$412,300	$412,300	$412,300	$412,300

204.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($403,150)	($403,150)	($403,150)	($403,150)

204.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,037,721	$24,037,721	$24,037,721	$24,037,721
State General Funds	$24,037,721	$24,037,721	$24,037,721	$24,037,721
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,526,301	$98,526,301	$98,526,301	$98,526,301

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,575,199	$3,575,199	$3,575,199	$3,575,199
State General Funds	$3,375,000	$3,375,000	$3,375,000	$3,375,000

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,575,199	$3,575,199	$3,575,199	$3,575,199

205.1 *Increase funds for the full cost of the Gwinnett Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center funded by HB19 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$2,716,380	$2,716,380	$2,716,380	$2,716,380

205.1000 Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,291,579	$6,291,579	$6,291,579	$6,291,579
State General Funds	$6,091,380	$6,091,380	$6,091,380	$6,091,380
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,291,579	$6,291,579	$6,291,579	$6,291,579

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$211,588,455	$211,588,455	$211,588,455	$211,588,455
State General Funds	$211,588,455	$211,588,455	$211,588,455	$211,588,455
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$222,184,576	$222,184,576	$222,184,576	$222,184,576
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$362,253,204	$362,253,204	$362,253,204	$362,253,204
State General Funds	$362,253,204	$362,253,204	$362,253,204	$362,253,204
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$372,849,325	$372,849,325	$372,849,325	$372,849,325

Departmental Administration (COI) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe

environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,467,503	$2,467,503	$2,467,503	$2,467,503
State General Funds	$2,467,503	$2,467,503	$2,467,503	$2,467,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,577,103	$2,577,103	$2,577,103	$2,577,103

206.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$26,912	$26,912	$26,912	$26,912

206.1000 Departmental Administration (COI) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,494,415	$2,494,415	$2,494,415	$2,494,415
State General Funds	$2,494,415	$2,494,415	$2,494,415	$2,494,415
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,604,015	$2,604,015	$2,604,015	$2,604,015

Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945
State General Funds	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945

207.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

207.1000 Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$671,328	$671,328	$671,328	$671,328
State General Funds	$671,328	$671,328	$671,328	$671,328
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$671,328	$671,328	$671,328	$671,328

Fire Safety **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,323,775	$10,323,775	$10,323,775	$10,323,775
State General Funds	$10,323,775	$10,323,775	$10,323,775	$10,323,775
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,490,994	$14,490,994	$14,490,994	$14,490,994

208.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$114,109	$114,109	$114,109	$114,109

208.2 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for nine inspectors and associated costs.*

State General Funds	$681,044	$681,044	$681,044	$681,044

208.3 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for 14 vehicles.*

State General Funds	$314,187	$314,187	$314,187	$314,187

208.1000 Fire Safety **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,433,115	$11,433,115	$11,433,115	$11,433,115
State General Funds	$11,433,115	$11,433,115	$11,433,115	$11,433,115
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,600,334	$15,600,334	$15,600,334	$15,600,334

Insurance Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,143,065	$5,143,065	$5,143,065	$5,143,065
State General Funds	$5,143,065	$5,143,065	$5,143,065	$5,143,065

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,921,073	$10,921,073	$10,921,073	$10,921,073

209.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$82,891	$82,891	$82,891	$82,891

209.2 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for positions, vehicles, and associated costs.*

State General Funds	($995,231)	($995,231)	($995,231)	($995,231)

209.1000 Insurance Regulation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,230,725	$4,230,725	$4,230,725	$4,230,725
State General Funds	$4,230,725	$4,230,725	$4,230,725	$4,230,725
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,008,733	$10,008,733	$10,008,733	$10,008,733

Reinsurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157
State General Funds	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157

210.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

210.2 *Increase funds for the state reinsurance program.*

State General Funds	$134,000,000	$134,000,000	$134,000,000	$134,000,000

210.3 *Increase funds for implementation of the State-based Exchange for healthcare insurance (Georgia Access).*

State General Funds	$16,391,317	$16,391,317	$16,391,317	$16,391,317

210.1000 Reinsurance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$336,255,857	$336,255,857	$336,255,857	$336,255,857
State General Funds	$336,255,857	$336,255,857	$336,255,857	$336,255,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$336,255,857	$336,255,857	$336,255,857	$336,255,857

Special Fraud **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,129,010	$7,129,010	$7,129,010	$7,129,010
State General Funds	$7,129,010	$7,129,010	$7,129,010	$7,129,010
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,670,304	$7,670,304	$7,670,304	$7,670,304

211.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$38,754	$38,754

211.1000 Special Fraud **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,167,764	$7,167,764	$7,167,764	$7,167,764

State General Funds	$7,167,764	$7,167,764	$7,167,764	$7,167,764
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,709,058	$7,709,058	$7,709,058	$7,709,058

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$214,684,733	$214,684,733	$214,684,733	$214,684,733
State General Funds	$214,684,733	$214,684,733	$214,684,733	$214,684,733
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,400,504	$44,400,504	$44,400,504	$44,400,504
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$43,680,690	$43,680,690	$43,680,690	$43,680,690
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,060,456	$34,060,456	$34,060,456	$34,060,456
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Sales and Services	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$293,408,996	$293,408,996	$293,408,996	$293,408,996

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$209,255,465	$208,862,950	$208,756,870	$208,862,950
State General Funds	$209,255,465	$208,862,950	$208,756,870	$208,862,950
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,400,504	$44,400,504	$44,400,504	$44,400,504
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$43,680,690	$43,680,690	$43,680,690	$43,680,690
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,060,456	$34,060,456	$34,060,456	$34,060,456
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Sales and Services	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$287,979,728	$287,587,213	$287,481,133	$287,587,213

Bureau Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,271,861	$10,271,861	$10,271,861	$10,271,861
State General Funds	$10,271,861	$10,271,861	$10,271,861	$10,271,861
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,637,764	$10,637,764	$10,637,764	$10,637,764

212.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$47,366	$47,366	$47,366	$47,366

212.1000 Bureau Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,319,227	$10,319,227	$10,319,227	$10,319,227
State General Funds	$10,319,227	$10,319,227	$10,319,227	$10,319,227

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,685,130	$10,685,130	$10,685,130	$10,685,130

Criminal Justice Information Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,350,878	$7,350,878	$7,350,878	$7,350,878
State General Funds	$7,350,878	$7,350,878	$7,350,878	$7,350,878
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,850,878	$18,850,878	$18,850,878	$18,850,878

213.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$101,191	$101,191	$101,191	$101,191

213.1000 Criminal Justice Information Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,452,069	$7,452,069	$7,452,069	$7,452,069
State General Funds	$7,452,069	$7,452,069	$7,452,069	$7,452,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000

Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,952,069	$18,952,069	$18,952,069	$18,952,069

Forensic Scientific Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,173,683	$57,173,683	$57,173,683	$57,173,683
State General Funds	$57,173,683	$57,173,683	$57,173,683	$57,173,683
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,481,719	$59,481,719	$59,481,719	$59,481,719

214.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$364,938	$364,938	$364,938	$364,938

214.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds		($475,117)	($475,117)	($475,117)

214.1000 Forensic Scientific Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,538,621	$57,063,504	$57,063,504	$57,063,504
State General Funds	$57,538,621	$57,063,504	$57,063,504	$57,063,504

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,846,657	$59,371,540	$59,371,540	$59,371,540

Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund a Medical Examiner office in Macon and increase funds for three medical examiners, one administrative assistant, 11 death investigator specialists (DIS), and one DIS supervisor in the Macon Medical Examiner's Office to address increased workload.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194
State General Funds	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194

215.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

215.1000 Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund a Medical Examiner office in Macon and increase funds for three medical examiners, one administrative assistant, 11 death investigator specialists (DIS), and one DIS supervisor in the Macon Medical Examiner's Office to address increased workload.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$964,500	$964,500	$964,500	$964,500
State General Funds	$964,500	$964,500	$964,500	$964,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$964,500	$964,500	$964,500	$964,500

Regional Investigative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,527,461	$69,527,461	$69,527,461	$69,527,461
State General Funds	$69,527,461	$69,527,461	$69,527,461	$69,527,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,724,650	$1,724,650	$1,724,650	$1,724,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,064,264	$73,064,264	$73,064,264	$73,064,264

216.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$449,979	$449,979	$449,979	$449,979

216.2 *Increase funds for the start-up cost for two criminal intelligence analyst positions to support the Criminal Street Gang Database.*

State General Funds	$174,178	$174,178	$174,178	$174,178

216.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds		($339,203)	($339,203)	($339,203)

216.1000 Regional Investigative Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,151,618	$69,812,415	$69,812,415	$69,812,415
State General Funds	$70,151,618	$69,812,415	$69,812,415	$69,812,415
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,724,650	$1,724,650	$1,724,650	$1,724,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451

Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,688,421	$73,349,218	$73,349,218	$73,349,218

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,572,734	$17,572,734	$17,572,734	$17,572,734
State General Funds	$17,572,734	$17,572,734	$17,572,734	$17,572,734
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,273,571	$40,273,571	$40,273,571	$40,273,571
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$39,553,757	$39,553,757	$39,553,757	$39,553,757
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$78,586,255	$78,586,255	$78,586,255	$78,586,255

217.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$131,714	$131,714	$131,714	$131,714

217.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($4,820,391)	($4,820,391)	($4,820,391)	($4,820,391)

217.3 *Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for School Resource Officer and De-escalation training.*

State General Funds	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)

217.4 *Utilize existing funds ($993,046) to maintain current grant operations. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

217.5 *Increase funds to restore five grant specialist positions. (S:NO; Consider additional grant specialist positions in FY2025 General Budget)(CC:Increase funds to restore five grant specialist positions)*

State General Funds		$106,080	$0	$106,080

217.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,634,057	$11,740,137	$11,634,057	$11,740,137
State General Funds	$11,634,057	$11,740,137	$11,634,057	$11,740,137
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,273,571	$40,273,571	$40,273,571	$40,273,571
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$39,553,757	$39,553,757	$39,553,757	$39,553,757
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,647,578	$72,753,658	$72,647,578	$72,753,658

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076
State General Funds	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076

218.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

218.2 *Increase funds for Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) training and MRT trauma training.*

State General Funds	$613,124	$613,124	$613,124	$613,124

218.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,528,042	$36,528,042	$36,528,042	$36,528,042
State General Funds	$36,528,042	$36,528,042	$36,528,042	$36,528,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,528,042	$36,528,042	$36,528,042	$36,528,042

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846
State General Funds	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846

219.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*				
State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383
219.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*				
State General Funds	($1,262,898)	($1,262,898)	($1,262,898)	($1,262,898)
219.3 *Increase funds for one sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinator for every sexual assault center starting April 1, 2024.*				
State General Funds		$315,725	$315,725	$315,725

219.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,667,331	$14,983,056	$14,983,056	$14,983,056
State General Funds	$14,667,331	$14,983,056	$14,983,056	$14,983,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,667,331	$14,983,056	$14,983,056	$14,983,056

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$360,723,576	$360,723,576	$360,723,576	$360,723,576
State General Funds	$360,723,576	$360,723,576	$360,723,576	$360,723,576
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,586,702	$6,586,702	$6,586,702	$6,586,702
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,986,702	$5,986,702	$5,986,702	$5,986,702
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$367,565,278	$367,565,278	$367,565,278	$367,565,278
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$366,479,822	$366,329,822	$366,225,822	$366,225,822
State General Funds	$366,479,822	$366,329,822	$366,225,822	$366,225,822
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,586,702	$6,586,702	$6,586,702	$6,586,702
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,986,702	$5,986,702	$5,986,702	$5,986,702
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$373,321,524	$373,171,524	$373,067,524	$373,067,524

Community Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound

services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,323,507	$103,323,507	$103,323,507	$103,323,507
State General Funds	$103,323,507	$103,323,507	$103,323,507	$103,323,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,178,507	$104,178,507	$104,178,507	$104,178,507

220.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$709,415	$709,415	$709,415	$709,415

220.2 *Increase funds for replacement ballistic vests.*

State General Funds	$124,000	$124,000	$124,000	$124,000

220.3 *Increase funds for laptop swivel stations in vehicles. (S and CC:Increase funds for laptops and laptop swivel stations in vehicles)*

State General Funds	$146,127	$146,127	$146,127	$146,127

220.1000 Community Service **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or

by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,303,049	$104,303,049	$104,303,049	$104,303,049
State General Funds	$104,303,049	$104,303,049	$104,303,049	$104,303,049
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,158,049	$105,158,049	$105,158,049	$105,158,049

Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062
State General Funds	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062

221.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$187,312	$187,312	$187,312	$187,312

221.2 *Increase funds for a new electronic audit tool.*

State General Funds	$364,364	$364,364	$364,364	$364,364

221.1000 Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,976,738	$27,976,738	$27,976,738	$27,976,738

State General Funds	$27,976,738	$27,976,738	$27,976,738	$27,976,738
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,976,738	$27,976,738	$27,976,738	$27,976,738

Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$89,652,127	$89,652,127	$89,652,127	$89,652,127
State General Funds	$89,652,127	$89,652,127	$89,652,127	$89,652,127
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,500,472	$92,500,472	$92,500,472	$92,500,472

222.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$653,437	$653,437	$653,437	$653,437

222.2 *Increase funds to implement music studios at the Eastman, Macon, Augusta, and Muscogee Secure Commitment (YDCs). (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$104,000	$104,000	$0	$0

222.3 *Increase funds for the integration of an electronic medical record system within the current juvenile tracking system.*

State General Funds	$266,257	$266,257	$266,257	$266,257

222.4 *Increase funds for mobile tablets for a new pilot electronic grievance system in one Department of Juvenile Justice Secure Commitment (YDC) and one Secure Detention (RYDC) facility.*

State General Funds	$75,000	$0	$0	$0

222.5 *Increase funds for body cameras.*

State General Funds	$395,384	$395,384	$395,384	$395,384

222.1000 Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and

supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,146,205	$91,071,205	$90,967,205	$90,967,205
State General Funds	$91,146,205	$91,071,205	$90,967,205	$90,967,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,994,550	$93,919,550	$93,815,550	$93,815,550

Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$140,322,880	$140,322,880	$140,322,880	$140,322,880
State General Funds	$140,322,880	$140,322,880	$140,322,880	$140,322,880
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$143,461,237	$143,461,237	$143,461,237	$143,461,237

223.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,107,715	$1,107,715	$1,107,715	$1,107,715

223.2 *Increase funds for the integration of an electronic medical record system within the current juvenile tracking system.*

State General Funds	$408,743	$408,743	$408,743	$408,743

223.3 *Increase funds for mobile tablets for a new pilot electronic grievance system in one Department of Juvenile Justice Secure Commitment (YDC) and one Secure Detention (RYDC) facility.*

State General Funds	$75,000	$0	$0	$0

223.4 *Increase funds for new body cameras.*

State General Funds	$1,139,492	$1,139,492	$1,139,492	$1,139,492

223.1000 Secure Detention (RYDCs)				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$143,053,830	$142,978,830	$142,978,830	$142,978,830
State General Funds	$143,053,830	$142,978,830	$142,978,830	$142,978,830
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$146,192,187	$146,117,187	$146,117,187	$146,117,187

Section 32: Labor, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,135,054	$8,135,054	$8,135,054	$8,135,054
State General Funds	$8,135,054	$8,135,054	$8,135,054	$8,135,054
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,617,106	$53,617,106	$53,617,106	$53,617,106
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,979,031	$8,979,031	$11,479,031	$11,479,031
State General Funds	$8,979,031	$8,979,031	$11,479,031	$11,479,031
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,461,083	$54,461,083	$56,961,083	$56,961,083

Departmental Administration (DOL) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,787,850	$1,787,850	$1,787,850	$1,787,850
State General Funds	$1,787,850	$1,787,850	$1,787,850	$1,787,850
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,059,688	$20,059,688	$20,059,688	$20,059,688

224.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$447,824	$447,824	$447,824	$447,824

224.2 *Utilize existing funds ($50,000) and transfer funds from the Unemployment Insurance program to the Departmental Administration (DOL) program to migrate applications to a cloud environment (Total Funds: $2,000,000).*

State General Funds	$1,950,000	$1,950,000	$1,950,000	$1,950,000

224.1000 Departmental Administration (DOL) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,185,674	$4,185,674	$4,185,674	$4,185,674
State General Funds	$4,185,674	$4,185,674	$4,185,674	$4,185,674
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,457,512	$22,457,512	$22,457,512	$22,457,512

Labor Market Information **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

225.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066

225.1000 Labor Market Information				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066
State General Funds	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066	$29,066
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,412,514	$1,412,514	$1,412,514	$1,412,514

Unemployment Insurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,347,204	$6,347,204	$6,347,204	$6,347,204
State General Funds	$6,347,204	$6,347,204	$6,347,204	$6,347,204
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,173,970	$32,173,970	$32,173,970	$32,173,970

226.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$367,087	$367,087	$367,087	$367,087

226.2 *Transfer funds from the Unemployment Insurance program to the Departmental Administration (DOL) program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,950,000)	($1,950,000)	($1,950,000)	($1,950,000)

226.3 *Increase funds for personnel and operations.*

State General Funds			$2,500,000	$2,500,000

226.1000 Unemployment Insurance				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,764,291	$4,764,291	$7,264,291	$7,264,291
State General Funds	$4,764,291	$4,764,291	$7,264,291	$7,264,291
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,591,057	$30,591,057	$33,091,057	$33,091,057

Section 33: Law, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,478,274	$40,478,274	$40,478,274	$40,478,274
State General Funds	$40,478,274	$40,478,274	$40,478,274	$40,478,274
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,159,646	$124,159,646	$124,159,646	$124,159,646

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,082,428	$42,082,428	$42,082,428	$42,082,428
State General Funds	$42,082,428	$42,082,428	$42,082,428	$42,082,428
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,763,800	$125,763,800	$125,763,800	$125,763,800

Law, Department of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,870,673	$38,870,673	$38,870,673	$38,870,673
State General Funds	$38,870,673	$38,870,673	$38,870,673	$38,870,673
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,918,713	$118,918,713	$118,918,713	$118,918,713

227.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$292,808	$292,808	$292,808	$292,808

227.2 *Increase funds to strengthen cyber security through contracted staff and replace equipment.*

State General Funds	$1,179,500	$1,179,500	$1,179,500	$1,179,500

227.3 *Transfer funds from the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit program ($16,687) to the Department of Law program and increase funds to purchase equipment for the Organized Retail Crime and Cyber Crime Prosecution Unit.*

State General Funds	$103,500	$103,500	$103,500	$103,500

227.1000 Law, Department of				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,446,481	$40,446,481	$40,446,481	$40,446,481
State General Funds	$40,446,481	$40,446,481	$40,446,481	$40,446,481
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,494,521	$120,494,521	$120,494,521	$120,494,521

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,607,601	$1,607,601	$1,607,601	$1,607,601
State General Funds	$1,607,601	$1,607,601	$1,607,601	$1,607,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,240,933	$5,240,933	$5,240,933	$5,240,933

228.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*				
State General Funds	$45,213	$45,213	$45,213	$45,213
228.2 *Transfer funds from the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit program to the Department of Law program to align budget with expenditures.*				
State General Funds	($16,867)	($16,867)	($16,867)	($16,867)

228.1000 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,635,947	$1,635,947	$1,635,947	$1,635,947
State General Funds	$1,635,947	$1,635,947	$1,635,947	$1,635,947
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,269,279	$5,269,279	$5,269,279	$5,269,279

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,520,726	$176,520,726	$176,520,726	$176,520,726
State General Funds	$149,657,117	$149,657,117	$149,657,117	$149,657,117
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$96,385,632	$96,385,632	$96,385,632	$96,385,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$343,763,021	$343,763,021	$343,763,021	$343,763,021

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$180,067,232	$180,181,732	$194,931,732	$200,200,732
State General Funds	$153,203,623	$153,318,123	$168,068,123	$173,337,123
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$96,385,632	$96,385,632	$96,385,632	$96,385,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$347,309,527	$347,424,027	$362,174,027	$367,443,027

Coastal Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal

wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,244,471	$3,244,471	$3,244,471	$3,244,471
State General Funds	$3,244,471	$3,244,471	$3,244,471	$3,244,471
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,448,540	$8,448,540	$8,448,540	$8,448,540

229.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$67,820	$67,820	$67,820	$67,820

229.1000 Coastal Resources **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,312,291	$3,312,291	$3,312,291	$3,312,291
State General Funds	$3,312,291	$3,312,291	$3,312,291	$3,312,291
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,516,360	$8,516,360	$8,516,360	$8,516,360

Departmental Administration (DNR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136
State General Funds	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136

230.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$76,432	$76,432	$76,432	$76,432

230.1000 Departmental Administration (DNR) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,357,568	$13,357,568	$13,357,568	$13,357,568
State General Funds	$13,357,568	$13,357,568	$13,357,568	$13,357,568
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,357,568	$13,357,568	$13,357,568	$13,357,568

Environmental Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,958,338	$33,958,338	$33,958,338	$33,958,338
State General Funds	$33,958,338	$33,958,338	$33,958,338	$33,958,338

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,393,856	$55,393,856	$55,393,856	$55,393,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Sales and Services	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$119,177,105	$119,177,105	$119,177,105	$119,177,105

231.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$748,169	$748,169	$748,169	$748,169

231.1000 Environmental Protection **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,706,507	$34,706,507	$34,706,507	$34,706,507
State General Funds	$34,706,507	$34,706,507	$34,706,507	$34,706,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,393,856	$55,393,856	$55,393,856	$55,393,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Sales and Services	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$119,925,274	$119,925,274	$119,925,274	$119,925,274

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
State General Funds	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259

232.1000 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
State General Funds	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568

233.1000 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568

Law Enforcement				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,524,784	$31,524,784	$31,524,784	$31,524,784
State General Funds	$31,524,784	$31,524,784	$31,524,784	$31,524,784
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,279,734	$34,279,734	$34,279,734	$34,279,734

234.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$256,207	$256,207	$256,207	$256,207

234.2 *Increase funds for equipment and vehicle costs for six additional game warden positions.*

State General Funds	$517,386	$517,386	$517,386	$517,386

234.1000 Law Enforcement				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and				

boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,298,377	$32,298,377	$32,298,377	$32,298,377
State General Funds	$32,298,377	$32,298,377	$32,298,377	$32,298,377
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,053,327	$35,053,327	$35,053,327	$35,053,327

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,305,955	$15,305,955	$15,305,955	$15,305,955
State General Funds	$15,305,955	$15,305,955	$15,305,955	$15,305,955
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,901,775	$50,901,775	$50,901,775	$50,901,775

235.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$338,021	$338,021	$338,021	$338,021

235.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($55,000)	($55,000)	($55,000)	($55,000)

235.3 *Increase funds for part-time staff pay adjustments to address recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$114,500	$114,500	$114,500

235.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for outdoor recreation, and state parks and historic sites.*

State General Funds	$14,100,000	$19,119,000

235.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for historic preservation.*

State General Funds	$250,000

235.1000 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,588,976	$15,703,476	$29,803,476	$35,072,476
State General Funds	$15,588,976	$15,703,476	$29,803,476	$35,072,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,184,796	$51,299,296	$65,399,296	$70,668,296

Solid Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636

236.1000 Solid Waste Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636

Wildlife Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,691,579	$23,691,579	$23,691,579	$23,691,579
State General Funds	$21,988,174	$21,988,174	$21,988,174	$21,988,174
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,160,268	$62,160,268	$62,160,268	$62,160,268

237.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$432,754	$432,754	$432,754	$432,754

237.2 *Increase funds for equipment and vehicle costs for a training coordinator position in the Wildlife Resources Division to standardize division training.*

State General Funds	$46,717	$46,717	$46,717	$46,717

237.3 *Increase funds for flood and fire hazard mitigation on Sapelo Island.*

State General Funds	$528,000	$528,000	$528,000	$528,000

237.4 *Increase funds for environmental hazard mitigation on Ossabaw Island.*

State General Funds	$590,000	$590,000	$590,000	$590,000

237.5 *Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($350,000) for fish hatchery renovations for the conservation and management of fisheries resources. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

237.6 *Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($207,707) to expand access to the Deer Management Assistance Program for the conservation and management of wildlife resources. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

237.7 *Increase funds for the eradication of invasive species.*

State General Funds			$650,000	$650,000

237.1000 Wildlife Resources **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,289,050	$25,289,050	$25,939,050	$25,939,050
State General Funds	$23,585,645	$23,585,645	$24,235,645	$24,235,645
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,757,739	$63,757,739	$64,407,739	$64,407,739

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds

contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168
State General Funds	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,275,460	$20,251,092	$20,251,092	$20,251,092
State General Funds	$20,275,460	$20,251,092	$20,251,092	$20,251,092
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,275,460	$20,251,092	$20,251,092	$20,251,092

Board Administration (SBPP) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443
State General Funds	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443

238.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

238.2 *Increase funds for training software.*

State General Funds	$3,900	$3,900	$3,900	$3,900

238.1000 Board Administration (SBPP) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,368,185	$2,368,185	$2,368,185	$2,368,185

State General Funds	$2,368,185	$2,368,185	$2,368,185	$2,368,185
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,368,185	$2,368,185	$2,368,185	$2,368,185

Clemency Decisions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391
State General Funds	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391

239.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$169,010	$169,010	$169,010	$169,010

239.2 *Increase funds for personnel for overtime to address Georgia Crime Information Center disposition backlog.*

State General Funds	$212,758	$188,390	$188,390	$188,390

239.3 *Increase funds for equipment for three criminal investigators and one hearing examiner.*

State General Funds	$109,363	$109,363	$109,363	$109,363

239.1000 Clemency Decisions **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,284,522	$17,260,154	$17,260,154	$17,260,154
State General Funds	$17,284,522	$17,260,154	$17,260,154	$17,260,154
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,284,522	$17,260,154	$17,260,154	$17,260,154

Victim Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334
State General Funds	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334

240.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612	$8,612

240.2 *Increase funds to offset the loss of federal funds supporting two positions.*

State General Funds	$31,807	$31,807	$31,807	$31,807

240.1000 Victim Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$622,753	$622,753	$622,753	$622,753
State General Funds	$622,753	$622,753	$622,753	$622,753
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$622,753	$622,753	$622,753	$622,753

Section 36: Properties Commission, State

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Section Total - Final

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Properties Commission, State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

241.1000 Properties Commission, State **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$79,065,339	$79,065,339	$79,065,339	$79,065,339
State General Funds	$79,065,339	$79,065,339	$79,065,339	$79,065,339

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,576,101	$112,576,101	$112,576,101	$112,576,101

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$79,958,834	$80,055,943	$80,055,943	$80,055,943
State General Funds	$79,958,834	$80,055,943	$80,055,943	$80,055,943
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,469,596	$113,566,705	$113,566,705	$113,566,705

Public Defender Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,151,686	$9,151,686	$9,151,686	$9,151,686
State General Funds	$9,151,686	$9,151,686	$9,151,686	$9,151,686
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,996,686	$10,996,686	$10,996,686	$10,996,686

242.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$64,592	$64,592	$64,592	$64,592

242.1000 Public Defender Council **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,216,278	$9,216,278	$9,216,278	$9,216,278
State General Funds	$9,216,278	$9,216,278	$9,216,278	$9,216,278
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,061,278	$11,061,278	$11,061,278	$11,061,278

Public Defenders **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,913,653	$69,913,653	$69,913,653	$69,913,653
State General Funds	$69,913,653	$69,913,653	$69,913,653	$69,913,653

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,579,415	$101,579,415	$101,579,415	$101,579,415

243.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$828,903	$828,903	$828,903	$828,903

243.2 *Increase funds for the Juvenile Conflict Defender Division.*

State General Funds		$228,954	$228,954	$228,954

243.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds		($131,845)	($131,845)	($131,845)

243.1000 Public Defenders **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,742,556	$70,839,665	$70,839,665	$70,839,665
State General Funds	$70,742,556	$70,839,665	$70,839,665	$70,839,665
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,408,318	$102,505,427	$102,505,427	$102,505,427

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$400,005,720	$400,005,720	$400,005,720	$400,005,720
State General Funds	$369,189,762	$369,189,762	$369,189,762	$369,189,762
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,813,679	$13,813,679	$13,813,679	$13,813,679
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$392,631,491	$392,631,491	$392,631,491	$392,631,491
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$348,355,780	$348,355,780	$348,355,780	$348,355,780
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$16,862,765	$16,862,765	$16,862,765	$16,862,765
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,280,836	$8,280,836	$8,280,836	$8,280,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Sales and Services	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
State Funds Transfers	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$803,414,030	$803,414,030	$803,414,030	$803,414,030
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$406,187,853	$406,187,853	$406,284,853	$406,284,853
State General Funds	$375,364,359	$375,364,359	$375,461,359	$375,461,359
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,821,215	$13,821,215	$13,821,215	$13,821,215
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$392,631,491	$392,631,491	$392,631,491	$392,631,491

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$348,355,780	$348,355,780	$348,355,780	$348,355,780
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$16,862,765	$16,862,765	$16,862,765	$16,862,765
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,280,836	$8,280,836	$8,280,836	$8,280,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Sales and Services	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
State Funds Transfers	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$809,596,163	$809,596,163	$809,693,163	$809,693,163

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,945,574	$22,945,574	$22,945,574	$22,945,574
State General Funds	$16,071,276	$16,071,276	$16,071,276	$16,071,276
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,874,298	$6,874,298	$6,874,298	$6,874,298
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,798,036	$31,798,036	$31,798,036	$31,798,036
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,224,903	$11,224,903	$11,224,903	$11,224,903
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,438,610	$55,438,610	$55,438,610	$55,438,610

244.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$74,280	$74,280	$74,280	$74,280

244.1000 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,019,854	$23,019,854	$23,019,854	$23,019,854
State General Funds	$16,145,556	$16,145,556	$16,145,556	$16,145,556
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,874,298	$6,874,298	$6,874,298	$6,874,298
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,798,036	$31,798,036	$31,798,036	$31,798,036
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,224,903	$11,224,903	$11,224,903	$11,224,903
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,512,890	$55,512,890	$55,512,890	$55,512,890

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,689,810	$6,689,810	$6,689,810	$6,689,810

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,689,810	$6,689,810	$6,689,810	$6,689,810
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,635,152	$7,635,152	$7,635,152	$7,635,152

245.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536	$7,536

245.1000 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,697,346	$6,697,346	$6,697,346	$6,697,346
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,697,346	$6,697,346	$6,697,346	$6,697,346
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,642,688	$7,642,688	$7,642,688	$7,642,688

Departmental Administration (DPH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,263,628	$29,263,628	$29,263,628	$29,263,628
State General Funds	$29,131,833	$29,131,833	$29,131,833	$29,131,833
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$73,625	$73,625	$73,625	$73,625
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000

State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,678,378	$35,678,378	$35,678,378	$35,678,378

246.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$209,918	$209,918	$209,918	$209,918

246.2 *Increase funds to restore funding for the Clayton County district health director position.*

State General Funds	$323,768	$323,768	$323,768	$323,768

246.1000 Departmental Administration (DPH) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,797,314	$29,797,314	$29,797,314	$29,797,314
State General Funds	$29,665,519	$29,665,519	$29,665,519	$29,665,519
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$73,625	$73,625	$73,625	$73,625
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,212,064	$36,212,064	$36,212,064	$36,212,064

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,459,048	$7,459,048	$7,459,048	$7,459,048

State General Funds	$7,459,048	$7,459,048	$7,459,048	$7,459,048
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$32,213,086	$32,213,086	$32,213,086	$32,213,086
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,589,137	$31,589,137	$31,589,137	$31,589,137
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
State Funds Transfers	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,108,117	$40,108,117	$40,108,117	$40,108,117

247.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$148,558	$148,558	$148,558	$148,558

247.1000 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,607,606	$7,607,606	$7,607,606	$7,607,606
State General Funds	$7,607,606	$7,607,606	$7,607,606	$7,607,606
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$32,213,086	$32,213,086	$32,213,086	$32,213,086
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,589,137	$31,589,137	$31,589,137	$31,589,137
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
State Funds Transfers	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,256,675	$40,256,675	$40,256,675	$40,256,675

Epidemiology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,326,337	$7,326,337	$7,326,337	$7,326,337
State General Funds	$7,208,561	$7,208,561	$7,208,561	$7,208,561
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,776	$117,776	$117,776	$117,776
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,585,675	$16,585,675	$16,585,675	$16,585,675

248.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$145,328	$145,328	$145,328	$145,328

248.2 *Transfer funds from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Epidemiology program ($560,389) and increase funds ($77,551) for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances.*

State General Funds	$637,940	$637,940	$637,940	$637,940

248.1000 Epidemiology **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,109,605	$8,109,605	$8,109,605	$8,109,605
State General Funds	$7,991,829	$7,991,829	$7,991,829	$7,991,829
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,776	$117,776	$117,776	$117,776
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,368,943	$17,368,943	$17,368,943	$17,368,943

Immunization **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,459,847	$2,459,847	$2,459,847	$2,459,847
State General Funds	$2,459,847	$2,459,847	$2,459,847	$2,459,847
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,084,940	$18,084,940	$18,084,940	$18,084,940

249.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$57,055	$57,055	$57,055	$57,055

249.1000 Immunization			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,516,902	$2,516,902	$2,516,902	$2,516,902
State General Funds	$2,516,902	$2,516,902	$2,516,902	$2,516,902
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,141,995	$18,141,995	$18,141,995	$18,141,995

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,465,227	$27,465,227	$27,465,227	$27,465,227
State General Funds	$27,465,227	$27,465,227	$27,465,227	$27,465,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,967,419	$30,967,419	$30,967,419	$30,967,419
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$21,843,843	$21,843,843	$21,843,843	$21,843,843
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$8,614,470	$8,614,470	$8,614,470	$8,614,470
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$509,106	$509,106	$509,106	$509,106
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,517,646	$58,517,646	$58,517,646	$58,517,646

250.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$29,067	$29,067	$29,067	$29,067

250.2 *Transfer funds from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Epidemiology and Vital Records programs to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($776,281)	($776,281)	($776,281)	($776,281)

250.3 *Utilize existing funds ($28,561) for one epidemiologist position for surveillance and data analysis for the Low THC Oil Registry program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

250.1000 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,718,013	$26,718,013	$26,718,013	$26,718,013
State General Funds	$26,718,013	$26,718,013	$26,718,013	$26,718,013
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,967,419	$30,967,419	$30,967,419	$30,967,419
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$21,843,843	$21,843,843	$21,843,843	$21,843,843
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$8,614,470	$8,614,470	$8,614,470	$8,614,470
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$509,106	$509,106	$509,106	$509,106
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,770,432	$57,770,432	$57,770,432	$57,770,432

Infant and Child Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,496,541	$15,496,541	$15,496,541	$15,496,541
State General Funds	$15,496,541	$15,496,541	$15,496,541	$15,496,541
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$216,117,023	$216,117,023	$216,117,023	$216,117,023
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,098,971	$208,098,971	$208,098,971	$208,098,971
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$7,392,607	$7,392,607	$7,392,607	$7,392,607
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$625,445	$625,445	$625,445	$625,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,613,564	$231,613,564	$231,613,564	$231,613,564

251.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798	$123,798

251.2 *Increase funds to support development of donor breast milk bank. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to support development of a donor breast milk bank)*

State General Funds			$97,000	$97,000

251.1000 Infant and Child Health Promotion			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,620,339	$15,620,339	$15,717,339	$15,717,339
State General Funds	$15,620,339	$15,620,339	$15,717,339	$15,717,339
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$216,117,023	$216,117,023	$216,117,023	$216,117,023
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,098,971	$208,098,971	$208,098,971	$208,098,971
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$7,392,607	$7,392,607	$7,392,607	$7,392,607
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$625,445	$625,445	$625,445	$625,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,737,362	$231,737,362	$231,834,362	$231,834,362

Infectious Disease Control			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,305,157	$45,305,157	$45,305,157	$45,305,157
State General Funds	$45,305,157	$45,305,157	$45,305,157	$45,305,157
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,927,839	$99,927,839	$99,927,839	$99,927,839

252.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$231,449	$231,449	$231,449	$231,449

252.1000 Infectious Disease Control				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,536,606	$45,536,606	$45,536,606	$45,536,606
State General Funds	$45,536,606	$45,536,606	$45,536,606	$45,536,606
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,159,288	$100,159,288	$100,159,288	$100,159,288

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,138,976	$9,138,976	$9,138,976	$9,138,976
State General Funds	$9,138,976	$9,138,976	$9,138,976	$9,138,976
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,068,424	$1,068,424	$1,068,424	$1,068,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$667,890	$667,890	$667,890	$667,890
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$400,534	$400,534	$400,534	$400,534
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,768,534	$10,768,534	$10,768,534	$10,768,534

253.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$57,055	$57,055	$57,055	$57,055

253.1000 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,196,031	$9,196,031	$9,196,031	$9,196,031
State General Funds	$9,196,031	$9,196,031	$9,196,031	$9,196,031
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,068,424	$1,068,424	$1,068,424	$1,068,424

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$667,890	$667,890	$667,890	$667,890
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$400,534	$400,534	$400,534	$400,534
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,825,589	$10,825,589	$10,825,589	$10,825,589

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$197,519,328	$197,519,328	$197,519,328	$197,519,328
State General Funds	$197,519,328	$197,519,328	$197,519,328	$197,519,328
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$199,319,328	$199,319,328	$199,319,328	$199,319,328

254.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,638,639	$4,638,639	$4,638,639	$4,638,639

254.1000 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$202,157,967	$202,157,967	$202,157,967	$202,157,967
State General Funds	$202,157,967	$202,157,967	$202,157,967	$202,157,967
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$203,957,967	$203,957,967	$203,957,967	$203,957,967

Vital Records **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,877,699	$4,877,699	$4,877,699	$4,877,699
State General Funds	$4,877,699	$4,877,699	$4,877,699	$4,877,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,677,699	$5,677,699	$5,677,699	$5,677,699

255.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$53,825	$53,825	$53,825	$53,825

255.2 *Transfer funds from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Vital Records program for enhancements to death certificate processing for the Georgia Vital Events Registration System.*

State General Funds	$215,892	$215,892	$215,892	$215,892

255.1000 Vital Records **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,147,416	$5,147,416	$5,147,416	$5,147,416
State General Funds	$5,147,416	$5,147,416	$5,147,416	$5,147,416
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,947,416	$5,947,416	$5,947,416	$5,947,416

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773

256.1000 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,144,775	$22,144,775	$22,144,775	$22,144,775
State General Funds	$7,056,269	$7,056,269	$7,056,269	$7,056,269
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,144,775	$22,144,775	$22,144,775	$22,144,775

257.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

257.1000 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,149,081	$22,149,081	$22,149,081	$22,149,081
State General Funds	$7,060,575	$7,060,575	$7,060,575	$7,060,575
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,149,081	$22,149,081	$22,149,081	$22,149,081

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$227,396,499	$227,396,499	$227,396,499	$227,396,499

State General Funds	$227,396,499	$227,396,499	$227,396,499	$227,396,499
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
State Funds Transfers	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$286,756,730	$286,756,730	$286,756,730	$286,756,730
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$236,023,207	$237,440,209	$240,491,351	$241,010,675
State General Funds	$236,023,207	$237,440,209	$240,491,351	$241,010,675
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
State Funds Transfers	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$295,383,438	$296,800,440	$299,851,582	$300,370,906

Aviation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331
State General Funds	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331

258.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$24,760	$24,760	$24,760	$24,760

258.1000 Aviation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,768,091	$4,768,091	$4,768,091	$4,768,091
State General Funds	$4,768,091	$4,768,091	$4,768,091	$4,768,091
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,768,091	$4,768,091	$4,768,091	$4,768,091

Capitol Police Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State General Funds	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

259.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$67,820	$67,820	$67,820	$67,820

259.1000 Capitol Police Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,275,403	$1,275,403	$1,275,403	$1,275,403
State General Funds	$1,275,403	$1,275,403	$1,275,403	$1,275,403
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,680,480	$9,680,480	$9,680,480	$9,680,480

Departmental Administration (DPS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,877,495	$9,877,495	$9,877,495	$9,877,495
State General Funds	$9,877,495	$9,877,495	$9,877,495	$9,877,495
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,881,005	$9,881,005	$9,881,005	$9,881,005

260.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$80,738	$80,738	$80,738	$80,738

260.1000 Departmental Administration (DPS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached

agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,958,233	$9,958,233	$9,958,233	$9,958,233
State General Funds	$9,958,233	$9,958,233	$9,958,233	$9,958,233
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,961,743	$9,961,743	$9,961,743	$9,961,743

Field Offices and Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$151,709,975	$151,709,975	$151,709,975	$151,709,975
State General Funds	$151,709,975	$151,709,975	$151,709,975	$151,709,975
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,254,162	$155,254,162	$155,254,162	$155,254,162

261.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,119,560	$1,119,560	$1,119,560	$1,119,560

261.2 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect previously vacant law enforcement officer positions.*

State General Funds	$37,713	$37,713	$37,713	$37,713

261.3 *Increase funds for the added cost of full "basic" subsidized State Health Benefit Plan benefits to retired Injured in the Line of Duty (ILOD) officers.*

State General Funds			$4,076,000	$4,076,000

261.1000 Field Offices and Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$152,867,248	$152,867,248	$156,943,248	$156,943,248
State General Funds	$152,867,248	$152,867,248	$156,943,248	$156,943,248
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$156,411,435	$156,411,435	$160,487,435	$160,487,435

Law Enforcement Training **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336
State General Funds	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336

262.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$64,590	$64,590	$64,590	$64,590

262.2 *Increase funds for personnel for an additional 35 trooper school graduates.*

State General Funds	$1,174,042	$1,174,042	$1,174,042	$1,174,042

262.1000 Law Enforcement Training				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,859,968	$8,859,968	$8,859,968	$8,859,968
State General Funds	$8,859,968	$8,859,968	$8,859,968	$8,859,968
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,859,968	$8,859,968	$8,859,968	$8,859,968

Motor Carrier Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,763,296	$18,763,296	$18,763,296	$18,763,296
State General Funds	$18,763,296	$18,763,296	$18,763,296	$18,763,296
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,244,767	$41,244,767	$41,244,767	$41,244,767

263.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$343,403	$343,403	$343,403	$343,403

263.2 *Increase funds to replace the weigh-in-motion equipment and monitoring system.*

State General Funds	$5,170,066	$5,170,066	$5,170,066	$5,170,066

263.1000 Motor Carrier Compliance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,276,765	$24,276,765	$24,276,765	$24,276,765
State General Funds	$24,276,765	$24,276,765	$24,276,765	$24,276,765
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,758,236	$46,758,236	$46,758,236	$46,758,236

Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332
State General Funds	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332

264.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$12,918	$12,918

264.2 *Increase funds for two K-9s and equipment for four positions. (H and S:Increase funds for two K-9s, an additional Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS), and equipment for four positions)*

State General Funds	$119,810	$119,810	$119,810	$119,810

264.1000 Office of Public Safety Officer Support				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,645,060	$1,645,060	$1,645,060	$1,645,060
State General Funds	$1,645,060	$1,645,060	$1,645,060	$1,645,060
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,645,060	$1,645,060	$1,645,060	$1,645,060

Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873
State General Funds	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873

265.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

265.2 *Increase funds for one vehicle and one computer bank for the creation of a new testing region. (H and S:Increase funds for two vehicles and two computer banks for the creation of two new testing regions)*

State General Funds	$37,265	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000

265.1000 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,636,903	$1,709,638	$1,709,638	$1,709,638
State General Funds	$1,636,903	$1,709,638	$1,709,638	$1,709,638
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,636,903	$1,709,638	$1,709,638	$1,709,638

Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783
State General Funds	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783

266.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$41,984	$41,984	$41,984	$41,984

266.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia POST Resiliency Program previously funded through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Law Enforcement Training Grant. (H and S:YES; Consolidate Georgia POST Resiliency Program with Georgia Public Safety Training Center)*

State General Funds	$161,750	$0	$0	$0

266.3 *Increase funds for two vehicles.*

State General Funds	$64,000	$78,000	$78,000	$78,000

266.4 *Increase funds for system maintenance support and onboarding for an online gang and human trafficking training system.*

State General Funds	$35,000	$0	$0	$0

266.5 *Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for law enforcement officers not included in HB19 (2023 Session) to reduce turnover and increase retention effective April 1, 2024. (S:Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for law enforcement officers not included in HB19 (2023 Session) to reduce turnover and increase retention, to be implemented through a supplement and remaining pay periods starting in April)(CC:Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for law enforcement officers not included in HB19 (2023 Session) to reduce turnover and increase retention effective April 1, 2024)*

State General Funds		$22,605	$66,279	$22,605

266.6 *Increase funds for Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police sponsored training ($80,972) and Sheriffs' Training Academy ($119,028).*

State General Funds		$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

266.1000 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,826,517	$5,866,372	$5,910,046	$5,866,372
State General Funds	$5,826,517	$5,866,372	$5,910,046	$5,866,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,826,517	$5,866,372	$5,910,046	$5,866,372

Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,250,180	$21,250,180	$21,250,180	$21,250,180
State General Funds	$21,250,180	$21,250,180	$21,250,180	$21,250,180
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,732,112	$25,732,112	$25,732,112	$25,732,112

267.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$198,076	$198,076	$198,076	$198,076

267.2 *Increase funds for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$28,831	$28,831	$28,831	$28,831

267.3 *Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for School Resource Officer and De-escalation training.*

State General Funds	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000

267.4 *Increase funds for board approved director raise.*				
State General Funds	$5,007	$20,030	$20,030	$20,030
267.5 *Increase funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.*				
State General Funds	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
267.6 *Increase funds for pest control and fire emergency monitoring system for campus.*				
State General Funds	$28,474	$28,474	$28,474	$28,474
267.7 *Increase funds for annual CPR training for dispatchers.*				
State General Funds		$220,857	$220,857	$71,051

267.1000 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,775,568	$23,011,448	$23,011,448	$22,861,642
State General Funds	$22,775,568	$23,011,448	$23,011,448	$22,861,642
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,257,500	$27,493,380	$27,493,380	$27,343,574

Highway Safety, Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$677,637	$677,637	$677,637	$677,637
State General Funds	$677,637	$677,637	$677,637	$677,637
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,121,691	$21,121,691	$21,121,691	$21,121,691

268.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$23,683	$23,683	$23,683	$23,683

268.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($65,092)	($65,092)	($65,092)	($65,092)

268.1000 Highway Safety, Office of **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$636,228	$636,228	$636,228	$636,228
State General Funds	$636,228	$636,228	$636,228	$636,228
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,080,282	$21,080,282	$21,080,282	$21,080,282

Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678
State General Funds	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678

269.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153

269.2 *Reduce funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2023 Joshua's Law Collections. (H:Reduce funds)(S:Reduce funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2023 Joshua's Law Collections)(CC:Reduce funds)*

State General Funds	($1,425,608)	($357,076)	($1,425,608)	($712,804)

269.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,497,223	$2,565,755	$1,497,223	$2,210,027
State General Funds	$1,497,223	$2,565,755	$1,497,223	$2,210,027
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,497,223	$2,565,755	$1,497,223	$2,210,027

Section 40: Public Service Commission

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,872,624	$11,872,624	$11,872,624	$11,872,624
State General Funds	$11,872,624	$11,872,624	$11,872,624	$11,872,624
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,103,724	$13,103,724	$13,103,724	$13,103,724

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,129,426	$12,754,426	$12,754,426	$12,754,426
State General Funds	$12,129,426	$12,754,426	$12,754,426	$12,754,426
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,360,526	$13,985,526	$13,985,526	$13,985,526

Commission Administration (PSC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732
State General Funds	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732

270.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842	$11,842

270.2 *Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (PSC) program to the Facility Protection program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($47,840)	($47,840)	($47,840)	($47,840)

270.1000 Commission Administration (PSC) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,913,734	$1,913,734	$1,913,734	$1,913,734
State General Funds	$1,913,734	$1,913,734	$1,913,734	$1,913,734
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,913,734	$1,913,734	$1,913,734	$1,913,734

Facility Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,202	$1,551,202	$1,551,202	$1,551,202
State General Funds	$1,551,202	$1,551,202	$1,551,202	$1,551,202
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,782,302	$2,782,302	$2,782,302	$2,782,302

271.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$20,454	$20,454	$20,454	$20,454

271.2 *Utilize existing funds ($63,726), transfer funds from the Commission Administration (PSC) program ($47,840) to the Facility Protection program, and increase funds for database upgrade for the Call Before You Dig program (Total Funds: $250,000).*

State General Funds	$186,274	$186,274	$186,274	$186,274

271.3 *Increase funds for equipment and vehicle costs for two additional investigators for the Call Before You Dig program.*

State General Funds	$12,000	$12,000	$12,000	$12,000

271.4 *Increase funds for state share of equipment and vehicle costs for one additional Pipeline Safety inspector.*

State General Funds	$22,400	$22,400	$22,400	$22,400

271.5 *Increase funds for Pipeline Safety database upgrade.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

271.1000 Facility Protection **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,792,330	$2,042,330	$2,042,330	$2,042,330
State General Funds	$1,792,330	$2,042,330	$2,042,330	$2,042,330
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,023,430	$3,273,430	$3,273,430	$3,273,430

Utilities Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690
State General Funds	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690

272.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672

272.2 *Increase funds for consumer response system upgrade.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

272.3 *Increase funds for phone system upgrade.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

272.4 *Increase funds for audit of universal access fund contributors.*

State General Funds		$25,000	$25,000	$25,000

272.1000 Utilities Regulation **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,423,362	$8,798,362	$8,798,362	$8,798,362
State General Funds	$8,423,362	$8,798,362	$8,798,362	$8,798,362
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,423,362	$8,798,362	$8,798,362	$8,798,362

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919
State General Funds	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,330,488	$400,330,488	$400,330,488	$400,330,488
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,514,608,025	$9,514,608,025	$9,514,608,025	$9,514,608,025

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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,313,884,054	$3,310,081,114	$3,307,181,114	$3,303,631,114
State General Funds	$3,313,884,054	$3,310,081,114	$3,307,181,114	$3,303,631,114
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,330,488	$400,330,488	$400,330,488	$400,330,488
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,643,621,160	$9,639,818,220	$9,636,918,220	$9,633,368,220

Agricultural Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,340,515	$53,340,515	$53,340,515	$53,340,515
State General Funds	$53,340,515	$53,340,515	$53,340,515	$53,340,515
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$28,511,900	$28,511,900	$28,511,900	$28,511,900
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,102,625	$120,102,625	$120,102,625	$120,102,625

273.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$428,447	$428,447	$428,447	$428,447

273.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($570,673)	($570,673)	($570,673)

273.1000 Agricultural Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,768,962	$53,198,289	$53,198,289	$53,198,289
State General Funds	$53,768,962	$53,198,289	$53,198,289	$53,198,289
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$28,511,900	$28,511,900	$28,511,900	$28,511,900
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,531,072	$119,960,399	$119,960,399	$119,960,399

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,642,766	$6,642,766	$6,642,766	$6,642,766
Intergovernmental Transfers	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
Sales and Services	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,247,766	$7,247,766	$7,247,766	$7,247,766

274.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,642,766	$6,642,766	$6,642,766	$6,642,766
Intergovernmental Transfers	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
Sales and Services	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,247,766	$7,247,766	$7,247,766	$7,247,766

Cooperative Extension Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural,

food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,552,824	$49,552,824	$49,552,824	$49,552,824
State General Funds	$49,552,824	$49,552,824	$49,552,824	$49,552,824
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,707,707	$22,707,707	$22,707,707	$22,707,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$84,621,625	$84,621,625	$84,621,625	$84,621,625

275.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$774,004	$774,004	$774,004	$774,004

275.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($267,767)	($267,767)	($267,767)

275.1000 Cooperative Extension Service **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,326,828	$50,059,061	$50,059,061	$50,059,061
State General Funds	$50,326,828	$50,059,061	$50,059,061	$50,059,061
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,707,707	$22,707,707	$22,707,707	$22,707,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$85,395,629	$85,127,862	$85,127,862	$85,127,862

Enterprise Innovation Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,647,809	$12,647,809	$12,647,809	$12,647,809
State General Funds	$12,647,809	$12,647,809	$12,647,809	$12,647,809
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,147,809	$28,147,809	$28,147,809	$28,147,809

276.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$159,322	$159,322	$159,322	$159,322

276.1000 Enterprise Innovation Institute **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,807,131	$12,807,131	$12,807,131	$12,807,131
State General Funds	$12,807,131	$12,807,131	$12,807,131	$12,807,131

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,307,131	$28,307,131	$28,307,131	$28,307,131

Forestry Cooperative Extension **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,079,636	$1,079,636	$1,079,636	$1,079,636
State General Funds	$1,079,636	$1,079,636	$1,079,636	$1,079,636
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$346,988	$346,988	$346,988	$346,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Sales and Services	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,876,624	$1,876,624	$1,876,624	$1,876,624

277.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$15,071	$15,071	$15,071	$15,071

277.1000 Forestry Cooperative Extension				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,094,707	$1,094,707	$1,094,707	$1,094,707
State General Funds	$1,094,707	$1,094,707	$1,094,707	$1,094,707
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$346,988	$346,988	$346,988	$346,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Sales and Services	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,891,695	$1,891,695	$1,891,695	$1,891,695

Forestry Research			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,190,344	$3,190,344	$3,190,344	$3,190,344
State General Funds	$3,190,344	$3,190,344	$3,190,344	$3,190,344
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,310,243	$8,310,243	$8,310,243	$8,310,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,669,587	$15,669,587	$15,669,587	$15,669,587

278.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973	$69,973

278.1000 Forestry Research **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,260,317	$3,260,317	$3,260,317	$3,260,317
State General Funds	$3,260,317	$3,260,317	$3,260,317	$3,260,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,310,243	$8,310,243	$8,310,243	$8,310,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,739,560	$15,739,560	$15,739,560	$15,739,560

Georgia Archives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,464,213	$4,464,213	$4,464,213	$4,464,213
State General Funds	$4,464,213	$4,464,213	$4,464,213	$4,464,213
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$955,154	$955,154	$955,154	$955,154
Intergovernmental Transfers	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$737,038	$737,038	$737,038	$737,038

Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,419,367	$5,419,367	$5,419,367	$5,419,367

279.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$22,607	$22,607	$22,607	$22,607

279.1000 Georgia Archives **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,486,820	$4,486,820	$4,486,820	$4,486,820
State General Funds	$4,486,820	$4,486,820	$4,486,820	$4,486,820
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$955,154	$955,154	$955,154	$955,154
Intergovernmental Transfers	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$737,038	$737,038	$737,038	$737,038
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,441,974	$5,441,974	$5,441,974	$5,441,974

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,327,175	$2,327,175	$2,327,175	$2,327,175
State General Funds	$2,327,175	$2,327,175	$2,327,175	$2,327,175
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,223,468	$2,223,468	$2,223,468	$2,223,468
Intergovernmental Transfers	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565

Sales and Services	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,550,643	$4,550,643	$4,550,643	$4,550,643

280.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$33,372	$33,372	$33,372	$33,372

280.1000 Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,360,547	$2,360,547	$2,360,547	$2,360,547
State General Funds	$2,360,547	$2,360,547	$2,360,547	$2,360,547
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,223,468	$2,223,468	$2,223,468	$2,223,468
Intergovernmental Transfers	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565
Sales and Services	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,584,015	$4,584,015	$4,584,015	$4,584,015

Georgia Research Alliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865
State General Funds	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865

281.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306	$4,306

281.2 *Increase funds for six new Eminent Scholars and six Distinguished Investigators. (H:Increase funds for six new eminent scholars*

and six distinguished investigators at Georgia Institute of Technology and Augusta University ($9,000,000) and the development of a product to monitor poultry health and welfare, a collaboration between Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia ($250,000))(S:Increase funds for four new eminent scholars and four distinguished investigators at Georgia Institute of Technology ($6,000,000) and the development of a product to monitor poultry health and welfare, a collaboration between Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia ($250,000))(CC:Increase funds for three Eminent Scholars and three distinguished investigators at Augusta University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and University of Georgia)

State General Funds	$14,250,000	$9,250,000	$6,250,000	$4,500,000

281.1000 Georgia Research Alliance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,365,171	$14,365,171	$11,365,171	$9,615,171
State General Funds	$19,365,171	$14,365,171	$11,365,171	$9,615,171
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,365,171	$14,365,171	$11,365,171	$9,615,171

Georgia Tech Research Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,037,113	$7,037,113	$7,037,113	$7,037,113
State General Funds	$7,037,113	$7,037,113	$7,037,113	$7,037,113
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$315,937,315	$315,937,315	$315,937,315	$315,937,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$848,397,205	$848,397,205	$848,397,205	$848,397,205

282.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.				
State General Funds	$3,478,172	$3,478,172	$3,478,172	$3,478,172

282.1000 Georgia Tech Research Institute **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,515,285	$10,515,285	$10,515,285	$10,515,285
State General Funds	$10,515,285	$10,515,285	$10,515,285	$10,515,285
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$315,937,315	$315,937,315	$315,937,315	$315,937,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$851,875,377	$851,875,377	$851,875,377	$851,875,377

Marine Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,126,088	$1,126,088	$1,126,088	$1,126,088
State General Funds	$1,126,088	$1,126,088	$1,126,088	$1,126,088
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$302,183	$302,183	$302,183	$302,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Sales and Services	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,724,919	$1,724,919	$1,724,919	$1,724,919

283.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$12,918	$12,918	$12,918	$12,918

283.1000 Marine Institute **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,139,006	$1,139,006	$1,139,006	$1,139,006
State General Funds	$1,139,006	$1,139,006	$1,139,006	$1,139,006
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$302,183	$302,183	$302,183	$302,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Sales and Services	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,737,837	$1,737,837	$1,737,837	$1,737,837

Marine Resources Extension Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,723,494	$1,723,494	$1,723,494	$1,723,494
State General Funds	$1,723,494	$1,723,494	$1,723,494	$1,723,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,423,494	$3,423,494	$3,423,494	$3,423,494

284.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$36,601	$36,601

284.1000 Marine Resources Extension Center **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,760,095	$1,760,095	$1,760,095	$1,760,095
State General Funds	$1,760,095	$1,760,095	$1,760,095	$1,760,095
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,460,095	$3,460,095	$3,460,095	$3,460,095

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290
State General Funds	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290

285.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and*

retention.

State General Funds	$458,589	$458,589	$458,589	$458,589

285.1000 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,983,879	$44,983,879	$44,983,879	$44,983,879
State General Funds	$44,983,879	$44,983,879	$44,983,879	$44,983,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,983,879	$44,983,879	$44,983,879	$44,983,879

Public Libraries **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,886,944	$46,886,944	$46,886,944	$46,886,944
State General Funds	$46,886,944	$46,886,944	$46,886,944	$46,886,944
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,538,457	$52,538,457	$52,538,457	$52,538,457

286.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$54,902	$54,902	$54,902	$54,902

286.2 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $843 to $1,093.*

State General Funds	$415,500	$415,500	$415,500	$415,500

286.1000 Public Libraries **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$47,357,346	$47,357,346	$47,357,346	$47,357,346
State General Funds	$47,357,346	$47,357,346	$47,357,346	$47,357,346

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,008,859	$53,008,859	$53,008,859	$53,008,859

Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670
State General Funds	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670

287.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$128,104	$128,104	$128,104	$128,104

287.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,288,104)	($2,288,104)	($2,288,104)	($2,288,104)

287.3 *Reduce funds to remove duplicate funding for music industry archiving at the University of Georgia.*

State General Funds	($2,600,000)	($2,600,000)	($2,600,000)	($2,600,000)

287.4 *Increase funds for Fort Valley State University for a feasibility study on the development and building of a veterinary school. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for Fort Valley State University for a feasibility study on the development and building of a veterinary school)*

State General Funds			$100,000	$100,000

287.1000 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,228,670	$35,228,670	$35,328,670	$35,328,670
State General Funds	$35,228,670	$35,228,670	$35,328,670	$35,328,670
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,228,670	$35,228,670	$35,328,670	$35,328,670

Regents Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,991,274	$10,991,274	$10,991,274	$10,991,274
State General Funds	$10,991,274	$10,991,274	$10,991,274	$10,991,274
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,341,274	$11,341,274	$11,341,274	$11,341,274

288.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$37,678	$37,678	$37,678	$37,678

288.2 *Increase funds for legal fees.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

288.1000 Regents Central Office **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,278,952	$11,278,952	$11,278,952	$11,278,952
State General Funds	$11,278,952	$11,278,952	$11,278,952	$11,278,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,628,952	$11,628,952	$11,628,952	$11,628,952

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,150,314	$3,150,314	$3,150,314	$3,150,314

State General Funds	$3,150,314	$3,150,314	$3,150,314	$3,150,314
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,009,390	$2,009,390	$2,009,390	$2,009,390
Intergovernmental Transfers	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,552,111	$7,552,111	$7,552,111	$7,552,111

289.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$43,060	$43,060	$43,060	$43,060

289.1000 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,193,374	$3,193,374	$3,193,374	$3,193,374
State General Funds	$3,193,374	$3,193,374	$3,193,374	$3,193,374
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,009,390	$2,009,390	$2,009,390	$2,009,390
Intergovernmental Transfers	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,595,171	$7,595,171	$7,595,171	$7,595,171

Teaching **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190
State General Funds	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$922,440,780	$922,440,780	$922,440,780	$922,440,780
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Sales and Services	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$326,275,457	$326,275,457	$326,275,457	$326,275,457
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,173,236,533	$8,173,236,533	$8,173,236,533	$8,173,236,533

290.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$46,011,763	$46,011,763	$46,011,763	$46,011,763

290.2 *Increase funds to restore FY2024 formula funds.*

State General Funds	$66,000,000	$66,000,000	$66,000,000	$66,000,000

290.3 *Increase funds for the Fort Valley State University Land Grant match requirements. (S and CC:Increase funds for the Fort Valley State University Land Grant match requirements for a total state funds amount of $5,796,102)*

State General Funds	$823,926	$823,926	$823,926	$823,926

290.1000 Teaching **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879
State General Funds	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879	$2,981,730,879
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$922,440,780	$922,440,780	$922,440,780	$922,440,780
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Sales and Services	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$326,275,457	$326,275,457	$326,275,457	$326,275,457
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,286,072,222	$8,286,072,222	$8,286,072,222	$8,286,072,222

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,168,289	$5,168,289	$5,168,289	$5,168,289
State General Funds	$5,168,289	$5,168,289	$5,168,289	$5,168,289
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,468,289	$6,468,289	$6,468,289	$6,468,289

291.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$37,678	$37,678	$37,678	$37,678

291.1000 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,205,967	$5,205,967	$5,205,967	$5,205,967
State General Funds	$5,205,967	$5,205,967	$5,205,967	$5,205,967
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,505,967	$6,505,967	$6,505,967	$6,505,967

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$571,250	$571,250	$571,250	$571,250
State General Funds	$571,250	$571,250	$571,250	$571,250
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,571,250	$29,571,250	$29,571,250	$29,571,250

292.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$234,677	$234,677	$234,677	$234,677

292.1000 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$805,927	$805,927	$805,927	$805,927
State General Funds	$805,927	$805,927	$805,927	$805,927
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,805,927	$29,805,927	$29,805,927	$29,805,927

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133
State General Funds	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133

293.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230	$3,230

293.2 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($264,500)	($264,500)	($264,500)

293.3 *Increase funds for the construction of the Anne Frank Education Center. (S:Increase funds for the development of exhibits for the Anne Frank Education Center)(CC:Recognize funding in Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$0

293.1000 Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$617,363	$2,352,863	$2,352,863	$352,863
State General Funds	$617,363	$2,352,863	$2,352,863	$352,863
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$617,363	$2,352,863	$2,352,863	$352,863

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
State General Funds	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591

294.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
State General Funds	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
State General Funds	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535

295.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
State General Funds	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363

State General Funds	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363

296.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$117,339	$117,339	$117,339	$117,339

296.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the development of an update to Georgia Stories, a video series that supports teachers in providing the required eighth-grade course on Georgia geography, history, and economics.*

State General Funds		$300,000	$300,000	$300,000

296.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding to market Georgia-developed educational resources to children and families.*

State General Funds				$200,000

296.1000 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,115,702	$13,415,702	$13,415,702	$13,615,702
State General Funds	$13,115,702	$13,415,702	$13,415,702	$13,615,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,115,702	$13,415,702	$13,415,702	$13,615,702

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$217,545,131	$217,545,131	$217,545,131	$217,545,131
State General Funds	$213,966,085	$213,966,085	$213,966,085	$213,966,085
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,850,861	$220,850,861	$220,850,861	$220,850,861

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$222,084,230	$222,084,230	$222,084,230	$222,084,230
State General Funds	$218,505,184	$218,505,184	$218,505,184	$218,505,184
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$225,389,960	$225,389,960	$225,389,960	$225,389,960

Departmental Administration (DOR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931
State General Funds	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931

297.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$69,968	$69,968	$69,968	$69,968

297.2 *Increase funds to migrate data to a cloud-based service.*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000

297.1000 Departmental Administration (DOR) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,570,899	$14,570,899	$14,570,899	$14,570,899
State General Funds	$14,570,899	$14,570,899	$14,570,899	$14,570,899
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,570,899	$14,570,899	$14,570,899	$14,570,899

Forestland Protection Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

298.1000 Forestland Protection Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

Industry Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,513,691	$9,513,691	$9,513,691	$9,513,691
State General Funds	$9,079,908	$9,079,908	$9,079,908	$9,079,908
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,369,725	$10,369,725	$10,369,725	$10,369,725

299.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$82,891	$82,891	$82,891	$82,891

299.1000 Industry Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,596,582	$9,596,582	$9,596,582	$9,596,582
State General Funds	$9,162,799	$9,162,799	$9,162,799	$9,162,799
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,452,616	$10,452,616	$10,452,616	$10,452,616

Local Government Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,541,636	$7,541,636	$7,541,636	$7,541,636
State General Funds	$4,396,373	$4,396,373	$4,396,373	$4,396,373
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,961,636	$7,961,636	$7,961,636	$7,961,636

300.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672

300.1000 Local Government Services				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,593,308	$7,593,308	$7,593,308	$7,593,308
State General Funds	$4,448,045	$4,448,045	$4,448,045	$4,448,045
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,013,308	$8,013,308	$8,013,308	$8,013,308

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157
State General Funds	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157

301.1 *Increase funds to reflect a change in the Employees' Retirement System employer contribution rate to fully fund the actuarial determined employer contribution, increase the employer 401(k) match for GSEPS employees, and fund the employer share of accrued forfeited leave for retiring employees.*

State General Funds	$716,018	$716,018	$716,018	$716,018

301.1000 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
State General Funds	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613
State General Funds	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613

302.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$122,722	$122,722	$122,722	$122,722

302.2 *Increase funds to reflect a contract increase for motor vehicle registration and licensing.*

State General Funds	$2,390,651	$2,390,651	$2,390,651	$2,390,651

302.1000 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,568,986	$41,568,986	$41,568,986	$41,568,986
State General Funds	$41,568,986	$41,568,986	$41,568,986	$41,568,986
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,568,986	$41,568,986	$41,568,986	$41,568,986

Office of Special Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,897,079	$5,897,079	$5,897,079	$5,897,079
State General Funds	$5,897,079	$5,897,079	$5,897,079	$5,897,079
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,313,160	$6,313,160	$6,313,160	$6,313,160

303.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$41,984	$41,984	$41,984	$41,984

303.1000 Office of Special Investigations				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,939,063	$5,939,063	$5,939,063	$5,939,063
State General Funds	$5,939,063	$5,939,063	$5,939,063	$5,939,063
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,355,144	$6,355,144	$6,355,144	$6,355,144

Tax Compliance			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,309,618	$61,309,618	$61,309,618	$61,309,618
State General Funds	$61,309,618	$61,309,618	$61,309,618	$61,309,618
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,651,402	$62,651,402	$62,651,402	$62,651,402

304.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$398,306	$398,306	$398,306	$398,306

304.2 *Increase funds for start-up costs for the creation of the initial contact team to assist newly delinquent taxpayers.*

State General Funds	$15,300	$15,300	$15,300	$15,300

304.3 *Increase funds for three replacement vehicles.*

State General Funds	$108,525	$108,525	$108,525	$108,525

304.1000 Tax Compliance				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,831,749	$61,831,749	$61,831,749	$61,831,749
State General Funds	$61,831,749	$61,831,749	$61,831,749	$61,831,749

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,173,533	$63,173,533	$63,173,533	$63,173,533

Tax Policy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380
State General Funds	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380

305.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$36,601	$36,601	$36,601	$36,601

305.1000 Tax Policy **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,893,981	$4,893,981	$4,893,981	$4,893,981
State General Funds	$4,893,981	$4,893,981	$4,893,981	$4,893,981
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,893,981	$4,893,981	$4,893,981	$4,893,981

Taxpayer Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,062,532	$27,062,532	$27,062,532	$27,062,532

State General Funds	$27,062,532	$27,062,532	$27,062,532	$27,062,532
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,334,363	$27,334,363	$27,334,363	$27,334,363

306.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$186,236	$186,236	$186,236	$186,236

306.2 *Increase funds to raise hourly pay for part-time seasonal mail operations staff.*

State General Funds	$18,225	$18,225	$18,225	$18,225

306.1000 Taxpayer Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,266,993	$27,266,993	$27,266,993	$27,266,993
State General Funds	$27,266,993	$27,266,993	$27,266,993	$27,266,993
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,538,824	$27,538,824	$27,538,824	$27,538,824

Section 43: Secretary of State

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,016,614	$31,016,614	$31,016,614	$31,016,614
State General Funds	$31,016,614	$31,016,614	$31,016,614	$31,016,614
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,758,934	$36,758,934	$36,758,934	$36,758,934

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,155,852	$37,794,680	$32,794,680	$33,044,680
State General Funds	$31,155,852	$37,794,680	$32,794,680	$33,044,680
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,898,172	$43,537,000	$38,537,000	$38,787,000

Corporations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

307.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831

307.1000 Corporations **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831
State General Funds	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831	$39,831
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,651,651	$4,651,651	$4,651,651	$4,651,651

Elections **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,870,966	$7,870,966	$7,870,966	$7,870,966
State General Funds	$7,870,966	$7,870,966	$7,870,966	$7,870,966
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,470,966	$8,470,966	$8,470,966	$8,470,966

308.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$27,990	$27,990	$27,990	$27,990

308.2 *Increase funds for legal fees.*

State General Funds	$183,529	$183,529	$183,529	$183,529

308.3 *Reduce funds to align budget with projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($550,000)	($550,000)	($550,000)	($550,000)

308.4 *Increase funds for a third-party ballot-text auditing technology. (S and CC:NO; Pending Office of Secretary of State confirmations)*

State General Funds		$5,000,000	$0	$0

308.5 *Increase funds for increased postage expenses related to precinct cards. (S and CC:Reflect in Special Project - Elections)*

State General Funds		$1,700,000	$0	$0

308.6 *Increase funds for election security by adding watermarks to all ballot paper. (S and CC:Reflect in Special Project - Elections)*

State General Funds		$110,000	$0	$0

308.1000 Elections			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,532,485	$14,342,485	$7,532,485	$7,532,485
State General Funds	$7,532,485	$14,342,485	$7,532,485	$7,532,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,132,485	$14,942,485	$8,132,485	$8,132,485

308.1001 Special Project - Elections: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund one-time needs on increased postage expenses related to precinct cards ($1,700,000), and for adding watermarks to all ballot paper ($110,000).

State General Funds			$1,810,000	$1,810,000

Investigations			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666
State General Funds	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666

309.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$38,754	$38,754	$38,754	$38,754

309.2 *Increase funds to purchase equipment and vehicles for new investigators.*

State General Funds	$112,750	$112,750	$112,750	$112,750

309.1000 Investigations				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,839,170	$3,839,170	$3,839,170	$3,839,170
State General Funds	$3,839,170	$3,839,170	$3,839,170	$3,839,170
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,839,170	$3,839,170	$3,839,170	$3,839,170

Office Administration (SOS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,333,041	$3,333,041	$3,333,041	$3,333,041
State General Funds	$3,333,041	$3,333,041	$3,333,041	$3,333,041
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,338,541	$3,338,541	$3,338,541	$3,338,541

310.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836	$25,836

310.1000 Office Administration (SOS)				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,358,877	$3,358,877	$3,358,877	$3,358,877
State General Funds	$3,358,877	$3,358,877	$3,358,877	$3,358,877
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,364,377	$3,364,377	$3,364,377	$3,364,377

Professional Licensing Boards **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,810,088	$8,810,088	$8,810,088	$8,810,088
State General Funds	$8,810,088	$8,810,088	$8,810,088	$8,810,088
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,088	$9,210,088	$9,210,088	$9,210,088

311.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$103,345	$103,345	$103,345	$103,345

311.2 *Increase funds for temporary labor to address a backlog of licensure applications.*

State General Funds	$145,600	$145,600	$145,600	$145,600

311.1000 Professional Licensing Boards **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,059,033	$9,059,033	$9,059,033	$9,059,033
State General Funds	$9,059,033	$9,059,033	$9,059,033	$9,059,033
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,459,033	$9,459,033	$9,459,033	$9,459,033

Securities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,142,611	$1,142,611	$1,142,611	$1,142,611
State General Funds	$1,142,611	$1,142,611	$1,142,611	$1,142,611
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,167,611	$1,167,611	$1,167,611	$1,167,611

312.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765	$10,765

312.1000 Securities **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,153,376	$1,153,376	$1,153,376	$1,153,376
State General Funds	$1,153,376	$1,153,376	$1,153,376	$1,153,376
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,178,376	$1,178,376	$1,178,376	$1,178,376

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399
State General Funds	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399

313.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459	$6,459

313.2 *Utilize existing funds ($135,000) to purchase a vehicle and equipment. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

313.3 *Utilize existing funds ($43,828) to purchase office furniture. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

313.4 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($171,172)	($171,172)	($171,172)

313.1000 Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,579,858	$1,408,686	$1,408,686	$1,408,686
State General Funds	$1,579,858	$1,408,686	$1,408,686	$1,408,686
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,579,858	$1,408,686	$1,408,686	$1,408,686

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895
State General Funds	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895

314.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

314.1000 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,033,972	$1,033,972	$1,033,972	$1,033,972
State General Funds	$1,033,972	$1,033,972	$1,033,972	$1,033,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,033,972	$1,033,972	$1,033,972	$1,033,972

Real Estate Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,052,930	$3,052,930	$3,052,930	$3,052,930
State General Funds	$3,052,930	$3,052,930	$3,052,930	$3,052,930
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,152,930	$3,152,930	$3,152,930	$3,152,930

315.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$17,225	$17,225	$17,225	$17,225

315.1000 Real Estate Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,070,155	$3,070,155	$3,070,155	$3,070,155
State General Funds	$3,070,155	$3,070,155	$3,070,155	$3,070,155
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,170,155	$3,170,155	$3,170,155	$3,170,155

State Elections Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018
State General Funds	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018

316.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

316.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($25,000)	($25,000)	($25,000)	($25,000)

316.3 *Increase funds for investigative operations.*

State General Funds				$250,000

316.1000 State Elections Board				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$489,095	$489,095	$489,095	$739,095
State General Funds	$489,095	$489,095	$489,095	$739,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$489,095	$489,095	$489,095	$739,095

Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,191,200,309	$1,191,200,309	$1,191,200,309	$1,191,200,309
State General Funds	$120,345,058	$120,345,058	$120,345,058	$120,345,058
Lottery Proceeds	$1,070,855,251	$1,070,855,251	$1,070,855,251	$1,070,855,251
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,760,294	$33,760,294	$33,760,294	$33,760,294
Reserved Fund Balances	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794
Sales and Services	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,225,384,295	$1,225,384,295	$1,225,384,295	$1,225,384,295

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,181,713,508	$1,178,041,874	$1,177,242,761	$1,175,868,661
State General Funds	$129,504,732	$128,664,732	$126,491,519	$126,491,519
Lottery Proceeds	$1,052,208,776	$1,049,377,142	$1,050,751,242	$1,049,377,142
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,760,294	$34,300,294	$34,300,294	$34,300,294
Reserved Fund Balances	$13,186,794	$13,726,794	$13,726,794	$13,726,794
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$13,186,794	$13,726,794	$13,726,794	$13,726,794
Sales and Services	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,215,897,494	$1,212,765,860	$1,211,966,747	$1,210,592,647

College Completion Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000

317.1 *Reduce funds for College Completion Grants.*

Lottery Proceeds	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)

317.1000 College Completion Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Commission Administration (GSFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,784,999	$10,784,999	$10,784,999	$10,784,999
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$10,784,999	$10,784,999	$10,784,999	$10,784,999
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,012,696	$13,012,696	$13,012,696	$13,012,696

318.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

Lottery Proceeds	$120,568	$120,568	$120,568	$120,568

318.1000 Commission Administration (GSFC) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,905,567	$10,905,567	$10,905,567	$10,905,567
Lottery Proceeds	$10,905,567	$10,905,567	$10,905,567	$10,905,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,133,264	$13,133,264	$13,133,264	$13,133,264

Dual Enrollment **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744
State General Funds	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744

319.1 *Increase funds to meet projected enrollment.*

State General Funds	$12,329,985	$12,329,985	$12,329,985	$12,329,985

319.1000 Dual Enrollment **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,535,729	$88,535,729	$88,535,729	$88,535,729
State General Funds	$88,535,729	$88,535,729	$88,535,729	$88,535,729
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,535,729	$88,535,729	$88,535,729	$88,535,729

Engineer Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

320.1000 Engineer Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University

(Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

Georgia Military College Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

321.1000 Georgia Military College Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

HERO Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
State General Funds	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000

322.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($300,000)	($300,000)	($300,000)

322.1000 HERO Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S.

Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$630,000	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000
State General Funds	$630,000	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$630,000	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000

HOPE Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880

323.1000 HOPE Grant **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
Lottery Proceeds	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510

324.1000 HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510
Lottery Proceeds	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629

325.1 *Reduce funds provided to reflect expected program expenditures at a HOPE Private Award rate at $2,496 and a HOPE Zell Private Award rate at $2,985.*

Lottery Proceeds	($16,767,043)	($16,767,043)	($16,767,043)	($16,767,043)

325.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,451,586	$74,451,586	$74,451,586	$74,451,586
Lottery Proceeds	$74,451,586	$74,451,586	$74,451,586	$74,451,586
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,451,586	$74,451,586	$74,451,586	$74,451,586

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233

326.1 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

Lottery Proceeds	($2,831,634)	($1,457,534)	($2,831,634)	

326.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$874,902,233	$872,070,599	$873,444,699	$872,070,599
Lottery Proceeds	$874,902,233	$872,070,599	$873,444,699	$872,070,599
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$874,902,233	$872,070,599	$873,444,699	$872,070,599

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
State General Funds	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830

327.1000 Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
State General Funds	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830

Low Interest Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

Sales and Services	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

328.1000 Low Interest Loans **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Sales and Services	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

329.1000 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

North Georgia ROTC Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

330.1000 North Georgia ROTC Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

Public Safety Memorial Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

331.1 *Replace funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($540,000)	($540,000)	($540,000)
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

331.1000 Public Safety Memorial Grant **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$540,000	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS		$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
Reserved Fund Balances		$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized		$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

REACH Georgia Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

332.1000 REACH Georgia Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

Service Cancelable Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,985,000	$4,985,000	$4,985,000	$4,985,000
State General Funds	$4,985,000	$4,985,000	$4,985,000	$4,985,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,200,000	$10,200,000	$10,200,000	$10,200,000
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,185,000	$15,185,000	$15,185,000	$15,185,000

333.1 *Reduce funds for public law enforcement officer loan repayments.*

State General Funds	($3,200,000)	($3,200,000)	($3,200,000)	($3,200,000)

333.1000 Service Cancelable Loans **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,785,000	$1,785,000	$1,785,000	$1,785,000
State General Funds	$1,785,000	$1,785,000	$1,785,000	$1,785,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,200,000	$10,200,000	$10,200,000	$10,200,000
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,985,000	$11,985,000	$11,985,000	$11,985,000

Tuition Equalization Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

334.1 *Reduce funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds			($2,173,213)	($2,173,213)

334.1000 Tuition Equalization Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$20,983,854	$20,983,854
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$20,983,854	$20,983,854
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$22,262,115	$22,262,115

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,011	$1,007,011	$1,007,011	$1,007,011
State General Funds	$1,007,011	$1,007,011	$1,007,011	$1,007,011
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$478,028	$478,028	$478,028	$478,028
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Sales and Services	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,485,039	$1,485,039	$1,485,039	$1,485,039

335.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689	$9,689

335.2 *Increase funds to upgrade online database management system.*

State General Funds	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000

335.1000 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,036,700	$1,036,700	$1,036,700	$1,036,700
State General Funds	$1,036,700	$1,036,700	$1,036,700	$1,036,700
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$478,028	$478,028	$478,028	$478,028

Reserved Fund Balances	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Sales and Services	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,514,728	$1,514,728	$1,514,728	$1,514,728

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
State General Funds	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,548,501	$55,548,501	$55,548,501	$55,548,501

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,527,501	$55,527,501	$55,527,501	$55,527,501

Local/Floor COLA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
State General Funds	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000

336.1 *Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.*

State General Funds	($21,000)	($21,000)	($21,000)	($21,000)

336.1000 Local/Floor COLA				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

System Administration (TRS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501

337.1000 System Administration (TRS)				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.				
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers Retirement System shall not exceed 19.98% for State Fiscal Year 2024.

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$499,860,598	$499,860,598	$499,860,598	$499,860,598
State General Funds	$499,860,598	$499,860,598	$499,860,598	$499,860,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$456,133,637	$456,133,637	$456,133,637	$456,133,637
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Sales and Services	$369,674,213	$369,674,213	$369,674,213	$369,674,213
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$82,054,039	$82,054,039	$82,054,039	$82,054,039
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
State Funds Transfers	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,768,919	$1,207,768,919	$1,207,768,919	$1,207,768,919
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,018,132	$540,676,042	$534,176,042	$534,176,042
State General Funds	$540,018,132	$540,676,042	$534,176,042	$534,176,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$456,133,637	$456,133,637	$456,133,637	$456,133,637
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Sales and Services	$369,674,213	$369,674,213	$369,674,213	$369,674,213
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$82,054,039	$82,054,039	$82,054,039	$82,054,039
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
State Funds Transfers	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,247,926,453	$1,248,584,363	$1,242,084,363	$1,242,084,363

Adult Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,824,974	$18,824,974	$18,824,974	$18,824,974
State General Funds	$18,824,974	$18,824,974	$18,824,974	$18,824,974
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,149,140	$4,149,140	$4,149,140	$4,149,140
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Sales and Services	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
State Funds Transfers	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
Agency to Agency Contracts	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,352,808	$53,352,808	$53,352,808	$53,352,808

338.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$334,792	$334,792	$334,792	$334,792

338.1000 Adult Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,159,766	$19,159,766	$19,159,766	$19,159,766
State General Funds	$19,159,766	$19,159,766	$19,159,766	$19,159,766
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,149,140	$4,149,140	$4,149,140	$4,149,140
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Sales and Services	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
State Funds Transfers	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
Agency to Agency Contracts	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,687,600	$53,687,600	$53,687,600	$53,687,600

Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178
State General Funds	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178

339.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672	$51,672

339.1000 Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,378,850	$8,378,850	$8,378,850	$8,378,850
State General Funds	$8,378,850	$8,378,850	$8,378,850	$8,378,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,378,850	$8,378,850	$8,378,850	$8,378,850

Economic Development and Customized Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,319,875	$3,319,875	$3,319,875	$3,319,875
State General Funds	$3,319,875	$3,319,875	$3,319,875	$3,319,875
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
State Funds Transfers	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,030,982	$46,030,982	$46,030,982	$46,030,982

340.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$215,300	$215,300	$215,300	$215,300

340.1000 Economic Development and Customized Services **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,535,175	$3,535,175	$3,535,175	$3,535,175
State General Funds	$3,535,175	$3,535,175	$3,535,175	$3,535,175
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
State Funds Transfers	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,246,282	$46,246,282	$46,246,282	$46,246,282

Quick Start **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,417,469	$62,417,469	$62,417,469	$62,417,469

State General Funds	$62,417,469	$62,417,469	$62,417,469	$62,417,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$87	$87	$87	$87
Sales and Services	$87	$87	$87	$87
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$87	$87	$87	$87
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,417,556	$62,417,556	$62,417,556	$62,417,556

341.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$80,738	$80,738	$80,738	$80,738

341.2 *Increase funds for construction to complete Rivian training center.*

State General Funds	$10,250,000	$10,250,000	$10,250,000	$10,250,000

341.3 *Increase funds to meet existing training obligations.*

State General Funds	$4,754,337	$4,754,337	$4,754,337	$4,754,337

341.1000 Quick Start **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,502,544	$77,502,544	$77,502,544	$77,502,544
State General Funds	$77,502,544	$77,502,544	$77,502,544	$77,502,544
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$87	$87	$87	$87
Sales and Services	$87	$87	$87	$87
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$87	$87	$87	$87
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,502,631	$77,502,631	$77,502,631	$77,502,631

Technical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$397,291,161	$397,291,161	$397,291,161	$397,291,161

State General Funds	$397,291,161	$397,291,161	$397,291,161	$397,291,161
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$424,239,976	$424,239,976	$424,239,976	$424,239,976
Intergovernmental Transfers	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Sales and Services	$339,744,883	$339,744,883	$339,744,883	$339,744,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$52,124,709	$52,124,709	$52,124,709	$52,124,709
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
State Funds Transfers	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,304,129	$882,304,129	$882,304,129	$882,304,129

342.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,821,712	$5,821,712	$5,821,712	$5,821,712

342.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,100,000)	($1,100,000)	($1,100,000)	($1,100,000)

342.3 *Increase funds for renovation and start-up equipment costs for specialized technical programs to support growing workforce needs in the electric mobility industry across the state.*

State General Funds	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$13,000,000	$13,000,000

342.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for start-up and equipment costs for 22 additional campus police officers.*

State General Funds		$657,910	$657,910	$657,910

342.1000 Technical Education **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$421,512,873	$422,170,783	$415,670,783	$415,670,783
State General Funds	$421,512,873	$422,170,783	$415,670,783	$415,670,783

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$424,239,976	$424,239,976	$424,239,976	$424,239,976
Intergovernmental Transfers	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Sales and Services	$339,744,883	$339,744,883	$339,744,883	$339,744,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$52,124,709	$52,124,709	$52,124,709	$52,124,709
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
State Funds Transfers	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$906,525,841	$907,183,751	$900,683,751	$900,683,751

Workforce Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,679,941	$9,679,941	$9,679,941	$9,679,941
State General Funds	$9,679,941	$9,679,941	$9,679,941	$9,679,941
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,336,266	$155,336,266	$155,336,266	$155,336,266

343.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$238,983	$238,983	$238,983	$238,983

343.2 *Increase funds for startup equipment for regionally based consultation and technical assistance to healthcare partners across the state.*

State General Funds	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

343.1000 Workforce Development				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,928,924	$9,928,924	$9,928,924	$9,928,924
State General Funds	$9,928,924	$9,928,924	$9,928,924	$9,928,924
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,585,249	$155,585,249	$155,585,249	$155,585,249

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,280,785,794	$2,280,785,794	$2,280,785,794	$2,280,785,794
State General Funds	$36,051,807	$36,051,807	$36,051,807	$36,051,807
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,018,811,873	$2,018,811,873	$2,018,811,873	$2,018,811,873
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,068,514,529	$4,068,514,529	$4,068,514,529	$4,068,514,529

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,845,259,214	$3,845,759,214	$3,845,259,214	$3,845,849,214

State General Funds	$1,542,605,699	$1,543,105,699	$1,542,605,699	$1,543,195,699
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,076,731,401	$2,076,731,401	$2,076,731,401	$2,076,731,401
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,632,987,949	$5,633,487,949	$5,632,987,949	$5,633,577,949

Airport Aid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$72,874,942	$72,874,942	$72,874,942

344.1 *Increase funds. (CC:Increase funds for Airport Aid ($50,853,535) and fund the construction of a replacement airport serving multiple counties ($47,273,669))*

State General Funds	$27,004,409	$98,127,204	$98,127,204

344.1000 Airport Aid			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$53,363,834	$124,486,629	$124,486,629
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$53,363,834	$124,486,629	$124,486,629
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$99,879,351	$171,002,146	$171,002,146

Capital Construction Projects			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,013,318,180	$1,013,318,180	$1,013,318,180	$1,013,318,180
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$884,846,617	$884,846,617	$884,846,617	$884,846,617
Transportation Trust Funds	$128,471,563	$128,471,563	$128,471,563	$128,471,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,066,071,309	$2,066,071,309	$2,066,071,309	$2,066,071,309

345.1 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$8,554,482	$8,554,482	$8,554,482	$8,554,482

345.2 *Increase funds to expedite the Department's existing project pipeline.*

State General Funds	$659,000,000	$659,000,000	$593,372,796	$593,372,796

345.1000 Capital Construction Projects			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,680,872,662	$1,680,872,662	$1,615,245,458	$1,615,245,458
State General Funds	$659,000,000	$659,000,000	$593,372,796	$593,372,796
State Motor Fuel Funds	$893,401,099	$893,401,099	$893,401,099	$893,401,099
Transportation Trust Funds	$128,471,563	$128,471,563	$128,471,563	$128,471,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,733,625,791	$2,733,625,791	$2,667,998,587	$2,667,998,587

Capital Maintenance Projects			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,373,986	$159,373,986	$159,373,986	$159,373,986
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$8,785,819	$8,785,819	$8,785,819	$8,785,819
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$441,324,560	$441,324,560	$441,324,560	$441,324,560

346.1 *Increase funds for resurfacing needs. (S and CC:Increase funds for resurfacing needs, and apply applicable matching federal funds for a total of $100,000,000)*

State General Funds	$100,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000

346.1000 Capital Maintenance Projects				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,373,986	$259,373,986	$209,373,986	$209,373,986
State General Funds	$0	$100,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$8,785,819	$8,785,819	$8,785,819	$8,785,819
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$441,324,560	$541,324,560	$491,324,560	$491,324,560

Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,147,251	$12,147,251	$12,147,251	$12,147,251

347.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913

347.1000 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,130,267	$3,130,267	$3,130,267	$3,130,267
State General Funds	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913	$26,913

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,174,164	$12,174,164	$12,174,164	$12,174,164

Departmental Administration (DOT) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,848,101	$83,848,101	$83,848,101	$83,848,101
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$83,848,101	$83,848,101	$83,848,101	$83,848,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$95,086,894	$95,086,894	$95,086,894	$95,086,894

348.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$426,294	$426,294	$426,294	$426,294

348.2 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) for increased information technology expenditures.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,757,935	$3,757,935	$3,757,935	$3,757,935

348.3 *Increase funds to install the Augusta Canal pedestrian bridge. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for safety)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$0	$590,000

348.1000 Departmental Administration (DOT) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,032,330	$88,532,330	$88,032,330	$88,622,330

State General Funds	$426,294	$926,294	$426,294	$1,016,294
State Motor Fuel Funds	$87,606,036	$87,606,036	$87,606,036	$87,606,036
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,271,123	$99,771,123	$99,271,123	$99,861,123

Freight Infrastructure Projects **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

349.1 *Increase funds for capital infrastructure projects that enhance economic development while promoting freight and logistics efficiency and safety.*

State General Funds	$641,000,000	$509,745,591	$500,000,000	$500,000,000

349.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

349.1000 Freight Infrastructure Projects **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$641,000,000	$509,745,591	$500,000,000	$500,000,000
State General Funds	$641,000,000	$509,745,591	$500,000,000	$500,000,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$641,000,000	$509,745,591	$500,000,000	$500,000,000

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168

350.1 *Increase funds for local maintenance and improvement grants to reflect ten percent of projected motor fuel revenues.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$5,791,952	$5,791,952	$5,791,952	$5,791,952

350.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding of state general funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects. (H:YES; Transfer funds for one-time funding of state general funds from the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program to the Local Road Assistance Administration program for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects)(S and CC:YES; Recognize one-time funding of state general funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects in the Local Road Assistance Administration program)*

State General Funds	$200,000,000	$0	$0	$0

350.1000 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$418,593,120	$218,593,120	$218,593,120	$218,593,120
State General Funds	$200,000,000	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$218,593,120	$218,593,120	$218,593,120	$218,593,120
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$418,593,120	$218,593,120	$218,593,120	$218,593,120

Local Road Assistance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$62,002,378

351.1 *Transfer funds for one-time funding of state general funds from the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program to the Local Road Assistance Administration program for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding of state general funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects)*

State General Funds	$200,000,000	$250,000,000	$250,000,000

351.1000 Local Road Assistance Administration **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$204,346,461	$254,346,461	$254,346,461
State General Funds	$0	$200,000,000	$250,000,000	$250,000,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$262,002,378	$312,002,378	$312,002,378

Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,617,966	$25,617,966	$25,617,966	$25,617,966

352.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$32,295	$32,295	$32,295	$32,295

352.1000 Planning **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,877,466	$2,877,466	$2,877,466	$2,877,466
State General Funds	$32,295	$32,295	$32,295	$32,295
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,650,261	$25,650,261	$25,650,261	$25,650,261

Ports and Waterways **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074
State General Funds	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074

353.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153	$2,153

353.1000 Ports and Waterways				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,389,227	$1,389,227	$1,389,227	$1,389,227
State General Funds	$1,389,227	$1,389,227	$1,389,227	$1,389,227
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,389,227	$1,389,227	$1,389,227	$1,389,227

Program Delivery Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$126,906,966	$126,906,966	$126,906,966	$126,906,966
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$126,906,966	$126,906,966	$126,906,966	$126,906,966
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$181,648,575	$181,648,575	$181,648,575	$181,648,575

354.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,220,751	$1,220,751	$1,220,751	$1,220,751

354.2 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) to support recruitment and retention efforts and increasing project costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

354.1000 Program Delivery Administration	**Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$132,127,717	$132,127,717	$132,127,717	$132,127,717
State General Funds	$1,220,751	$1,220,751	$1,220,751	$1,220,751
State Motor Fuel Funds	$130,906,966	$130,906,966	$130,906,966	$130,906,966
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$186,869,326	$186,869,326	$186,869,326	$186,869,326

Rail **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,305,308	$8,305,308	$8,305,308	$8,305,308
State General Funds	$8,305,308	$8,305,308	$8,305,308	$8,305,308
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,009,862	$9,009,862	$9,009,862	$9,009,862

355.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383	$5,383

355.2 *Increase funds for a risk-based inspection program in the State Safety Oversight Program to meet Federal Railroad Administration guidelines.*

State General Funds	$102,236	$102,236	$102,236	$102,236

355.3 *Increase funds for a state rail plan update to meet Federal Railroad Administration guidelines.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

355.4 *Increase funds to support operations of the Office of the Rail to dedicate locomotive fuel sales tax revenue for purposes defined*

in HB588 (2021 Session).

State General Funds	$1,228,544	$1,228,544	$1,228,544	$1,228,544

355.5 *Increase funds to upgrade state-owned shortline railroads to Class II standards to help reduce truck traffic on state highways.*

State General Funds		$4,250,000	$8,500,000	$8,500,000

355.1000 Rail			**Appropriation (HB 915)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,641,471	$14,891,471	$19,141,471	$19,141,471
State General Funds	$10,641,471	$14,891,471	$19,141,471	$19,141,471
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,346,025	$15,596,025	$19,846,025	$19,846,025

Routine Maintenance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$493,397,670	$493,397,670	$493,397,670	$493,397,670
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$493,397,670	$493,397,670	$493,397,670	$493,397,670
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$524,475,036	$524,475,036	$524,475,036	$524,475,036

356.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$2,122,858	$2,122,858	$2,122,858	$2,122,858

356.2 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) due to increased operations costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$32,408,079	$32,408,079	$32,408,079	$32,408,079

356.1000 Routine Maintenance **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$527,928,607	$527,928,607	$527,928,607	$527,928,607
State General Funds	$2,122,858	$2,122,858	$2,122,858	$2,122,858
State Motor Fuel Funds	$525,805,749	$525,805,749	$525,805,749	$525,805,749
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$559,005,973	$559,005,973	$559,005,973	$559,005,973

Traffic Management and Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,128,198	$56,128,198	$56,128,198	$56,128,198
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$56,128,198	$56,128,198	$56,128,198	$56,128,198
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,340,036	$161,340,036	$161,340,036	$161,340,036

357.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$361,705	$361,705	$361,705	$361,705

357.2 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) to support recruitment efforts for Highway Emergency Response Operators (HEROs) and to address increased project costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,407,080	$3,407,080	$3,407,080	$3,407,080

357.1000 Traffic Management and Control **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$59,896,983	$59,896,983	$59,896,983	$59,896,983
State General Funds	$361,705	$361,705	$361,705	$361,705
State Motor Fuel Funds	$59,535,278	$59,535,278	$59,535,278	$59,535,278
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$165,108,821	$165,108,821	$165,108,821	$165,108,821

Transit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,342,007	$30,342,007	$30,342,007	$30,342,007
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$6,744,694	$6,744,694	$6,744,694	$6,744,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,059,313	$96,059,313	$96,059,313	$96,059,313

358.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$24,760	$24,760	$24,760	$24,760

358.1000 Transit **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,366,767	$30,366,767	$30,366,767	$30,366,767
State General Funds	$24,760	$24,760	$24,760	$24,760
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$6,744,694	$6,744,694	$6,744,694	$6,744,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,084,073	$96,084,073	$96,084,073	$96,084,073

Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506

359.1000 Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
Transportation Trust Funds	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506

Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,539,659	$93,539,659	$93,539,659	$93,539,659

360.1000 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
Transportation Trust Funds	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,539,659	$93,539,659	$93,539,659	$93,539,659

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,294,616	$27,294,616	$27,294,616	$27,294,616
State General Funds	$27,294,616	$27,294,616	$27,294,616	$27,294,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,970,353	$54,970,353	$54,970,353	$54,970,353
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,613,749	$27,853,004	$27,853,004	$27,853,004
State General Funds	$27,613,749	$27,853,004	$27,853,004	$27,853,004
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,289,486	$55,528,741	$55,528,741	$55,528,741

Departmental Administration (DVS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105
State General Funds	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105

361.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148	$16,148

361.2 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program to the Departmental Administration (DVS) program to expand the Veterans Mental Health Services Program pursuant to HB414 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

361.3 *Reduce funds for one vacancy.*

State General Funds	($41,269)	$0	$0	$0

361.4 *Increase funds for updates to department central office.*

State General Funds		$197,986	$197,986	$197,986

361.1000 Departmental Administration (DVS) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,065,984	$3,305,239	$3,305,239	$3,305,239

State General Funds	$3,065,984	$3,305,239	$3,305,239	$3,305,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,065,984	$3,305,239	$3,305,239	$3,305,239

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,017,144	$2,017,144	$2,017,144	$2,017,144
State General Funds	$2,017,144	$2,017,144	$2,017,144	$2,017,144
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,345,040	$2,345,040	$2,345,040	$2,345,040

362.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$12,919	$12,919	$12,919	$12,919

362.2 *Transfer available funds resulting from the delay in the establishment of a veterans cemetery in Augusta from the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program to the Departmental Administration (DVS) program for the Veterans Mental Health Services Program.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)

362.1000 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,030,063	$1,030,063	$1,030,063	$1,030,063
State General Funds	$1,030,063	$1,030,063	$1,030,063	$1,030,063
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,357,959	$1,357,959	$1,357,959	$1,357,959

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,103,449	$14,103,449	$14,103,449	$14,103,449
State General Funds	$14,103,449	$14,103,449	$14,103,449	$14,103,449
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,697,364	$40,697,364	$40,697,364	$40,697,364

363.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077	$1,077

363.2 *Increase funds for initial funding to support the transition to a new contractor to operate the Milledgeville Georgia War Veterans Home.*

State General Funds	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

363.1000 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,304,526	$14,304,526	$14,304,526	$14,304,526
State General Funds	$14,304,526	$14,304,526	$14,304,526	$14,304,526
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,898,441	$40,898,441	$40,898,441	$40,898,441

Veterans Benefits **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,082,918	$9,082,918	$9,082,918	$9,082,918
State General Funds	$9,082,918	$9,082,918	$9,082,918	$9,082,918
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,836,844	$9,836,844	$9,836,844	$9,836,844

364.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$130,258	$130,258	$130,258	$130,258

364.1000 Veterans Benefits **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,213,176	$9,213,176	$9,213,176	$9,213,176
State General Funds	$9,213,176	$9,213,176	$9,213,176	$9,213,176
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,967,102	$9,967,102	$9,967,102	$9,967,102

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,138,440	$21,138,440	$21,138,440	$21,138,440
State General Funds	$21,138,440	$21,138,440	$21,138,440	$21,138,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,512,272	$21,512,272	$21,512,272	$21,512,272

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,266,544	$21,266,544	$21,266,544	$21,266,544
State General Funds	$21,266,544	$21,266,544	$21,266,544	$21,266,544
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,640,376	$21,640,376	$21,640,376	$21,640,376

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,705,989	$14,705,989	$14,705,989	$14,705,989
State General Funds	$14,705,989	$14,705,989	$14,705,989	$14,705,989
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,014,342	$15,014,342	$15,014,342	$15,014,342

365.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$106,574	$106,574	$106,574	$106,574

365.1000 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,812,563	$14,812,563	$14,812,563	$14,812,563
State General Funds	$14,812,563	$14,812,563	$14,812,563	$14,812,563
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,120,916	$15,120,916	$15,120,916	$15,120,916

Board Administration (SBWC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers

and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,432,451	$6,432,451	$6,432,451	$6,432,451
State General Funds	$6,432,451	$6,432,451	$6,432,451	$6,432,451
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,497,930	$6,497,930	$6,497,930	$6,497,930

366.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time $1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$21,530	$21,530	$21,530	$21,530

366.1000 Board Administration (SBWC) **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,453,981	$6,453,981	$6,453,981	$6,453,981
State General Funds	$6,453,981	$6,453,981	$6,453,981	$6,453,981
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,519,460	$6,519,460	$6,519,460	$6,519,460

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

Section Total - Continuation

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175	$1,527,012,775
State General Funds	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175	$1,527,012,775
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175	$1,527,012,775

Capital Projects Fund		**Continuation Budget**		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

367.1 *Transfer funds from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued program to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Capital Projects Fund program to reflect savings associated with favorable rates received in recent bond sales to be used for defeasance of existing debt obligations and other state capital needs.*

State General Funds	$65,130,096	$56,175,096	$53,075,096	$56,175,096

367.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design, construction, and equipment of the dental school at Georgia Southern University, Savannah, Chatham County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$178,000,000	$178,000,000	$178,000,000	$178,000,000

367.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major rehabilitation and repair projects statewide ($80,000,000) and for demolition projects at Valdosta State University and University of West Georgia ($1,229,000). [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$81,229,000	$81,229,000	$81,229,000	$81,229,000

367.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction of the Medical School at the University of Georgia to match institutional funds, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000

367.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for supplemental major rehabilitation and repair projects for the University System of Georgia B-Units. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$15,893,000	$15,893,000	$15,893,000	$15,893,000

367.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at Augusta Technical College, Augusta, Richmond County. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at Augusta Technical College, Thomson, McDuffie County) [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$5,525,000	$5,525,000	$5,525,000	$5,525,000

367.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding to establish one new college and career academy. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

367.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the new state prison, Davisboro, Washington County. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$450,859,065	$450,859,065	$450,859,065	$436,753,665

367.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility maintenance and repairs, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$135,385,847	$135,385,847	$135,385,847	$135,385,847

367.10 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase the Augusta Transition Center, Augusta, Richmond County. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$4,600,000	$4,600,000	$4,600,000	$4,600,000

367.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace food and farm equipment, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$1,729,146	$1,729,146	$1,729,146	$1,729,146

367.12 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Readiness Center light replacement and fence installation, Bibb and Fulton County. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$665,581	$665,581	$665,581	$665,581

367.13 *Increase funds for one-time funding for upgrades to investigative equipment ($865,059) and for facility renovations ($2,006,080), statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$2,871,139	$2,871,139	$2,871,139	$2,871,139

367.14 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of the Medical Examiner Annex Addition at Headquarters, Decatur, DeKalb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$1,292,615	$1,292,615	$1,292,615	$1,292,615

367.15 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional facility maintenance and repairs, statewide. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$2,308,846	$2,308,846	$2,308,846	$2,308,846

367.16 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 43 replacement vehicles, statewide. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$2,098,995	$2,098,995	$2,098,995	$2,098,995

367.17 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of an aircraft hangar at Headquarters, Atlanta, Fulton County. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding and utilize existing funds for construction of an aircraft hangar at Headquarters, Atlanta, Fulton County) [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$1,925,000	$1,925,000	$1,000,000	$1,200,000

367.18 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for new Post, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$187,500	$187,500	$187,500	$187,500

367.19 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for new Post, Oconee County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$115,000	$115,000	$115,000	$115,000

367.20 *Increase funds for one-time funding for upgrades to training facilities, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$5,960,136	$5,960,136	$5,960,136	$5,960,136

367.21 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility security upgrades, Austell, Cobb County. (CC:NO) [Peace Officers Standards and Training Council]*

State General Funds	$35,000	$35,000	$0	$0

367.22 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) for voting machines, statewide. [Office of Secretary of State]*

State General Funds	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

367.23 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovations and repairs to the Atlanta Farmers Market, Forest Park, Clayton County. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$35,000,000	$40,000,000	$37,500,000

367.24 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 42 replacement vehicles, statewide. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 100 new and replacement vehicles, statewide)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase replacement and new fleet vehicles, statewide) [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$1,707,000	$3,000,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000

367.25 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Brunswick Harbor Modification Project, Brunswick, Glynn County. [Georgia Ports Authority]*

State General Funds	$6,094,000	$6,094,000	$6,094,000	$6,094,000

367.26 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the construction of the Pierce/Bacon County unit office. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$1,045,000	$1,045,000	$1,045,000	$1,045,000

367.27 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the North Georgia Mountain Authority Lake Blackshear Renovations, Cordele, Crisp*

County. [Department of Natural Resources]

State General Funds	$14,341,093	$14,341,093	$14,341,093	$14,341,093

367.28 *Increase funds for one-time funding to provide security and storage updates at Tifton Lab. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$675,000	$675,000	$675,000

367.29 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Bywaters, Founders, and Lyons renovations, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Peach County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

367.30 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for the Research Tower, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,100,000	$5,100,000	$5,100,000

367.31 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Interdisciplinary STEM Building, Kennesaw State University, Marietta, Cobb County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000

367.32 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Phase III of Technology Square, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000

367.33 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Phase II of the Science and Ag Hill Modernization project, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$4,700,000	$4,700,000	$4,700,000

367.34 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for the Georgia Research Alliance, statewide. [Georgia Research Alliance]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

367.35 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for new transportation and logistics training center at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta, Lowndes County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$8,950,000	$8,950,000	$8,950,000

367.36 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace water distribution line in main academic building, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$1,145,000	$1,145,000	$1,145,000

367.37 *Increase funds for one-time funding for installation of fire alarm control panels in three separate buildings, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$165,000	$165,000	$165,000

367.38 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase five replacement vehicles, statewide. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000

367.39 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000

367.40 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for Wilder Hall, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds		$817,116	$817,116

367.41 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of a new Medical Examiner office, Macon, Bibb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds		$3,100,000	$3,100,000

367.42 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Eastman Campus Extension, Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$5,335,000	$10,670,000

367.43 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of STEM Excellence Center, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Lumpkin County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$3,400,000	$3,400,000

367.44 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design for a translational research building, Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County. (CC:NO) [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$10,669,000	$0

367.45 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at North Georgia Technical College, Blairsville, Union County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds		$5,525,000	$4,765,000

367.46 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at Chattahoochee Technical College, Dallas, Paulding County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $5,525,000 $5,525,000

367.47 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Herty Hall Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $5,500,000 $11,000,000

367.48 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the renovation of the College of Business Building, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County. (CC:NO) [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $5,000,000 $0

367.49 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the development of exhibits for the Anne Frank Education Center via Georgia Commission on the Holocaust. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,550,000

367.50 *Increase funds for one time-funding for replacement of Oglethorpe Mall Library, Live Oak Public Libraries, Savannah, Chatham County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $3,000,000

367.51 *Increase funds for one-time funding for repairs and improvements to resolve safety, health, accommodations and accessibility matters for the Capitol Hill complex and the repairs and improvements for historic Capitol Building. [Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission]*

State General Funds $392,000,000

367.999 ***CC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*
***Senate**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*
***Governor**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*

State General Funds $0 $0 $0 $0

367.1000 Capital Projects Fund **Appropriation (HB 915)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to

provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175	$1,527,012,775
State General Funds	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175	$1,527,012,775
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,087,998,059	$1,110,051,059	$1,149,362,175	$1,527,012,775

Section 51: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,255,377,796	$1,255,377,796	$1,255,377,796	$1,255,377,796
State General Funds	$1,146,177,998	$1,146,177,998	$1,146,177,998	$1,146,177,998
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,272,224,384	$1,272,224,384	$1,272,224,384	$1,272,224,384
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,241,798,504	$1,214,851,461	$1,208,542,691	$1,197,757,835
State General Funds	$1,132,598,706	$1,105,651,663	$1,099,342,893	$1,088,558,037
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,258,645,092	$1,231,698,049	$1,225,389,279	$1,214,604,423
General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,174,236,970	$1,174,236,970	$1,174,236,970	$1,174,236,970
State General Funds	$1,065,037,172	$1,065,037,172	$1,065,037,172	$1,065,037,172
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,191,083,558	$1,191,083,558	$1,191,083,558	$1,191,083,558

368.1 *Transfer funds from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund Issued Program to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Capital Projects Fund program to reflect savings associated with favorable rates received in recent bond sales to*

be used for defeasance of existing debt obligations and other state capital needs.

State General Funds	($65,130,096)	($65,130,096)	($65,130,096)	($65,130,096)

368.2 *Increase funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	$52,029,204	$25,082,161	$19,351,891	$8,567,035

368.3 *Deauthorize $2,500,000 in 5-year unissued bonds from FY2023 for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of financing projects and facilities through the design of a new GBI Medical Examiner Building, Macon, Bibb County (HB911, Bond #50, 2022 Session) and reduce the associated funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	($578,500)

368.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued				**Appropriation (HB 915)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,161,136,078	$1,134,189,035	$1,128,458,765	$1,117,095,409
State General Funds	$1,051,936,280	$1,024,989,237	$1,019,258,967	$1,007,895,611
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,177,982,666	$1,151,035,623	$1,145,305,353	$1,133,941,997
General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New				**Continuation Budget**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826
State General Funds	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826

369.1 *Deauthorize $2,000,000 in 5-year unissued bonds from FY2024 for the Office of Secretary of State for the purpose of financing projects and facilities through the purchase of replacement elections equipment (HB19, Bond 376.531, 2023 Session) and reduce the associated funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	($478,400)	($478,400)	($478,400)	($478,400)

369.2 *Deauthorize $2,500,000 in 5-year unissued bonds from FY2023 for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of financing projects and facilities through the design of a new GBI Medical Examiner Building, Macon, Bibb County (HB911, Bond #50, 2022 Session) and reduce the associated funds for debt service. (CC:NO; Reflect in General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued program)*

State General Funds	($578,500)	$0

369.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New				Appropriation (HB 915)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,662,426	$80,662,426	$80,083,926	$80,662,426
State General Funds	$80,662,426	$80,662,426	$80,083,926	$80,662,426
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,662,426	$80,662,426	$80,083,926	$80,662,426

[Bond 376.101] From State General Funds, $3,384,570 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $37,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.102] From State General Funds, $2,818,432 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $31,040,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.103] From State General Funds, $10,038,394 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $110,555,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.104] From State General Funds, $3,718,260 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $40,950,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.105] From State General Funds, $1,326,364 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,545,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.106] From State General Funds, $437,202 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,815,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.107] From State General Funds, $47,627 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $485,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.108] From State General Funds, $3,176,544 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $22,820,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.

[Bond 376.109] From State General Funds, $239,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.110] From State General Funds, $264,316 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,105,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.111] From State General Funds, $208,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.

[Bond 376.203] From State General Funds, $550,160 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.204] From State General Funds, $1,525,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $16,800,000 in principal

amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.205] From State General Funds, $4,900,671 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $49,905,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.206] From State General Funds, $3,368,260 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $34,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.207] From State General Funds, $2,926,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $29,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.208] From State General Funds, $191,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.209] From State General Funds, $334,880 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.210] From State General Funds, $272,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both

real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.211] From State General Funds, $454,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.212] From State General Funds, $454,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.213] From State General Funds, $272,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.214] From State General Funds, $859,924 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,595,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.216] From State General Funds, $169,886 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,730,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.217] From State General Funds, $69,722 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways,

buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $710,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.218] From State General Funds, $24,550 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $250,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.219] From State General Funds, $454,480 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.220] From State General Funds, $430,560 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.221] From State General Funds, $454,480 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.222] From State General Funds, $744,560 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.223] From State General Funds, $454,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both

real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.224] From State General Funds, $153,452 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,690,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.225] From State General Funds, $272,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.226] From State General Funds, $104,420 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $1,150,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.227] From State General Funds, $272,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.228] From State General Funds, $81,720 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.230] From State General Funds, $15,890 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $175,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.231] From State General Funds, $45,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System

of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.232] From State General Funds, $45,400 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.234] From State General Funds, $90,800 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.235] From State General Funds, $635,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $7,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.236] From State General Funds, $488,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.237] From State General Funds, $81,720 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.252] From State General Funds, $59,780 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $245,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.253] From State General Funds, $158,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension,

enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $650,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.254] From State General Funds, $374,540 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,535,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.255] From State General Funds, $1,239,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,080,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.258] From State General Funds, $1,404,260 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $14,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.259] From State General Funds, $294,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.261] From State General Funds, $329,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,350,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.302] From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.331] From State General Funds, $766,942 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $7,810,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.341] From State General Funds, $88,530 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Health by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $975,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.351] From State General Funds, $121,992 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $510,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.352] From State General Funds, $182,054 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,005,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.353] From State General Funds, $116,678 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,285,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.361] From State General Funds, $1,309,620 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Community Supervision by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,475,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.371] From State General Funds, $2,360,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal,

necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $26,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.372] From State General Funds, $2,844,088 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $11,890,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.391] From State General Funds, $363,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.392] From State General Funds, $1,089,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $12,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.401] From State General Funds, $123,188 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $515,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.402] From State General Funds, $214,084 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $895,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.403] From State General Funds, $154,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,700,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.404] From State General Funds, $143,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and

facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.411] From State General Funds, $932,970 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $10,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.412] From State General Funds, $2,469,740 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $10,325,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.431] From State General Funds, $3,181,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $13,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.432] From State General Funds, $68,100 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $750,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.433] From State General Funds, $59,474 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $655,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.434] From State General Funds, $27,508 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $115,000 in principal amount of General

Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.435] From State General Funds, $1,220,806 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $13,445,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.436] From State General Funds, $163,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.437] From State General Funds, $458,086 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,045,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.438] From State General Funds, $80,132 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $335,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.439] From State General Funds, $38,272 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $160,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.516] From State General Funds, $222,460 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,450,000 in principal amount of General

Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.511] From State General Funds, $27,240 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.512] From State General Funds, $191,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.513] From State General Funds, $59,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $250,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.514] From State General Funds, $47,840 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.515] From State General Funds, $19,522 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $215,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.
[Bond 376.501] From State General Funds, $961,584 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Building Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,020,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.
[Bond 376.471] From State General Funds, $81,720 is specifically appropriated for the Office of the Governor for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency by means of the

acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.491] From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Labor by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.531] From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Secretary of State by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.602] From State General Funds, $705,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,950,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.601] From State General Funds, $140,740 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Forestry Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,550,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.631] From State General Funds, $1,952,000 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.581] From State General Funds, $1,313,422 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the purpose of financing loans to counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, local authorities, and other local government entities for water or sewerage facilities or systems or for regional or multijurisdictional solid waste

recycling or solid waste facilities or systems, through the issuance of not more than $14,465,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.611] From State General Funds, $1,393,780 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $15,350,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.612] From State General Funds, $424,580 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,775,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond 376.613] From State General Funds, $381,360 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $4,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.614] From State General Funds, $589,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $6,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.621] From State General Funds, $814,930 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $8,975,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond 376.681] From State General Funds, $1,080,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Stone Mountain Memorial Association by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $11,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 264, 261, Act No. 351, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 19), and which amended reads as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:"376.531 BOND: Office of the Secretary of State: $2,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Purchase replacement elections equipment. From State General Funds, $478,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Office of Secretary of State by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months."

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 164, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911), and which amended reads as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:"[Bond # 50] From State General Funds, $578,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months."

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) A general cost-of-living adjustment of $2,000 for active, full-time, benefit-eligible employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

2.) In lieu of other numbered items, (a) to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment authorized by O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) for each state officer whose salary is set by Code Sections 45-7-4(a), in an amount of $2,000 per year as determined by the Office of Planning and Budget according to O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), with members of the General Assembly subject to the further provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) as to amount and effective date; (b) To provide for increases of up to $2,000 for other department heads and officers whose salary is not set by statute; (c) Subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), the amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

3.) In lieu of other numbered items,(a) to provide for a $2,000 increase across the state salary schedule of the State Board of Education through a $2,000 increase in the state base salary. This proposed $2,000 salary improvement is in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This Item includes as well, and without limitation, teachers and administrators in state agencies whose salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of September 1, 2023;

(b) To provide for a 5.1% increase in funding for salaries for all local nutrition workers; a 5.1% increase in the state base salary for local school bus drivers; a 5.1% increase for school nurses; and a 5.1% increase for Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) employees. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

4.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,000 salary increase for teachers and assistant teachers within the Department of Early Care and Learning. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

5.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and non-academic personnel of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for public librarians funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above and administered by the Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

7.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

8.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for supplementary salary adjustments to address employee retention needs for certain employees in the job titles specified in the appropriations stated above to Prosecuting Attorneys, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Corrections, Georgia Drug and Narcotics Agency, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Public Defender Council, Department of Community Supervision, Department of Revenue, Secretary of State, Department of Driver Services, Department of Public Safety, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor, and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. The amount for

this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2023.

9.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for supplementary salary adjustments to address employee retention needs for certain employees in the job titles specified in the appropriations stated above to Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of April 1, 2024.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number that has a 1000 or a higher number after the decimal and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Similarly, text in a group of lines that has a number less than 1000 after the decimal (001 through 999) is not part of a statement of purpose but constitutes information as to how the appropriation was derived. Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total

Agency Funds" and "Total IntraState Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. The blocks of text and numerals immediately following the section header and beginning with the phrases, "Section Total - Continuation" and "Section Totals - Final" are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54 and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the

same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

Part II: Effective Date
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 915.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
E Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on HB 915.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that HB 915 be immediately transmitted to the Governor.

On the motion, there was no objection, and the President ordered that HB 915 be immediately transmitted to the Governor.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 384. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Halpern of the 39th and Esteves of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor practices relative to public officers and employees, so as to provide for the development and administration of the State of Georgia as a Model Employer (GAME) Program for the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of qualified individuals with disabilities at

all levels and for all occupations; to establish state policy; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain duties of the State ADA Coordinator; to establish the elements of the GAME Program; to provide for the development of plans by state agencies; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

SB 384, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

A point of order was raised that the Georgia Constitution requires a roll call vote on any bill that is immediately transmitted to the Governor, and that such roll call vote was not held on the recent motion to immediately transmit HB 915 to the Governor. Thus, pursuant to Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII (b) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that HB 915 be immediately transmitted to the Governor.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and HB 915 was immediately transmitted to the Governor.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

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The Honorable Brian Kemp
Governor of the State of Georgia
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Dear Governor Kemp:

On February 26, 2024, the Senate passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the House:

HB 915 by Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th, and Hatchett of the 155th:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023.

Pursuant to Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII (b) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia by a vote of ayes 52, nays 1, the Senate, on this day, ordered HB 915 be immediately transmitted to the Governor. A copy of the Roll Call is attached.

Respectfully,
/s/ David A. Cook
David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 399. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Esteves of the 6th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to encourage and state expectations for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, units of the University System of Georgia, and local boards of education to enter into and amend existing agreements with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia for awarding postsecondary course credits that are transferrable between the university system and the technical college system and between units thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Parent of the 42nd, Echols of the 49th, and Brass of the 28th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 399 (LC 49 1613) by replacing "transferrable" *with* "transferable" *on line 6.*

By deleting "technical college system" *on line 8*.

By deleting "baccalaureate" *and by inserting* "and the technical college system" *after* "university system" *on line 9*.

By deleting "and" *on line 40 and by inserting afterwards the following:*

(III) Of the courses listed as provided for in subdivision (I) of this division, identify the technical college system degree program or programs for which each such course has been approved by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to be degree prerequisites;

(IV) A summary of efforts undertaken by the technical college system in collaboration with the university system to reduce barriers to degree completion by students who have earned course credits in the university system, the technical college system, or both;

(V) A summary of efforts undertaken to develop plans and procedures for reverse transfers. As used in this subdivision, the term 'reverse transfer' means the process of transferring the credits a student has earned from a four-year institution to any unit of the technical college system from which a student transferred in order to award a degree to such student from the technical college system; and

By deleting "(III)" *on line 41 and inserting* "(VI)" *in lieu thereof.*

By deleting "odd-numbered" *on line 45 and inserting* "even-numbered" *in lieu thereof.*

By deleting "and" *on line 46.*

By replacing line 47 with the following:

Representatives, and the respective chairs of the House Committee on Higher Education, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, and the Senate Higher Education Committee

By inserting "degree" *between* "postsecondary" *and* "attainment" *on line 97.*

By replacing "transferrable" *with* "transferable" *on line 101.*

By replacing "transferrable" *with* "transferable" *on line 107.*

Senator Orrock of the 36th asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Parent amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 399, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

SB 429. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 28, 31, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the General Assembly, health, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for procedures and processes concerning the enactment of legislation and the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide definitions; to provide for the preparation and submission of small business impact analyses for bills introduced during sessions of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 429 (LC 55 0151) by replacing lines 26 through 29 with the following:

(a) Prior to the convening of a session of the General Assembly, the Governor, the President of the Senate, or any member of the General Assembly may request that the Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Audits and Accounts prepare a small business impact analysis of any bill. Following the convening of a session of the

General Assembly, a small business impact analysis for a bill may only be requested by the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the chairperson of a committee to which such bill has been assigned. A small business impact analysis shall estimate the economic

By replacing lines 54 through 57 with the following:

Office of Planning and Budget and Department of Audits and Accounts shall revise such small business impact analysis to account for the amended version of such bill upon the request of:

(A) The Governor, the President of the Senate, or any member of the General Assembly, if such request is made prior to the convening of a session of the General Assembly; or

(B) The Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the chairperson of a committee to which such bill has been assigned, if such request is made after the convening of a session of the General Assembly.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 51, nays 1, and the Dolezal amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 13.

SB 429, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

SB 440. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Parent of the 42nd, Dixon of the 45th, Butler of the 55th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the Accelerated Career Diploma Program; to provide a short title; to establish and provide for the ACE Grants pilot program; to make conforming changes; to extend an automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Brass of the 28th, and Parent of the 42nd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 440 (LC 49 1728) by deleting "pilot" *on lines 3, 92, 99, 100, and 112.*
By replacing line 6 with the following:
provide for the adoption of content

By striking lines 24 and 25.

By replacing "(2)(A)" *with* "~~(2)~~(1)(A)" *on line 26.*

By inserting "core" *between* "funded" *and* "English" *on line 30.*

By inserting "core" *between* "funded" *and* "math" *on line 33.*

By inserting "core" *between* "funded" *and* "science" *on line 36.*

By replacing lines 37 through 39 with the following:
(iv) Any two state funded core social studies courses; provided, however, that in lieu of taking a second state funded core social studies course, a student shall be permitted to take a third state funded core math course in

By deleting "additional" *on line 44.*

By replacing "'state funded'" *with* "'state funded core'" *on line 49.*

By replacing line 50 with the following:
school course listed as core or required on the state funded course list and any technical college

By replacing lines 53 through 59 with the following:
(D) The State Board of Education shall adopt content standards for a minimum course of instruction in foundations of algebra that may be chosen by students participating in the Accelerated Career Diploma Program to meet the requirements of division (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

By striking lines 63 and 64.

By replacing line 65 with the following:
~~(4)~~(2)(A) Completes: (i) an ~~associate~~ associate's degree program in applied science at a unit of the Technical

By replacing lines 75 through 80 with the following:

provided in Code Section 34-14-3.

(B) The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall publish a list that identifies which certificates are in the same program of study or closely related programs of study. A student meets the requirements of division (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by completing at least two certificates in the same program of study or in closely related programs of study.

~~(b) The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall annually identify fields of study in which a critical need or~~

By restoring "(c)" *and deleting* "(d)" *on line 86.*

By restoring "(d)" *and deleting* "(e)" *on line 89.*

By replacing "(f)" *with* "(e)" *on line 92.*

By deleting "three-year pilot" *on line 96.*

By replacing "(4)" *with* "(2)" *on line 98.*

By replacing lines 110 through 112 with the following:

implement, assess, and report on the program."

By deleting lines 114 through 128.

By redesignating Sections 4, 5, and 6 as Sections 3, 4, and 5, respectively.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Kennedy of the 18th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Kennedy was excused.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Hatchett amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	E Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 440, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

SB 10. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Albers of the 56th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an offense of knowingly attending and facilitating an illegal drag race or a laying drags exhibition; to provide for punishment; to provide for offenses which disqualify certain drivers from obtaining a Class C or D driver's license; to increase the punishment for the offenses of reckless stunt driving; to provide for minimum periods of imprisonment for such offenses in certain instances; to provide for motor vehicle forfeiture in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 10:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an offense of knowingly attending and facilitating an illegal drag race or a laying drags exhibition; to provide for punishment; to provide for offenses which disqualify certain drivers from obtaining a Class C or D driver's license; to increase the punishment for the offenses of reckless stunt driving; to provide for minimum

periods of imprisonment for such offenses in certain instances; to provide for motor vehicle forfeiture in certain instances; to provide for authority to issue conditions of bond or a uniform traffic citation by a court authorized to hear traffic cases when a defendant has requested the matter be transferred in order to obtain a jury trial; to require any such condition relating to suspension of a driver's license be communicated to the Department of Driver Services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, is amended by revising Code Section 16-11-43.1, relating to promoting or organizing drag races or laying drags exhibitions, as follows:

"16-11-43.1.

(a) Any person who knowingly promotes or organizes an exhibition of illegal drag racing, in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, or of laying drags, in violation of Code Section 40-6-251, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(b) Any person who is knowingly present and actively facilitating an exhibition of illegal drag racing, in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, or of laying drags, in violation of Code Section 40-6-251, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than $250.00. For purposes of this subsection, active facilitation may be evidenced by using a vehicle to block the portion of the roadway closest to exhibition participants allowing the event to take place."

SECTION 2.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-5-24, relating to instruction permits, graduated licensing and related restrictions, and temporary licenses, by revising division (b)(1)(A)(i) and paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(i) For a period of not less than 12 consecutive months prior to making application for a Class D driver's license, not been convicted of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391, hit and run or leaving the scene of an accident in violation of Code Section 40-6-270, racing on highways or streets in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, using a motor vehicle in fleeing or attempting to elude an officer in violation of Code Section 40-6-395, reckless driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390, reckless stunt driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390.1, or convicted of any offense for which four or more points are assessable under subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-57; and"

"(3) A person who has been issued a Class D driver's license under this subsection and has never been issued a Class C driver's license under this chapter will become eligible for a Class C driver's license under this chapter only if such person has a valid Class D driver's license which is not under suspension and, for a period of not less than

12 consecutive months prior to making application for a Class C driver's license, has not been convicted of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391, hit and run or leaving the scene of an accident in violation of Code Section 40-6-270, racing on highways or streets in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, using a motor vehicle in fleeing or attempting to elude an officer in violation of Code Section 40-6-395, reckless driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390, reckless stunt driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390.1, or convicted of any offense for which four or more points are assessable under subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-57 and is at least 18 years of age; provided, however, that any person at least 17 years of age who provides proof of military enlistment and meets all other qualifications of this paragraph, except that such person has held a Class D driver's license for a period of less than 12 consecutive months, shall be eligible for a Class C driver's license."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-6-390.1, relating to reckless stunt driving, as follows:

"40-6-390.1.

(a) Any person who operates any vehicle while drag racing, in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, or laying drags, in violation of Code Section 40-6-251, in reckless disregard for the safety of persons on a highway or upon private property without express authorization from the owner of such property commits the offense of reckless stunt driving and, upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of:

(1) For the first conviction with no conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to a charge of violating this Code section within the previous ten years, a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature to be punished by:

(A) A fine of not less than ~~$300.00 but no~~ $500.00 and not more than ~~$750.00~~ $1,000.00; and

(B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than ten days nor more than six months;

(2) For the second conviction in a ten-year period of time, a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature to be punished by:

(A) A fine of not less than ~~$600.00~~ $750.00 and not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $1,500.00; and

(B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than 90 days and not more than 12 months;

(3) For the third conviction in a ten-year period of time, a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature to be punished by:

(A) A fine of not less than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,500.00 and not more than $5,000.00; and

(B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than 120 days and not more than 12 months; and

(4) For a fourth or subsequent conviction in a ten-year period of time, a felony to be punished by:

(A) A fine of not less than ~~$1,000.00~~ $5,000.00 and not more than ~~$5,000.00~~ $7,500.00; and

(B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than one year and not more than five

years; provided, however, that when a violation of this paragraph results in an injury to another or damage to property over $1,000.00, the first 12 months of such sentence shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld by a sentencing court.

(b)~~(1)~~ Notwithstanding the limits set forth in any municipal charter, any municipal court of any municipality shall be authorized to impose the misdemeanor or high and aggravated misdemeanor punishments provided for in this Code section upon a conviction of violating this Code section or upon a conviction of violating any ordinance adopting the provisions of this Code section.

~~(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section to the contrary, any court authorized to hear misdemeanor or high and aggravated misdemeanor cases involving violations of this Code section shall be authorized to exercise the power to probate, suspend, or stay any sentence imposed.~~

(c)(1) Any motor vehicle operated by a person who has been ~~declared a habitual violator for three violations of this Code section, whose license has been revoked,~~ previously convicted of a violation of this Code section and who is arrested and charged with a violation of this Code section is declared to be contraband and subject to forfeiture in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 16 of Title 9.

(2) In any case where a vehicle which is the only family vehicle is determined to be subject to forfeiture, the court may, if it determines that the financial hardship to the family as a result of the forfeiture and sale outweighs the benefit to the state from such forfeiture, order the title to the vehicle transferred to such other family member who is a duly licensed operator and who requires the use of such vehicle for employment or family transportation purposes. Such transfer shall be subject to any valid liens and shall be granted only once.

(d) For purposes of this Code section, the occurrence of a previous conviction shall be measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-13-23, relating to waiver of jury trial and withdrawal of waiver, as follows:

"40-13-23.

(a) No court defined in this article shall have the power to dispose of traffic misdemeanor cases as provided in this article unless the defendant shall first waive in writing a trial by jury. If the defendant wishes a trial by jury, he or she shall notify the court and, if reasonable cause exists, he or she shall be immediately bound over to the court in the county having jurisdiction to try the offense, wherein a jury may be impaneled; provided, however, that, after notice and a hearing, any transferring court shall be authorized, as an amendment to an existing bond or as a condition of the uniform traffic citation issued in lieu of formal arrest, to impose any reasonable conditions upon a defendant the court deems necessary to protect the safety of any person or the public given the circumstances of the alleged offense and the totality of circumstances, including, but not limited to, the

suspension of a driver's license or issuance of a limited driving permit. Where a cash bond, property bond, or driver's license in lieu of bond has been posted or a uniform traffic citation has been issued in lieu of formal arrest, the bond or the conditions placed upon a uniform traffic citation, as applicable, shall be transferred to the court assuming jurisdiction, and the defendant shall not be required to post a new bond by the court assuming jurisdiction.

(b) No waiver of a trial by jury may be withdrawn when such waiver has been interposed for the purpose of delay. Except with approval of the court, no waiver of a trial by jury may be withdrawn after the commencement of the trial or the filing of motions on behalf of the defendant, whichever comes first.

(c) Within five days of the issuance of any court order for the suspension of a driver's license pursuant to this Code section, the court shall forward to the Department of Driver Services the defendant's driver's license number. The commissioner of driver services shall, upon receipt of such driver's license number, suspend such defendant's driver's license and driving privilege until notified by the clerk of court that determines the final disposition of the underlying citation that the accused driver's license shall be reinstated. Such defendant's driver's license shall be reinstated when the Department of Driver Services receives an order of reinstatement from the court that determined the final disposition of the underlying citation and the defendant pays to the Department of Driver Services the applicable restoration fee as set forth in Code Section 40-5-56."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland

Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 6.

SB 10, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bill of the House:

HB 915. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 351, approved May 5, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 264), to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Twenty-seventh Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 481. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Thomas of the 21st, Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide for a fiduciary duty to invest retirement assets solely in the financial interest of participants and their beneficiaries; to provide for duties; to provide for delegation of duties; to provide for objective; to provide for conformance; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 808. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Yearta of the 152nd, Mathiak of the 74th, Ridley of the 6th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to increase a statewide ad valorem tax exemption for tangible personal property; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic

repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 825. By Representatives Fleming of the 125th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judicial Retirement System, so as to require certain counties that comprise single county judicial circuits to supplement the retirement benefits paid to the circuit's superior court judges and district attorneys; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 827. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Dickey of the 145th, Pirkle of the 169th, Leverett of the 123rd, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-8-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock theft, so as to provide for increased penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 927. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Anderson of the 10th, Cannon of the 172nd and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, so as to authorize fluorescent pink hunting outer garments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 957. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Sainz of the 180th, Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abandoned vessels, so as to revise penalties for failing to remove an abandoned vessel; to provide for notice; to provide for appeal and hearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1028. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to repeal the requirement of screening of public school children for scoliosis; to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise the state health officer's authorization to issue standing orders; to repeal provisions relating to the Georgia Diabetes Control Grant Program; to revise a definition; to repeal provisions relating to a pilot program for preexposure prophylaxis drug assistance or services; to repeal provisions relating to control of mass gatherings; to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to repeal a provision requiring the Department of Public Health to inspect facilities; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1040. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Williams of the 148th, Barrett of the 24th, McCollum of the 30th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers, so as to prohibit unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions related to mortgage trigger leads; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1078. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to services for the aging, so as create a new adult day center licensure exclusion; to authorize the Department of Community Health to establish and implement the Georgia Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) as part of the state's medical assistance program; to provide for definitions; to exempt PACE organizations from the requirement to obtain a certificate of authority as a health maintenance organization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1090. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Wiedower of the 121st, Gullett of the 19th, Crowe of the 118th and Hutchinson of the 106th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the

wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against certain tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting requirements; to remove the prohibition of allowing such a tax credit for qualified contributions that were utilized as a deduction or exemption from taxable income; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1100. By Representatives New of the 64th, Corbett of the 174th, Prince of the 132nd, Smith of the 138th, McClain of the 109th and others:

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HB 1165. By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Reeves of the 99th, Dempsey of the 13th, Parrish of the 158th and Hilton of the 48th:

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fishing; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1218. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Wade of the 9th, Gunter of the 8th, Oliver of the 82nd and Evans of the 57th:

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the commercial code, so as to update and modernize various statutes in the commercial code relating to commercial transactions in order to maintain uniformity in this state's statutes governing commercial transactions as recommended by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; to establish commercial law for transactions involving digital assets; to provide for a short title; to renumber Article 12 as Article 13; to add a new Article 12 to the commercial code pertaining to controllable electronic records; to add a new Article 12A pertaining to transitional provisions; to make conforming amendments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1247. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Jones of the 47th, Lim of the 98th, Rhodes of the 124th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

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revoked by wills; to provide for taking of interests free and clear of claims; to provide for lapsing of transfers; to provide for record owners to retain title; to provide for joint ownership; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

HB 1316. By Representative Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Cordele, approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4122), so as to transition the office of chairperson to at large commission member; to provide for a mayor to be selected by and among the commission members; to redesignate the office of vice chairperson to mayor pro tempore; to revise

voting and quorum provisions related to the commission; to make conforming changes; to provide that the city manager shall recommend the annual budget to the commission in place of the chairperson; to provide that the chairperson on the effective date of this Act shall become the initial at large commission member; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Mableton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 439. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Atlanta independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $100,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 468. By Senator Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Baldwin County, approved December 26, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 26, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4786), so as to provide for staggered terms for the board of commissioners; to provide for initial terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolutions of the House:

HR 1113. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st and Greene of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Appling, Barrow, Clarke, Colquitt, Cobb, Dade, Douglas, Fulton, Laurens, Newton, Paulding, Stewart, Sumter, Tattnall, Telfair, Troup, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws, and for other purposes.

HR 1116. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Greene of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Chatham County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Houston County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Paulding County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Walker County; and authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in White County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 467. By Senator Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Baldwin County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to

allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 979. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

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

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 557. By Senators Payne of the 54th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the General Assembly, so as to require the submission of names and residential addresses of members of the General Assembly to certain entities for purposes of inclusion of such information in motor vehicle records and the criminal justice information system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 558. By Senator Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 559. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 17th, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to waive sovereign and governmental immunities for local governments and their officials and employees for violation on the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies; to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, in Article 1 of Chapter 4, relating to general provisions of jails, so as to require sheriffs, jailers, and deputies to honor immigration detainer requests issued by the Department of Homeland Security; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 560. By Senator Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 561. By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disabled veterans and blind persons engaging in peddling, operating businesses, or practicing professions, so as to remove the requirement that applicants for exemption from certain taxes and fees shall provide an affidavit representing that such an applicant is not subject to payment of income taxes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 562. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pine Lake, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3935), as amended, so as to restate the city's charter; to change the corporate limits of such city; to transfer powers from the mayor to the city manager and vest additional powers

in the city manager; to provide for the mayor to vote in case of a tie; to provide for appointment and removal of department directors; to provide for elections; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SR 692. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Dixon of the 45th, Harbin of the 16th, Hodges of the 3rd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Transporting Students Safely Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 481. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Thomas of the 21st, Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide for a fiduciary duty to invest retirement assets solely in the financial interest of participants and their beneficiaries; to provide for duties; to provide for delegation of duties; to provide for objective; to provide for conformance; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 808. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Yearta of the 152nd, Mathiak of the 74th, Ridley of the 6th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to increase a statewide ad valorem tax exemption for tangible personal property; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 825. By Representatives Fleming of the 125th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judicial Retirement System, so as to require certain counties that comprise single county judicial circuits to supplement the retirement benefits paid to the circuit's superior court judges and district attorneys; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 827. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Dickey of the 145th, Pirkle of the 169th, Leverett of the 123rd, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-8-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock theft, so as to provide for increased penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 927. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Anderson of the 10th, Cannon of the 172nd and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, so as to authorize fluorescent pink hunting outer garments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

HB 957. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Sainz of the 180th, Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abandoned vessels, so as to revise penalties for failing to remove an abandoned vessel; to provide for notice; to provide for appeal and hearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1028. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to repeal the requirement of screening of public school children for scoliosis; to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise the state health officer's authorization to issue standing orders; to repeal provisions relating to the Georgia Diabetes Control Grant Program; to revise a definition; to repeal provisions relating to a pilot program for preexposure prophylaxis drug assistance or services; to repeal provisions relating to control of mass gatherings; to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to repeal a provision requiring the Department of Public Health to inspect facilities; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

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Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HR 1113. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st and Greene of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Appling, Barrow, Clarke, Colquitt, Cobb, Dade, Douglas, Fulton, Laurens, Newton, Paulding, Stewart, Sumter, Tattnall, Telfair, Troup, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Institutions and Property.

HR 1116. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Greene of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Chatham County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Houston County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Paulding County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Walker County; and authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in White County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Institutions and Property.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 461 Do Pass by substitute
HB 1162 Do Pass
HR 804 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 991 Do Pass
HB 1035 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1080 Do Pass
HB 1135 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 385	SB 180	SB 320	SB 336	SB 420	SB 422
SB 425	SB 437	SB 444	SB 451	SB 457	SB 489

SB 490	SB 496	SB 502	SB 503	SB 505	SB 510
SB 512	SB 517	SB 518	SB 523	SB 533	SB 534
SB 542	SB 543	SB 547	SB 554	SR 538	SR 616
SR 623					

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Davenport of the 44th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Davenport was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Dolezal of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dolezal was excused.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Anavitarte of the 31st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anavitarte was excused.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that Senator Echols of the 49th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Echols was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbison	Moore
Anavitarte	Harrell	Rahman
Anderson, L.	Hatchett	Rhett
Anderson, T.	Hickman	Robertson
Bearden	Hodges	Seay
Brass	Hufstetler	Setzler
Burns	Islam Parkes	Sims

Butler	James	Still
Cowsert	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, H.	Summers
Ginn	Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Gooch	Lucas	Walker
Goodman	Mallow	Watson, B.
Halpern	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Harbin	Merritt	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Davenport (Excused)	Dolezal (Excused)	Echols (Excused)
Esteves (Excused)	Jackson (Excused)	Kennedy (Presiding)
Parent (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Beach
Orrock	Payne	

Senator Beach of the 21st was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Dixon of the 45th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Jared Thompson of Flowery Branch, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Paul Brock, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent to limit points of personal privilege to one minute. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 690. By Senators Payne of the 54th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION commending Tim Howard; and for other purposes.

SR 691. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Harbin of the 16th, Payne of the 54th, Parent of the 42nd and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 22, 2024, as Strolling Thunder Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 693. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 2024 as Georgia Peanut Month at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 694. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Department of Agriculture upon its 150th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 695. By Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Harrell of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Hemophilia of Georgia; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Twenty-seventh Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 1080 Burns of the 23rd
CITY OF WAYNESBORO

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Waynesboro, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1135 Walker III of the 20th
TOWN OF DEXTER

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town

of Dexter; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 293 County Boards of Health; operational policies and procedures of the Department of Public Health apply to local personnel; provide (Substitute) (RULES-1st)

SB 455 Medical Assistance; provisions to comply with federal law; revise (Substitute) (H&HS-17th)

SB 456 Central Caregiver Registry; disabled persons to the registry; add (Substitute) (H&HS-17th)

SB 520 Domestic Relations; provisions relating to income withholding orders; change and clarify (C&F-46th)

SB 494 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act'; hemp products; regulate (Substitute) (AG&CA-11th)

SB 417 Reporting of Accidents; timing and documentation of such reports; provide (Substitute) (PUB SAF-56th)

SB 147 "Boundless Opportunities for Georgia Students Act"; enact (Substitute) (ED&Y-48th)

SB 171 Development Authorities; the length of a director's hold-over period following expiration of term of office; limit (Substitute) (ED&T-23rd)

SB 324 State Printing and Documents; a victim centered address confidentiality program; provide (Substitute) (C&F-41st)

SB 368 Government Transparency and Campaign Finance; foreign nationals from contributing to candidates or campaign committees; prohibit (Substitute) (ETHICS-25th)

SB 402 Instruction Permits; restrictions upon the operation of Class C motor vehicles by Class D license holders with certain passengers in the vehicle; revise (PUB SAF-47th)

SB 433 Nonprofit Corporations; enact "Donor Intent Protection Act"; provide definitions; charitable organizations from violating the terms of charitable contributions; prohibit (Substitute) (Amendment) (RI&U-46th)

SB 450 Courts; property, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates; neither superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5; clarify (Substitute) (JUDY-18th)

SB 473 "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; consumer personal data in this state; protect the privacy (Substitute) (S&T-56th)

SR 570 Senate Supporting Safety and Welfare of All Individuals in Department of Corrections Facilities Study Committee; create (PUB SAF-29th)

SR 583 Dr. Robert F. Sullivan Memorial Highway; Franklin County; dedicate (Substitute) (TRANS-50th)

SR 609 Princess Trahlyta; dedicate a roundabout in her memory (Substitute) (TRANS-51st)

SB 465 Homicide; the felony offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-8th)

SB 497 Education; High-demand Career Initiatives Program as the High Demand Apprenticeship Program; redesignate (Substitute) (H ED-4th)

SB 515 Emergency Medical Services; two-year pilot program to provide additional ambulances to certain areas of this state; provide (Substitute) (H&HS-50th)

SR 579 Sports Betting; Georgia General Assembly to provide by general law for sports betting in this state; authorize -CA (RI&U-46th)

SB 421 Obstruction of Public Administration; offense of transmitting a false public alarm; enhance penalties (Substitute) (JUDY-45th)

SB 143 Appellate Court Judges; eligibility for retirement benefits; decrease the age (RET-17th)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 293. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Hodges of the 3rd, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of health, so as to provide that operational policies and procedures of the Department of Public Health apply to local personnel; to authorize the department to establish health districts; to revise the manner of selection and qualifications of district health directors; to provide for a chief medical officer for a health district under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to SB 293:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of health, so as to revise the manner of selection and qualifications of district health directors; to provide for the appointment of an interim district health director; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-3-11, relating to appointments of director and staff and supervision, as follows:

"31-3-11.

~~(a) The county board of health shall appoint as its chief executive officer a director who shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 and who otherwise meets the requirements of the rules of the State Personnel Board. The director, subject to the approval of the county board of health, shall designate aides and assistants pursuant to the budget adopted by the county board of health in accordance with Code Section 31-3-14.~~

~~(b)~~ Each employee of a county board of health whose duties include enforcing those environmental health laws of this state or environmental health regulations of that board of health relating to septic tanks or individual sewage management systems shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the district director of environmental health, although the hiring and termination from employment of such employee shall be subject to the director of that county board of health. The employment activities of such employee with regard to environmental health shall be reported to the director of environmental health through the district director of environmental health at least quarterly. The director of environmental health may recommend to that director of that county board of health personnel actions, including but not limited to termination, which the director of environmental health deems appropriate for such employee's failure or refusal to comply with the direction of the director of environmental health in the carrying out of the environmental health employment duties of such employee. As used in this subsection, the term 'director of environmental health' means the director of environmental health of the Department of Public Health."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 31-3-12, relating to duties of director, as follows:

"31-3-12.

(a) The commissioner shall appoint a district health director for each health district to serve as the chief executive officer of each local health department in that district. The county boards of health of the constituent counties shall, at the call of the commissioner, meet in joint session to approve, by a majority vote, the selection of a director appointed by the commissioner to serve such boards in common. A county board of health is authorized to appoint one of its members to represent the board at a joint meeting for this purpose.

(b) The district health director must meet the requirements and rules of the State Personnel Board and either be licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, or if not so licensed, at a minimum, have a master's degree in public health or another related field. If not licensed, the district health director shall select a physician who is licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 to serve as the chief medical officer overseeing the clinical programs within local health departments. The district health director may also serve as the chief medical officer if he or she is licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 and meets the requirements of the rules of the State Personnel Board. The district health director shall serve under the supervision of the commissioner and is subject to personnel action by the commissioner. The district health director shall designate such personnel necessary for the appropriate performance of duties and proper exercise of powers subject to the budget.

(c) Upon a vacancy of a district health director for any reason, the commissioner is authorized to appoint an interim district health director without county board of health approval until a permanent district health director is appointed and approved by vote of the county boards of health.

(d) Subject to the policies and directives of the county board of health and the policies and directives of the multiple county districts served, the director shall perform the functions and exercise the powers set forth in this chapter except the power to adopt bylaws and to adopt rules and regulations and may delegate the powers and authority conferred, or any part thereof, to one or more individuals as he or she may deem appropriate. The director shall devote his or her entire time to the service of the county board of health and to the multiple county districts, where created, and shall be vigilant in procuring compliance with its rules and regulations and with Georgia health laws and rules and regulations adopted thereunder that have application within the county and district. He or she shall make reports to the county board of health and the agency in charge of the multiple county district in such manner and form and with such frequency as required by it and shall also report to the department in such manner, detail, and form as the department may specify."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 31-3-12.1, relating to contracts between county boards and authorization for and provisions applicable to county board of health serving as community service board, as follows:

"(a) In addition to any other power authorized by law, the county governing authority

may authorize the county board of health to enter into a contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities or a community mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases service board created under Chapter 2 of Title 37 to provide certain mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases services based on the contractual agreement between the parties. In the event that the county governing authority exercises the authority granted by this subsection, the county board of health shall appoint a director for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases or a supervisor of the specific service which is being provided by the county board of health, whichever is applicable, who shall meet the requirements established by this subsection. The director for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases, or the service supervisor, shall not be required to be a physician and shall be a person other than the director of the county board of health appointed pursuant to Code Section ~~31-3-11~~ 31-3-12. Further, such director for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases or such supervisor of the specific service shall report directly to the county board of health and shall have no formal reporting relationship with the director of the county board of health."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 31-3-15, relating to establishment of health districts, as follows:

"31-3-15.

The department is authorized, with the consent of the boards of health and the county authorities of the counties involved, to establish health districts composed of one or more counties. ~~The county boards of health of the constituent counties shall, at the call of the commissioner, meet in joint session to approve the selection of a director appointed by the commissioner to serve such boards in common. A county board of health is authorized to appoint one of its members to represent the board at a joint meeting for this purpose. The director shall be a physician who is licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 and who otherwise meets the requirements of the rules of the State Personnel Board. The district director shall have the same powers, duties, and responsibility as a director serving a single county board of health.~~ To further the purposes of this Code section, county boards of health may contract with each other for the provision of multicounty services and also exercise any additional powers as authorized by paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-3-4; and in the performance of such contracts a county board of health may utilize its employees in other counties."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute,

was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 37, nays 15.

SB 293, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 455. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, so as to revise certain provisions to comply with federal law; to bar liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a health care item or service did not receive prior authorization; to require a third-party payer to respond to a state inquiry regarding a health care claim within 90 days; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 455:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, so as to revise certain provisions to comply with federal law; to bar liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a health care item or service did not receive prior authorization; to require a third-party payer to respond to a state inquiry regarding a health care claim within 60 days; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) All insurers, as defined in Code Section 33-24-57.1, including but not limited to group health plans as defined in Section 607(1) of the federal Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974, managed care entities as defined in Code Section 33-20A-3, which offer health benefit plans, as defined in Code Section 33-24-59.5, pharmacy benefits managers, as defined in Code Section 33-64-1, and any other parties that are, by statute, contract, or agreement, legally responsible for payment of a claim for a health care item or service shall comply with this subsection. Such entities set forth in this subsection shall:

(1) Cooperate with the department in determining whether a person who is a recipient of medical assistance may be covered under that entity's health benefit plan and eligible to receive benefits thereunder for the medical services for which that medical assistance was provided and respond to any inquiry from the state regarding a claim for payment for any health care item or service submitted not later than three years after such item or service was provided;

(2) Accept the department's ~~authorization for the provision of medical services~~ payment for a health care item or service on behalf of a recipient of medical assistance as the ~~entity's~~ third-party payer's authorization for the provision of those services and shall not refuse to pay for a health care item or service solely on the basis that the third-party payer did not previously authorize such item or service;

(3) Respond to a department inquiry regarding the status of a claim for payment for any health care item or service within 60 days of receiving the inquiry;

~~(3)~~(4) Comply with the requirements of Code Section 33-24-59.5, regarding the timely payment of claims submitted by the department for medical services provided to a recipient of medical assistance and covered by the health benefit plan, subject to the payment to the department of interest as provided in that Code section for failure to comply;

~~(4)~~(5) Provide the department, on a quarterly basis, eligibility and claims payment data regarding applicants for medical assistance or recipients for medical assistance;

~~(5)~~(6) Accept the assignment to the department or a recipient of medical assistance or any other entity of any rights to any payments for such medical care from a third party; and

~~(6)~~(7) Agree not to deny a claim submitted by the department solely on the basis of the date of submission of the claim, type or format of the claim, or a failure to present proper documentation at the point-of-sale which is the basis of the claim, if:

(A) The claim is submitted to the department within three years from when the item or service was furnished; and

(B) Any action by the department to enforce its rights with respect to such claim commenced within six years of the department's submission of the claim.

The requirements of paragraphs (2) and ~~(3)~~ (4) of this subsection shall only apply to a health benefit plan which is issued, issued for delivery, delivered, or renewed on or after April 28, 2001."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 2.

SB 455, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2-27-2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 455. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Seay of the 34th

SB 456. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14A of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the central caregiver registry, so as to add disabled persons to the registry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 456:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 14A of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the central caregiver registry, so as to add disabled persons to the registry; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 14A of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the central caregiver registry, is amended by revising Code Section 31-7-380, relating to the purpose and intent of the caregiver registry, as follows:

"31-7-380.

The purpose of this article is to enable employers who are family members or guardians of elderly persons or disabled persons to obtain an employment eligibility determination from the department for applicants who are seeking to provide and employees who are providing personal care services to their family members or wards. It is the intent of the General Assembly to allow the department to establish and maintain a caregiver registry so as to provide such employers with access to employment eligibility determinations conducted by the department in a similar manner as licensed facilities receive employment determinations as provided in Article 14 of this chapter."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-381, relating to definitions, as follows:

"31-7-381.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Applicant' means an individual applying to provide personal care services to an elderly or disabled person in a residence or location not licensed by the department.

(2) 'Criminal background check' means a search of the criminal records maintained by Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine whether an applicant or employee has a criminal record.

(2.1) 'Disabled person' means an adult or child who is mentally or physically incapacitated or has Alzheimer's disease or has dementia.

(3) 'Elderly person' means an individual who is 65 years of age or older.

(4) 'Employee' means any individual who is providing personal care services to an elderly or disabled person in a residence or location not licensed by the department.

(5) 'Employer' means an individual who is considering an applicant or has hired an employee for a family member or ward or themselves, if they meet the statutory criteria and are independent. Such term shall include entities arranging care for Medicaid members through structured family caregiving.

(6) 'Family member' means an individual with a close familial relationship, including, but not limited to, a spouse, parent, sibling, or grandparent.

(7) 'Personal care services' means home care, health care, companionship, or transportation and includes, but is not limited to, providing assistance with bathing, eating, dressing, walking, shopping, fixing meals, and housework.

(8) 'Registry check' means a review of the nurse aide registry provided for in Code Section 31-2-14, the state sexual offender registry, and the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities as authorized in Sections 1128 and 1156 of the federal Social Security Act, as it existed on February 1, 2018, or any other registry useful for the administration of this article as specified by rules of the department.

(9) 'Ward' means an ~~elder~~ elderly or disabled person for whom a guardian has been appointed pursuant to Title 29."

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
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Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 456, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 520. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Hatchett of the 50th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to change and clarify provisions relating to income withholding orders; to provide for definitions; to align state law terminology with that of federal law by replacing the term "income deduction order" with "income withholding order"; to provide for conforming

changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 520, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/27/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 520. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Seay of the 34th

2/27/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 520. Had I been

present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Davenport of the 44th

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

SB 494. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Goodman of the 8th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' so as to regulate hemp products; to provide for definitions; to prohibit persons from performing certain activities without licenses; to provide for penalties; to revise disqualifications for a hemp grower license; to revise disqualifications for a hemp processor permit; to revise the annual fee for such a permit; to provide for the issuance of retail consumable hemp establishment licenses; to provide for the issuance of wholesale consumable hemp licenses; to provide for the issuance of manufacturer licenses; to provide for the registration of laboratories; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs offered the following substitute to SB 494:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' so as to regulate hemp products; to provide for definitions; to prohibit persons from performing certain activities without licenses; to provide for penalties; to revise disqualifications for a hemp grower license; to revise disqualifications for a hemp processor permit; to revise the annual fee for such a permit; to provide for the issuance of retail consumable hemp establishment licenses; to provide for the issuance of wholesale consumable hemp licenses; to provide for the issuance of manufacturer licenses; to provide for the registration of laboratories; to revise provisions concerning violations; to conform terminology; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' is amended in Code Section 2-23-2, relating to intent, by revising

paragraph (6) as follows:

"(6) Enable the department, hemp grower licensees, and universities to promote the cultivation and processing of hemp and the commercial sale of hemp products."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"2-23-3.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Commercial sale' means the sale of products in the stream of commerce at retail, at wholesale, and online.

(1.2) 'Consumable hemp product' means a hemp product intended to be ingested, absorbed, or inhaled by humans or animals.

(2) 'Cultivate' means to plant, water, grow, and harvest a plant or crop.

(3) 'Federally defined THC level for hemp' means a delta-9-THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis, or as defined in 7 U.S.C. Section 1639o, whichever is greater.

(4) 'Handle' means to possess or store hemp plants for any period of time ~~on premises owned, operated, or controlled by a person licensed to cultivate or permitted to process hemp, or to possess or store hemp plants in a vehicle for any period of time~~ other than during the actual transport of such plants from the premises of a person licensed to cultivate or permitted to process hemp or a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4 to the premises of another licensed or permitted person or to a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4; provided, however, that this term shall not include possessing or storing finished hemp products.

(5) 'Hemp' means the Cannabis sativa L. plant and any part of such plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with the federally defined THC level for hemp or a lower level.

(5.1) 'Hemp grower licensee' means an individual or business entity possessing a hemp grower license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to handle and cultivate hemp in the State of Georgia.

(6) 'Hemp products' means all products with the federally defined THC level for hemp derived from, or made by, processing hemp plants or plant parts that are prepared in a form available for ~~legal~~ commercial sale~~, but not including food products infused with THC unless approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration~~.

(6.1) 'Industrial hemp product' means any hemp product that is not a consumable hemp product.

(7) 'Key participant' means a sole proprietor, a partner in a partnership, or a person with executive managerial control in a corporation when such sole proprietor, partnership, or corporation is an applicant to be a hemp grower licensee or a permittee. A person with executive managerial control in a corporation includes persons serving as a chief

executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, or any other individual identified in regulations promulgated by the department. This term shall not include nonexecutive managers, such as farm, field, or shift managers.

(8) 'Licensee' means an individual or business entity possessing a ~~hemp grower~~ license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter~~ to handle and cultivate hemp in the State of Georgia~~.

(8.1) 'Manufacture' means to create, produce, manipulate, combine, or package.

(8.2) 'Manufacturer license' means a license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to an individual or business entity that manufactures consumable hemp products or industrial hemp products in this state.

(9) 'Permittee' means an individual or business entity possessing a hemp processor permit issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to handle and process hemp in the State of Georgia.

(10)(A) 'Process' or 'processing,' except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, means converting an agricultural commodity into a legally marketable form.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) Merely placing raw or dried material into another container or packaging raw or dried material for resale; or

(ii) Traditional farming practices such as those commonly known as drying, shucking and bucking, storing, trimming, and curing.

(10.1) 'Registered laboratory' means an individual or business entity that tests or analyzes any plant within the genus Cannabis, including but not limited to hemp, and products made from or derived from such plant, including but not limited to hemp products and consumable hemp products, and that has registered with the department under this chapter.

(11) 'Research' or 'researching' means experimental field, greenhouse, or laboratory activity for the ultimate purpose of developing new hemp varieties and products, improving existing hemp products, developing new uses for existing hemp products, or developing or improving methods for producing hemp products.

(11.1) 'Retail consumable hemp establishment license' means a license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to an individual or business entity that prepares or sells prepackaged consumable hemp products to consumers.

(12) 'THC' means tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination of tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.

(13) 'Wholesale consumable hemp license' means a license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to an individual or business entity that sells, in bulk, prepackaged consumable hemp products to retail consumable hemp establishment licensees or to other retail establishments located outside of the State of Georgia that are authorized to sell consumable hemp products to consumers in the jurisdiction where such establishments are located."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 2-23-4, relating to required licenses, research by colleges and universities, and processing of other products, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for:

(1) Any person to cultivate~~, handle, or process~~ hemp in this state unless such person holds a hemp grower license ~~or a hemp processor permit~~ issued by the department pursuant to this chapter or is employed by a hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~;

(2) A permittee to accept hemp for processing from any person other than a hemp grower licensee or a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection;

(3) A hemp grower licensee to provide or sell hemp to any person other than another hemp grower licensee, a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, or a permittee with whom the hemp grower licensee enters into an agreement pursuant to Code Section 2-23-7, unless such person is located in a state with a plan to regulate hemp production that is approved by the ~~Secretary of Agriculture~~ secretary of agriculture of the United States, or otherwise in accordance with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture, and such person is authorized to grow or process hemp in that state;

(4) A permittee to accept for processing any hemp grown outside of the State of Georgia, unless such hemp is grown in a state with a plan to regulate hemp production that is approved by the ~~Secretary of Agriculture~~ secretary of agriculture of the United States or otherwise in accordance with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture;

(5) A permittee to process hemp pursuant to a hemp processor permit outside of the State of Georgia, unless such processing occurs in a state with a plan to regulate hemp production that is approved by the ~~Secretary of Agriculture~~ secretary of agriculture of the United States or otherwise in accordance with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture;

(6) Any hemp grower licensee or permittee to otherwise fail to comply with the requirements of this chapter or any applicable state or federal law or regulation;

(7) Any person to offer for sale at retail the unprocessed flower or leaves of the hemp plant; or

(8) Any person to cultivate or handle hemp in any structure that is used for residential purposes."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-4.1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for any person:

(1) To process hemp in this state unless such person holds a processing permit issued by the department or is employed by a permittee;

(2) To handle hemp in this state unless such person holds a hemp grower license, a processing permit, or a manufacturer license issued by the department or has registered with the department as a registered laboratory or is employed by a person who holds such a license or who has registered with the department as a registered laboratory;

(3) To sell or offer for sale any consumable hemp product in this state to consumers unless such person holds a retail consumable hemp establishment license issued by the department or is employed by a person who holds such a license;

(4) To sell or offer for sale any consumable hemp product in this state to retail consumable hemp establishment licensees or other retail establishments unless such person holds a wholesale consumable hemp license issued by the department or is employed by a person who holds such a license;

(5) To manufacture hemp products in this state unless such person holds a manufacturer license issued by the department or is employed by a person who holds such a license; or

(6) Perform in this state tests or analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis, including but not limited to hemp, or any product made or derived from such plant, including but not limited to hemp products and consumable hemp products, unless such person has registered with the department as a registered laboratory or is employed by a person who has registered with the department as a registered laboratory.

(b) The prohibitions contained in paragraphs (2) and (6) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4 or a person assisting such college or university with such research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4.

(c)(1) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section shall:

(A) Be guilty of a misdemeanor for a first offense; and

(B) For a second or subsequent offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(2) Each violation of any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section shall constitute a separate offense.

(d) In addition to the criminal penalties provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000.00 for each violation. The amount of the civil penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be fixed by the Commissioner after notice and hearing as provided in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' for contested cases. For purposes of this subsection, each day a violation of subsection (a) of this Code section occurs or continues shall constitute a separate violation."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 2-23-5, relating to procedure for licensing,

fees, license requirements, and limitations on license, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c) and paragraph (3) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(3) No license shall be issued to any applicant who has been convicted of a ~~misdemeanor involving sale of or trafficking in a controlled substance or a~~ felony related to a state or federally controlled substance within ten years of the date of application or who materially falsifies any information contained in a license application."

"(3) For purposes of this subsection:

(A) The term 'person' shall include all members of a hemp grower licensee's family and all corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and other business entities in which a hemp grower licensee holds more than a 50 percent ownership interest; the term 'family' shall include any person related to the holder of the hemp grower license within the first degree of consanguinity and affinity as computed according to the canon law and who is claimed as a dependent by the hemp grower licensee for income tax purposes; and

(B) The beneficiaries of a trust shall be considered to have a beneficial interest in any business forming a part of the trust estate."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 2-23-6, relating to procedure for permitting and limitations on permits and interests, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c), subsection (e), and paragraph (3) of subsection (h) as follows:

"(3) No permit shall be issued to any applicant who has been convicted of a ~~misdemeanor involving sale of or trafficking in a controlled substance or a~~ felony related to a state or federally controlled substance within ten years of the date of application or who materially falsifies any information contained in a license application."

"(e) Hemp processor permits shall be issued for one calendar year at an annual permit fee of ~~$25,000.00~~ at least $500.00 but not more than $10,000.00, as established by the Commissioner, so long as no administrative action has been taken by the department regarding such permittee under this chapter."

"(3) For purposes of this subsection:

(A) The term 'person' shall include all members of a ~~licensee's~~ permittee's family and all corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and other business entities in which a ~~licensee~~ permittee holds more than a 50 percent ownership interest; the term 'family' shall include any person related to the holder of the hemp processor permit within the first degree of consanguinity and affinity as computed according to the canon law and who is claimed as a dependent by the ~~licensee~~ permittee for income tax purposes; and

(B) The beneficiaries of a trust shall be considered to have a beneficial interest in any business forming a part of the trust estate."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 2-23-6.1, relating to bond requirements, breach of bond, hearing, enforcement, and insufficient bond funds, by revising subsections (a), (d), and (e) as follows:

"(a) Any applicant for a hemp processor permit shall make and deliver to the Commissioner a surety bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to transact business in this state and approved by the Commissioner. Any and all bond applications shall be accompanied by a certificate of good standing issued by the Commissioner of Insurance. If any company issuing a bond shall be removed from doing business in this state, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Insurance to notify the Commissioner within 30 days. The bond shall be in such amount as the Commissioner may determine, not exceeding an amount equal to 2 percent of the amount of hemp purchased from hemp grower licensees by the permittee in the most recent calendar year; provided, however, that the minimum amount of such bond shall be ~~$300,000.00~~ $50,000.00 and the maximum amount shall be $1 million. Such bond shall be upon a form prescribed or approved by the Commissioner and shall be conditioned to secure the faithful accounting for and payment to hemp grower licensees for hemp purchased by such permittee as well as to secure the permittee's compliance with the requirements of this chapter. Whenever the Commissioner shall determine that a previously approved bond has for any cause become insufficient, the Commissioner may require an additional bond or bonds to be given in compliance with this Code section. Unless the additional bond or bonds are given within the time fixed by written demand therefor, or if the bond of a permittee is canceled, the permit of such permittee shall be immediately revoked by operation of law without notice or hearing, and such permittee shall be ineligible to reapply for such permit for a period of four years after such revocation."

"(d) If such settlement is not effected within such time, the Commissioner or the hemp grower licensee may bring an action to enforce the claim. If the hemp grower licensee is not satisfied with the ruling of the Commissioner, he or she may commence and maintain an action against the principal and surety on the bond of the parties complained of as in any civil action.

(e) If the bond or collateral posted is insufficient to pay in full the valid claims of hemp grower licensees, the Commissioner may direct that the proceeds of such bond shall be divided pro rata among such hemp grower licensees."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-6.2.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, consideration, issuance, and revocation of retail consumable hemp establishment licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 5 of this title, and such licenses shall otherwise be governed by such chapter.

(b) Applications for a retail consumable hemp establishment license shall be made on a form furnished by the Commissioner and, together with such other information as the

Commissioner may require, shall state:

(1) The name of the applicant;

(2) The business address of the applicant;

(3) The complete telephone number and email address of the applicant;

(4) The location where the applicant will sell or offer for sale consumable hemp products in this state and whether such location is owned or leased by the applicant; and

(5) If the applicant is a business entity, the name of the owners, partners, members, or shareholders of such entity.

(c) Retail consumable hemp establishment licenses shall be issued by the department for one calendar year at an annual licensing fee of at least $250.00 but not more than $4,000.00, as established by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may establish separate classes of retail consumable hemp establishment licenses based on the amount of consumable hemp products to be sold by the licensee, and the annual licensing fees required by this subsection shall be in different amounts for each such separate class of retail consumable hemp establishment licenses.

(d) Retail consumable hemp establishment licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be issued in connection with a single retail location where consumable hemp products will be sold or offered for sale to consumers by the licensee. For a person to sell or offer for sale consumable hemp products to consumers at multiple retail locations, such person shall be required to obtain from the department separate retail consumable hemp establishment licenses for each such retail location."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-6.3.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, consideration, issuance, and revocation of wholesale consumable hemp licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 5 of this title, and such licenses shall otherwise be governed by such chapter.

(b) Applications for a wholesale consumable hemp license shall be made on a form furnished by the Commissioner and, together with such other information as the Commissioner may require, shall state:

(1) The name of the applicant;

(2) The business address of the applicant;

(3) The complete telephone number and email address of the applicant;

(4) The location of the facility where the applicant will store consumable hemp products and otherwise operate as a wholesaler of consumable hemp products in this state and whether such facility is owned or leased by the applicant; and

(5) If the applicant is a business entity, the name of the owners, partners, members, or shareholders of such entity.

(c) Wholesale consumable hemp licenses shall be issued by the department for one calendar year at an annual licensing fee of at least $500.00 but not more than $10,000.00,

as established by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may establish separate classes of wholesale consumable hemp licenses based on the amount of consumable hemp products to be sold by the licensee, and the annual licensing fees required by this subsection shall be in different amounts for each such separate class of wholesale consumable hemp licenses.

(d) Wholesale consumable hemp licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be issued in connection with a single facility where the licensee will store consumable hemp products or otherwise operate as a wholesaler of consumable hemp products. For a person to store consumable hemp products or otherwise operate as a wholesaler of consumable hemp products at multiple facilities, such person shall be required to obtain from the department separate wholesale consumable hemp licenses for each such facility."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-6.4.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, consideration, issuance, and revocation of manufacturer licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 5 of this title, and such licenses shall otherwise be governed by such chapter.

(b) Applications for a manufacturer license shall be made on a form furnished by the Commissioner and, together with such other information as the Commissioner may require, shall state:

(1) The name of the applicant;

(2) The business address of the applicant;

(3) The complete telephone number and email address of the applicant;

(4) The location of the facility where the applicant will manufacture hemp products in this state and whether such facility is owned or leased by the applicant; and

(5) If the applicant is a business entity, the name of the owners, partners, members, or shareholders of such entity.

(c) Manufacturer licenses shall be issued by the department for one calendar year at an annual licensing fee of $5,000.00; provided, however, that any person who holds a hemp processor permit issued by the department under this chapter shall not be required to pay the annual licensing fee provided for in this subsection in order for such person to be issued a manufacturer license by the department under this Code section.

(d) Manufacturer licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be issued in connection with a single facility where the licensee will manufacture hemp products. For a person to manufacture hemp products at multiple facilities, such person shall be required to obtain from the department separate manufacturer licenses for each such facility."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-6.5.

(a) Any person desiring to perform in this state tests or analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis, including but not limited to hemp, or any product made or derived from such plant, including but not limited to hemp products and consumable hemp products, shall register with the department as a registered laboratory and pay a one-time registration fee of $250.00.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, consideration, acceptance, and revocation of a registration made pursuant to this Code section shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 5 of this title, and such registration shall otherwise be governed by such chapter.

(c) Registration with the department as a registered laboratory shall be made on a form and in a manner as prescribed by the Commissioner. Such registration shall include, together with such other information as the Commissioner may require, the following information:

(1) The name of the registrant;

(2) The business address of the registrant;

(3) The complete telephone number and email address of the registrant;

(4) The location of the laboratory facility where the registrant will perform tests and analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis or any product made or derived from such plant; and

(5) If the registrant is a business entity, the name of the owner, partners, members, or shareholders of such entity.

(d) The department shall not accept a registration under this Code section unless the registrant demonstrates, to the department's satisfaction, that it is not affiliated with any licensee or permittee and has been accredited pursuant to the standards of the International Organization for Standardization for the competence, impartiality, and consistent operation of laboratories.

(e) Registrations made under this Code section shall be in connection with a single laboratory facility. For a person to perform tests or analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis or any product made or derived from such plant at multiple laboratory facilities, such person shall be required to register each such laboratory facility with the department under this Code section.

(f) A registered laboratory, or any person employed by a registered laboratory, shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or any civil penalty for possessing, or having under his or her control, THC or marijuana, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-13-21, provided that such possession or control occurs in connection with a test or analysis performed:

(1) On behalf of:

(A) A person licensed under this chapter or under Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16; or

(B) The department or the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission; and

(2) In accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter.

(g) The department shall provide by rule and regulation a procedure by which registered laboratories shall dispose of plants or products within their possession that do not comply with the provisions of this chapter or are otherwise unlawful under the laws of this state."

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 2-23-7, relating to business agreements, transportation, and reimbursement for crop destruction, by revising subsections (a) and (c) as follows:

"(a) Every permittee shall at all times have in place written agreements with each hemp grower licensee governing their business relationship. Each permittee shall provide a copy of each such agreement, and any amendments thereto, to the department within ten days of execution of each such agreement or amendment thereto."

"(c) Until December 31, 2022, when a hemp grower licensee disposes of a lot pursuant to Code Section 2-23-8, the permittee with whom the hemp grower licensee has entered into an agreement pursuant to this Code section shall reimburse the hemp grower licensee for half of the amount of the combined value of the seed, fertilizer, labor costs, and any other reasonable and customary input expenses incurred with such disposed of lot."

SECTION 13.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 2-23-8, relating to sampling and random testing of hemp, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The department shall have the right, either through its own personnel or through an independent contractor as provided for in Code Section 2-23-9, to collect samples of hemp for testing as provided for in this chapter from the fields and greenhouses of all hemp grower licensees. Samples shall be representative of each lot with the same global positioning coordinates. No hemp shall be harvested until such samples are collected. Such testing, and the harvesting of the hemp tested, shall be conducted in compliance with this chapter and with regulations promulgated by the department."

SECTION 14.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-10, relating to enforcement, corrective action plan, revocation of licenses, and reporting of licensees and permittees to the Attorney General, as follows:

"2-23-10.

(a) A violation of a plan authorized by Code Section 2-23-11 and approved by the secretary of agriculture of the United States by a licensee or permittee shall be subject to enforcement in accordance with this Code section.

(b)(1) A hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ under this chapter shall be required to conduct a corrective action plan if the Commissioner determines that the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ has negligently violated this chapter or has violated rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter by:

(A) Failing to provide a legal description and global positioning coordinates sufficient for locating fields and greenhouses the hemp grower licensee uses to

cultivate and harvest hemp ~~or facilities at which the permittee processes hemp~~;

(B) Failing to properly obtain a hemp grower license ~~or permit~~ from the department;

(C) Producing Cannabis sativa L. with more than the federally defined THC level for hemp; or

(D) Otherwise negligently violating this chapter.

(2) A corrective action plan required by this Code section shall include:

(A) A reasonable date by which the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ shall correct the negligent violation; and

(B) A requirement that the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ shall periodically report to the Commissioner on the compliance status of the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ with the corrective action plan for a period of not less than two calendar years after the violation.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, a hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ that negligently violates this chapter or rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter shall not as a result be subject to any criminal or civil enforcement action by any government agency other than the enforcement action authorized under subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) A hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ that negligently violates ~~the corrective action plan under subsection (b) of this Code section~~ this chapter or the rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter three times in a five-year period shall have its hemp grower license ~~or permit~~ issued pursuant to this chapter immediately revoked and shall be ineligible to reapply for a hemp grower license ~~or permit~~ for a period of five years after the date of the third violation.

(e) If the Commissioner determines that a hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ has violated state law with a culpable mental state greater than negligence, the Commissioner shall immediately report the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ to the United States Attorney General and the state Attorney General, and subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to the violation.

(f) Laws enacting criminal offenses, including laws provided for in Title 16, not in conflict with this chapter shall continue to be enforceable and of full force and effect."

SECTION 15.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-12, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"2-23-12.

The department~~, in consultation with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, shall~~ may promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter. ~~Such rules and regulations shall include the plan provided for in Code Section 2-23-11 upon the approval of such plan by the secretary of agriculture of the United States.~~"

SECTION 16.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Tillery of the 19th and Watson of the 11th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs substitute to SB 494 (LC 44 2765S) by:

Adding after line 462

Section 17.

All fees collected pursuant to this Act shall be paid to the state general fund.

Senators Summers of the 13th, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 11th, Sims of the 12th, Jackson of the 41st, and others offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs substitute to SB 494 (LC 44 2765S) by:

Replacing “$10,000.00" with “$2,000.00" on line 205.

And replacing “$50,000.00" with “$20,000.00" on line 231

Strike “at least” insert a period after “$250.00" and strike “but not more than $4,000.00, as established by the Commissioner.” on lines 269 and 270

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Tillery amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2, there were no objections, and the Summers amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett

Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 43, nays 5.

SB 494, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2-27-24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 494. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anavitarte of the 31st

SB 417. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-2-106 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of accidents relative to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, manlifts, and moving walks and removal from service of such equipment involved in accident; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses; to amend Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public employee hazardous chemical protection and right to know; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 417:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 8-2-106 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of accidents relative to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, manlifts, and moving walks and removal from service of such equipment involved in accident, so as to provide for timing and documentation for such reports; to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise the offense of criminal damage to property in the second degree; to provide for a criminal offense for ignition of fireworks near an emergency medical technician, firefighter, or law enforcement officer for purposes of hindering the official duties thereof or causing injury thereto; to provide for punishment; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety, so as to prohibit the use of fireworks to cause injury or property damage; to revise licensing requirements and penalties relative to the display of fireworks and pyrotechnics and the sale of fireworks; to require a license for the use of certain special effects in production of a motion picture or television production; to revise provisions relative to the prohibition on the release of certain fire-propelled devices; to provide for penalties; to revise inspection and certification requirements relative to boilers and pressure vessels; to revise and provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public employee hazardous chemical protection and right to know, so as to allow for the dissemination of certain information relative to hazardous chemicals in written or electronic format; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 8-2-106 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of accidents relative to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, manlifts, and moving walks and removal from service of such equipment involved in accident, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) The owner or lessee shall report, by telephone, to the enforcement authority on the same day or by noon on the next work day, excluding state holidays and weekends, all elevator, escalator, manlift, moving walk, or power dumbwaiter related accidents involving personal injury or death. The owner or lessee shall also ~~provide a written report of this accident within seven days~~ file a report with all documentation of this accident by the end of the next business day.

(b) The owner or lessee shall report~~, in writing,~~ to the enforcement authority ~~within seven days~~ by the end of the next business day, excluding state holidays and weekends, all

elevator, escalator, manlift, moving walk, or power dumbwaiter related accidents involving structural damage to the elevator, escalator, manlift, moving walk, or power dumbwaiter."

SECTION 2.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 16-7-23, relating to criminal damage to property in the second degree, as follows:

"16-7-23.

(a) A person commits the offense of criminal damage to property in the second degree when he or she:

(1) Intentionally damages any property of another person without his or her consent and the damage thereto exceeds $500.00; or

(2) Recklessly or intentionally, by means of fire, ~~or~~ explosive, or fireworks damages property of another person.

(b) A person convicted of the offense of criminal damage to property in the second degree shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-10-35.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Emergency medical technician' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-10-24.2.

(2) 'Firefighter' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-10-24.1.

(3) 'Firework' means any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances or article the possession of which is regulated by Chapter 10 of Title 25.

(4) 'Law enforcement officer' means any person certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as having successfully completed the course of training required by Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.'

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and intentionally ignite a firework when such firework or component thereof explodes or detonates within 150 feet of or causes injury or harm to an emergency medical technician, firefighter, or law enforcement officer for the purpose of hindering or disrupting such emergency medical technician, firefighter, or law enforcement officer during the lawful discharge of his or her duties.

(c) Any person who violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor."

SECTION 4.

Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety,

is amended in Code Section 25-10-1, relating to definitions relative to regulation of fireworks, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Consumer fireworks' means any small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition, designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, that comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission as provided for in Parts 1500 and 1507 of Title 16 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the United States Department of Transportation as provided for in Part 172 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the American Pyrotechnics Association as provided for in the 2001 American Pyrotechnics Association Standard 87-1, and additionally shall mean Roman candles.

(2) 'Consumer fireworks retail sales facility' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124; provided, however, that such term shall not include a tent, canopy, or membrane structure.

(3) 'Consumer fireworks retail sales stand' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124.

(4) 'Distributor' means any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership which sells consumer fireworks.

~~(4.1)~~(5) 'Electric plant' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 46-3A-1.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Fireworks' means any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, including blank cartridges, firecrackers, torpedos, skyrockets, bombs, sparklers, and other combustibles and explosives of like construction, as well as articles containing any explosive or flammable compound and tablets and other devices containing an explosive substance.

(7) 'Fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience' means any exhibition or display of fireworks, or any use of pyrotechnic special effects, that occurs within a building or structure or before an audience closer to the pyrotechnic devices than permitted by National Fire Protection Association Standard 1123, *Code for Fireworks Display*, as adopted by the Safety Fire Commissioner; provided, however, that such term shall not include the use of pyrotechnic special effects in television and motion picture production when no audience is present.

(8) 'Flame effect' means the combustion of solids, liquids, or gases utilizing atmospheric oxygen to produce thermal, physical, visual, or audible phenomena before an audience or for use in motion picture and television production.

~~(6)~~(9) 'NFPA 1124' means the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1124, *Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles*, 2006 Edition.

~~(7)~~(10) 'Nonprofit group' means any entity exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any entity incorporated under Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' or a sponsored organization of

a public or private elementary or secondary school in this state.

~~(8) 'Proximate audience' means an audience closer to pyrotechnic devices than permitted by the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1123, *Code for Fireworks Display*, as adopted by the Safety Fire Commissioner.~~

(11) 'Personal and private use' means the use of consumer fireworks for any activity other than any activity of a professional or commercial nature or for profit or commercial gain and intended, in particular, for household entertainment or enjoyment for private gatherings.

(12) 'Public exhibition or display of fireworks' means the use of pyrotechnics, display fireworks, consumer fireworks, or any combination thereof for any purpose relating to the amusement or entertainment of the public that does not occur within a building or structure or before a proximate audience; provided, however, that such term shall not include the private and personal use of consumer fireworks by the public.

~~(9)~~(13) 'Pyrotechnics' means fireworks not intended for use by the general public.

(14) 'Special effect' means an audible or visual effect created for motion picture and television production through the use of flammable or combustible liquids, flammable solids, explosives, fireworks, pyrotechnics, flame effects, and any similar materials and devices.

~~(10)~~(15) 'Store' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124; provided, however, that such term shall only include such buildings with at least 4,000 square feet of retail display space and wherefrom:

(A) No more than 25 percent of such retail display space is used for consumer fireworks and items or products as provided for under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(B) Other items or products which are not consumer fireworks or items or products as provided for under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section are sold;

and provided, further, that such term means a person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership with more than one mercantile location, where all such mercantile locations are collectively known to the public by the same name or share central management.

~~(11)~~(16) 'Waste-water treatment plant' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 43-51-2.

~~(12)~~(17) 'Water treatment plant' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 43-51-2."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 25-10-2, relating to prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership to cause injury to another person or damage any property of another by means of fireworks whether recklessly or intentionally."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-3.2, relating to license required for pyrotechnics exhibits, requirements, and penalty for violations, as follows:

"25-10-3.2.

(a)(1) No person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership shall cause the combustion, explosion, deflagration, detonation, or ignition of pyrotechnics for the purpose of a ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience unless such person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership holds a valid license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of ~~this Code section~~ paragraph (2) of this subsection. Any application for such a license shall be made to the Safety Fire Commissioner in the form prescribed by the Safety Fire Commissioner.

~~(b)~~(2) All applicants ~~must~~ shall meet the following requirements for licensure to conduct a fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience:

~~(1)~~(A) The applicant shall submit to the Safety Fire Commissioner proof of a valid comprehensive liability insurance policy purchased from an insurer authorized to do business in Georgia. The coverage ~~must~~ shall include bodily injury and property damage, products liability, completed operations, and contractual liability. The proof of insurance ~~must~~ shall also be provided before any license can be renewed. The minimum amount of said coverage shall be $1 million or such other amount as specified by the Safety Fire Commissioner. An insurer that provided such coverage shall notify the Safety Fire Commissioner of any change in coverage;

~~(2)~~(B) The applicant shall pay the required licensing fee as prescribed in Code Section 25-10-5; and

~~(3)~~(C) The applicant shall comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to this chapter.

~~(c)~~(b)(1) No person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership shall cause the combustion, explosion, deflagration, detonation, or ignition of fireworks for the purpose of a public exhibition or display of fireworks unless such person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership holds a valid license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection. Any application for such a license shall be made to the Safety Fire Commissioner in the form prescribed by the Safety Fire Commissioner. ~~Any violation of this chapter shall be grounds for revocation or denial of licensure to conduct pyrotechnic displays.~~

(2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements for licensure to conduct a public exhibition or display of fireworks:

(A) The applicant shall submit to the Safety Fire Commissioner proof of competency of all operators and assistants;

(B) The applicant shall pay the required licensing fee as prescribed in Code Section 25-10-5; and

(C) The applicant shall comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to this chapter.

(c)(1) No person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership shall cause the

combustion, explosion, deflagration, detonation, or ignition of special effects unless such person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership holds a valid license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, provided that any use of special effects in which an audience is present shall require licensure pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. Any application for such a license shall be made to the Safety Fire Commissioner in the form prescribed by the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements for licensure to use special effects:

(A) The applicant shall submit to the Safety Fire Commissioner proof of competency of all operators and assistants;

(B) The applicant shall pay the required licensing fee as prescribed in Code Section 25-10-5; and

(C) The applicant shall comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to this chapter.

(d) The license issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code Section shall not authorize the manufacture, transportation, use, sale, or storage of explosives as provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 25-2-17.

(e) Any violation of this chapter shall be grounds for revocation or denial of licensure to conduct a fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience, to conduct a public exhibition or display of fireworks, or for the use of special effects."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-4, relating to permit required to conduct public fireworks exhibition or display, as follows:

"25-10-4.

(a) Any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership desiring to conduct a public exhibition or display of fireworks ~~not before a proximate audience~~ shall first obtain a permit from the ~~judge of the probate court of the county~~ local fire authority of the county, municipality, or other political subdivision or the chartered fire department legally organized to operate in this state pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title and having operational authority of the area in which the public exhibition or display of fireworks is to be held. Application for a permit ~~must~~ shall be made in writing and filed with the ~~judge~~ local fire authority not less than ten days prior to the date of the proposed public exhibition or display of fireworks. Fireworks distributors located outside this state shall obtain display permit application forms and provide the same to applicants upon request. The ~~judge~~ local fire authority may grant a permit for the ~~display~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks on the following conditions:

(1) That the ~~display be conducted by a competent operator approved by the judge~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks be conducted by an operator licensed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 25-10-3.2;

~~(2) That the display shall be of such character as in the opinion of the judge will not be hazardous to persons or property;~~

~~(3)~~(2) That the ~~local fire official responsible for the area in question certifies in writing that the site for the display meets his or her approval and~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks is in compliance with all applicable codes; and

~~(4)~~(3) That the application be accompanied by a bond in the principal sum of ~~$10,000.00~~ $50,000.00, payable to the county, municipality, or other political subdivision in which the ~~display~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks is being held and conditioned for the payment of damages which may be caused either to persons or to property by reason of the ~~display~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks or, alternatively, that the application be accompanied by evidence that the applicant carries proper liability insurance for bodily injury in the amount of not less than $25,000.00 for each person and $50,000.00 for each accident and for property damage in the amount of not less than $25,000.00 for each accident and $50,000.00 aggregate~~, with an insurance company duly licensed by the Commissioner of Insurance~~.

(b) Any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership desiring to conduct a ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display ~~of fireworks~~ before a proximate audience shall first obtain a permit from the ~~judge of the probate court of the county~~ local fire authority of the county, municipality, or other political subdivision or the chartered fire department legally organized to operate in this state pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title and having operational authority of the area in which the ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display is to be held. Application for a permit ~~must~~ shall be made in writing and filed with the ~~judge~~ local fire authority not less than ten days prior to the date of the proposed ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display ~~of fireworks~~ before a proximate audience. ~~Such application must contain the license number issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner for the person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that will cause the combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation of pyrotechnics at the public exhibition or display.~~ Fireworks distributors located outside this state shall obtain display permit application forms and provide the same to applicants upon request. The ~~judge~~ local fire authority may grant a permit for the ~~display~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience on the following conditions:

(1) That the fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display be conducted by ~~a competent operator approved by the judge~~ an operator licensed pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 25-10-3.2;

~~(2) That the display shall be of such character as in the opinion of the judge will not be hazardous to persons or property;~~

~~(3)~~(2) That the ~~local fire official responsible for the area in question certifies in writing that the site for the display meets his or her approval and~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display is in compliance with all applicable codes; and

~~(4)~~(3) That the application be accompanied by a bond in the principal sum of ~~$10,000.00~~ $50,000.00, payable to the county, municipality, or other political subdivision in which the display is being held and conditioned for the payment of damages that may be caused either to persons or to property by reason of the fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display or, alternatively, that the application be accompanied by evidence that the applicant carries property liability insurance for

bodily injury in the amount of not less than $25,000.00 for each person and $50,000.00 for each accident and for property damage in the amount of not less than $25,000.00 for each accident and $50,000.00 aggregate~~, with an insurance company duly licensed by the Commissioner of Insurance~~.

(c) No permit, as provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, shall be granted unless the applicant has met all the requirements of and is in full compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to this chapter.

(d) The permit provided for in subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be limited to the time specified therein, ~~such time not to~~ which shall not exceed a two-week period. The permit shall not be transferable. In the event any fireworks bought and possessed under this Code section are not used by the licensee or in the event that there is a surplus or excess after the two-week period expires, it shall be the duty of the licensee to return such fireworks to a facility approved in accordance with Code Section 25-10-3.1 and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner. Fireworks stored in accordance with Code Section 25-10-3.1 and regulations shall not be deemed contraband and shall not be subject to seizure.

(e) The ~~judge of the probate court shall receive $10.00 for his or her services~~ local fire authority shall receive a fee of up to $100.00 for the administrative cost of processing in granting or refusing the original permit ~~and $1.00~~ pursuant to this Code section and $10.00 for each copy issued, to be paid by the applicant. In addition to the original permit fees, local fire authorities may also charge reasonable fees for personnel needed for standby fire suppression and permit compliance. The ~~judge of the probate court~~ local fire authority shall provide the Safety Fire Commissioner a copy of each permit granted prior to the proposed date of the public exhibition or display of fireworks or the fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-5, relating to license and fee for manufacture, storage, and transportation of fireworks or pyrotechnic displays, regulations, and inspections, as follows:

"25-10-5.

(a) The annual license fee for any person, firm, ~~or~~ corporation, association, or partnership conducting business in this state under paragraph (4) of Code Section 25-10-3 or storing fireworks under Code Section 25-10-3.1 or conducting ~~pyrotechnic displays under~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibitions or displays before a proximate audience under subsection (a) of Code Section 25-10-3.2 shall be $1,500.00 per year, payable to the Safety Fire Commissioner. The license shall expire on December 31 of each year. The Safety Fire Commissioner is authorized and directed to promulgate safety regulations relating to the manufacture, storage, and transportation of fireworks within this state in order to ensure the adequate protection of the employees of any such person, firm, ~~or~~ corporation, association, or partnership and of the general public. The Safety Fire Commissioner is ~~also~~ further authorized and directed to promulgate safety regulations

relating to ~~the public exhibition or display of pyrotechnics~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibitions or displays before a proximate audience and the licensing requirements of those conducting such ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibitions or displays before a proximate audience, as he or she deems necessary. The Safety Fire Commissioner is further authorized and directed to conduct periodic inspections of the facilities of any person, firm, ~~or~~ corporation, association, or partnership manufacturing, storing, and transporting fireworks as provided in paragraph (4) of Code Section 25-10-3 or as provided in Code Section 25-10-3.1 in order to ensure compliance with fire safety rules and regulations.

(b) The annual license fee for any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership conducting public exhibitions or displays of fireworks or using special effects under Code Section 25-10-3.2 shall be $500.00 per year, payable to the Safety Fire Commissioner. The license shall expire on December 31 of each year. The Safety Fire Commissioner is authorized and directed to promulgate safety regulations relating to public exhibitions or displays of fireworks and the licensing requirements of those conducting such public exhibitions or displays of fireworks, as he or she deems necessary. The Safety Fire Commissioner is further authorized and directed to promulgate safety regulations relating to the use of special effects and the licensing requirements of those using such special effects, as he or she deems necessary."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 25-10-8, relating to penalty for violations of chapter, by adding a new subsection and revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that violates subsection (a) of Code Section 25-10-2 shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished pursuant to Code Section 16-7-23 and shall also be subject to a monetary penalty of not more than $10,000.00.

~~(b)~~(c) Any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that violates any other provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to monetary penalties as provided for in Code Section 25-10-9."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-9, relating to penalty for illegal use or sale of fireworks, as follows:

"25-10-9.

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Safety Fire Commissioner shall have the authority to subject any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that ~~knowingly~~ violates this chapter to a monetary penalty of up to $2,500.00 for each and every act in violation of this chapter; provided, however, that the Safety Fire Commissioner shall have the authority to subject any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that knowingly sells consumer fireworks from a tent, canopy, or membrane structure to a monetary penalty of up to $5,000.00 and, if any such person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership is a distributor, then a license

revocation for not more than two years. Each sales transaction in violation of this chapter shall be a separate offense."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-10, relating to prohibition on release of certain fire-propelled devices into the air and certain floating lantern devices into public water locations, as follows:

"25-10-10.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership to sell or offer for sale or release or cause to be released any balloon, bag, parachute, or other similar device which requires fire underneath for propulsion ~~or to release or cause to be released any floating water lantern or wish lantern which uses a flame to create a lighting effect in any public waterway, lake, pond, stream, or river~~.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership to release or cause to be released any floating water lantern which uses a flame to create a lighting effect in any public waterway, lake, pond, stream, or river."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 25-15-16, relating to exceptions from article and exemptions from inspection and certificate requirements relative to regulation of boilers and pressure vessels, by revising paragraphs (13) through (15) of subsection (a) as follows:

"~~(13) Boilers and pressure vessels operated and maintained as a part of a manufacturing process; provided, however, that any person, firm, partnership, or corporation operating such a boiler or pressure vessel has insurance or is self-insured and such boiler or pressure vessel is regularly inspected in accordance with the minimum requirements for safety as defined in the ASME Code by an inspector who has been issued a certificate of competency by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 25-15-19;~~

~~(14)~~(13) Boilers and pressure vessels operated and maintained by a public utility; and

~~(15)~~(14) Autoclaves used only for the sterilization of reusable medical or dental implements in the place of business of any professional licensed by the laws of this state."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-15-18, relating to deputy inspectors for boilers and pressure vessels, as follows:

"25-15-18.

The Commissioner may employ deputy inspectors who shall be responsible to the chief inspector and who shall have, ~~had~~ at the time of appointment ~~not~~:

(1)(A) Not less than three years' experience in the construction, installation, inspection, operation, maintenance, or repair of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels as a mechanical engineer, steam operating engineer, boilermaker, or boiler

inspector ~~and who shall have passed~~; or

(B) Successfully completed a nationally recognized program which provides adequate experience in the field that has been approved by the Commissioner through rule or regulation; and

(2) Passed the examination provided for in Code Section 25-15-20."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 25-15-23, relating to inspections of boilers and pressure vessels, by revising subparagraph (b)(1)(D) as follows:

"(D) Pressure vessels ~~subject to internal corrosion~~ shall receive a certificate inspection ~~triennially~~ biannually with an internal inspection at the discretion of the inspector. Pressure vessels not subject to internal corrosion shall receive a certificate of inspection at intervals set by the office; and"

SECTION 15.

Chapter 22 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public employee hazardous chemical protection and right to know, is amended in Code Section 45-22-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (15) through (20) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"~~(15) 'Material safety data sheet' means the document prepared by manufacturers in accordance with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard, 29 C.F.R. Sections 1910.0000 through 1910.1500 (1987) and containing the following information:~~

~~(A) The chemical name and the common name of the hazardous chemical;~~

~~(B) The hazards or other risks in the use of the hazardous chemical, including:~~

~~(i) The potential for fire, explosion, corrosivity, and reactivity;~~

~~(ii) The known acute and chronic health effects of risks from exposure, including the medical conditions which are generally recognized as being aggravated by exposure to the hazardous chemical; and~~

~~(iii) The primary routes of entry and the symptoms of overexposure;~~

~~(C) The proper precautions, handling practices, necessary personal protective equipment, and other safety precautions in the use of or exposure to the hazardous chemicals, including appropriate emergency treatment in case of overexposure;~~

~~(D) The emergency procedures for spills, fire, disposal, and first aid;~~

~~(E) A description in lay terms of the known specific potential health risks posed by the hazardous chemical intended to alert any person reading this information; and~~

~~(F) The year and month, if available, that the information was compiled and the name, address, and emergency telephone number of the manufacturer responsible for preparing the information.~~

~~(16)~~(15) 'Mixture' means any combination of two or more chemicals, if the combination is not, in whole or in part, the result of a chemical reaction.

~~(17)~~(16) 'Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard' means the Hazard Communication Standard issued by the Occupational Safety and Health

Administration, 29 C.F.R. Sections 1910.0000 through 1910.1500 ~~(1987)~~ in effect as of January 1, 2024.

~~(18)~~(17) 'Person' means any individual, natural person, public or private corporation, incorporated association, government, government agency, partnership, or unincorporated association.

~~(19)~~(18) 'Physical hazard' means a chemical for which there is scientifically valid evidence that it is a combustible liquid, a compressed gas, explosive, flammable, an organic peroxide, an oxidizer, pyrophoric, unstable (reactive), or water reactive.

~~(20)~~(19) 'Produce' means to manufacture, process, formulate, or repackage.

(20) 'Safety data sheet' means the document prepared by manufacturers in accordance with the requirements of Section 1920.1220(g) and Appendix D of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard."

SECTION 16.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 45-22-4, relating to responsibility of public contractors who introduce hazardous materials into workplace, as follows:

"45-22-4.

A public contractor who introduces hazardous materials into the workplace shall agree, and include a statement, in all bids, agreements, contracts, or other ~~instrument~~ instruments to the effect that such contractor shall be responsible for compliance with the provisions of this chapter for persons employed by such contractor utilized under such contract. Any such public contractor who introduces hazardous chemicals into the workplace shall provide ~~material~~ safety data sheets for such chemicals to all employees using ~~them~~ such hazardous chemicals and instruction in handling, emergency procedures, and disposal prior to introducing such hazardous chemicals. This Code section shall not be construed to place responsibility on any person, firm, or corporation other than public contractors."

SECTION 17.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 45-22-7, relating to material safety data sheets, notice to employees, and rights of employees, as follows:

"45-22-7.

(a) The manufacturer, importer, or distributor of any hazardous chemical shall prepare a ~~material~~ safety data sheet which, to the best knowledge of the manufacturer, importer, or distributor, is current, accurate, and complete, based on information then reasonably available to the manufacturer, importer, or distributor, and provide a copy of the ~~material~~ safety data sheet to employers who purchase such hazardous chemicals ~~and an electronic copy to the department annually~~ in a written or electronic format. Such safety data sheet shall be maintained by the employer for a period of not less than three years.

(b) Any person who produces a mixture may, for the purposes of this Code section, prepare and use a mixture ~~material~~ safety data sheet, subject to the provisions of subsection (j) of this Code section.

(c) A manufacturer, importer, distributor, or employer may provide the information

required by this Code section on an entire mixture, instead of on each hazardous chemical in it, when all of the following conditions exist:

(1) Toxicity test information exists on the mixture itself or adequate information exists to form a valid judgment of the hazardous properties of the mixture itself and the ~~material~~ safety data sheet indicates that the information presented and the conclusions drawn are from some source other than direct test data on the mixture itself, and that a ~~material~~ safety data sheet on each constituent hazardous chemical identified on the ~~material~~ safety data sheet is available upon request;

(2) Provision of information on the mixture will be as effective in protecting employee health as information on the ingredients;

(3) The hazardous chemicals in the mixture are identified on the ~~material~~ safety data sheet unless it is unfeasible to describe all the ingredients in the mixture, provided that the reason why the hazardous chemicals in the mixture are not identified shall be stated on the ~~material~~ safety data sheet; and

(4) A single mixture ~~material~~ safety data sheet may be provided for more than one formulation of a product mixture if the information provided does not vary for the formulation.

(d) A manufacturer, importer, or distributor who is responsible for preparing and transmitting a ~~material~~ safety data sheet under the provisions of this Code section shall revise such ~~material~~ safety data sheet on a timely basis, as appropriate to the importance of any new information which would affect the contents of the existing ~~material~~ safety data sheet, and in any event within three months of such information becoming available to the manufacturer, importer, or distributor. Each such manufacturer, importer, or distributor shall provide a copy of the ~~material~~ safety data sheet to employers who have purchased such hazardous chemicals ~~and an electronic copy to the department~~ in a written or electronic format. Such safety data sheet shall be maintained by the employer for a period of not less than three years.

(e) Any person subject to the provisions of this Code section shall be relieved of the obligation to provide a direct purchaser of a hazardous chemical with a ~~material~~ safety data sheet if:

(1) He or she has a record of having provided the direct purchaser with the most recent version of the ~~material~~ safety data sheet;

(2) The chemical is labeled pursuant to:

(A) The federal Atomic Energy Act; or

(B) The federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; or

(3) The article is one sold at retail and is incidentally sold to an employer or the employer's employees in the same form, approximate amount, concentration, and manner as it is sold to consumers, and, to the seller's knowledge, employee exposure to the article is not significantly greater than the consumer exposure occurring during the principal consumer use of the article.

(f) If an employer is not supplied with a ~~material~~ safety data sheet by a manufacturer, importer, or distributor for a hazardous chemical subject to this Code section, such employer shall, within a reasonable amount of time after discovering that a ~~material~~

safety data sheet has not been supplied, use diligent efforts to obtain such ~~material~~ safety data sheet from the manufacturer, importer, or distributor. For purposes of this ~~subsection~~ Code section, 'diligent efforts' means a prompt inquiry by the employer to the manufacturer, importer, or distributor of the hazardous chemicals; provided, however, that an independent contractor or subcontractor shall be responsible for obtaining the ~~material~~ safety data sheet for his or her employees in the workplace of another.

~~(g)~~ If after having used diligent efforts, an employer still fails to obtain a ~~material~~ safety data sheet, such employer shall notify the department of the employer's inability to obtain such ~~material~~ safety data sheet.

(g) The department shall be authorized to punish any manufacturer, importer, or distributor of a hazardous chemical that violates this Code section by imposition of a monetary penalty not to exceed $1,000.00 for each day that such manufacturer, importer, or distributor of a hazardous chemical subject to this Code section has not provided the employer with the safety data sheet.

(h) An employer who has used diligent efforts and who has made a documented notification to the department pursuant to this Code section shall not be found in violation of this Code section with respect to the ~~material~~ safety data sheet which was not supplied by the manufacturer, importer, or distributor as required by this Code section.

(i) Every employer who manufactures, produces, uses, applies, or stores hazardous chemicals in the workplace shall post a notice ~~as prescribed by rule or regulation promulgated by the department~~ in a place where notices are normally posted, informing employees of their rights under this chapter.

(j) Every employer who manufactures, produces, uses, applies, or stores hazardous chemicals in the workplace shall maintain a ~~material~~ safety data sheet for each hazardous chemical which is present in such workplace. All ~~material~~ safety data sheets shall be readily available in the workplace in a written or electronic format; provided, however, that employers who maintain one or more work areas which are not fixed at specific geographic locations shall be authorized to maintain ~~material~~ safety data sheets for each hazardous chemical used in such work area at a central location.

(k)(1) A ~~material~~ safety data sheet may be kept in any form, including operations procedures, and may be designed to cover groups of hazardous chemicals in a work area where it may be appropriate to address the hazards of a process rather than individual hazardous chemicals. The employer shall ensure that in all cases the required information is provided for each hazardous chemical, and is readily accessible during each workshift to employees when they are in their work area; provided, however, that employers who maintain one or more work areas which are not fixed at specific geographic locations shall be authorized to maintain ~~material~~ safety data sheets for each hazardous chemical used in such work area at a central location.

(2) Any employee may request in writing and shall have the right to examine and obtain the ~~material~~ safety data sheets for the hazardous chemicals to which he or she is, has been, or may be exposed. The employer shall provide any ~~material~~ safety data sheet within its possession within five of the requesting employee's working days, subject to the provisions of subsection ~~(g)~~ (f) of this Code section. The employer may adopt

reasonable procedures for acting upon such requests to avoid interruption of normal work operations.

(3) An independent contractor or subcontractor working in the workplace of another employer may request in writing and shall have the right to examine the ~~material~~ safety data sheets for the hazardous chemicals to which such contractor, subcontractor, or employees thereof are, have been, or may be exposed. The employer shall provide any ~~material~~ safety data sheet within its possession within five of the requesting independent contractor's or subcontractor's working days, subject to the provisions of subsection ~~(g)~~ (f) of this Code section. The employer may adopt reasonable procedures for acting upon such requests to avoid interruption of normal work operations.

(4) If an employee who has requested a ~~material~~ safety data sheet pursuant to this chapter has not received such ~~material~~ safety data sheet within five of the requesting employee's working days, subject to the provisions of subsection ~~(g)~~ (f) of this Code section, that employee may refuse to work with the chemical for which he or she has requested the ~~material~~ safety data sheet until such ~~material~~ safety data sheet is provided by the employer; provided, however, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to permit any employee to refuse to perform essential services, as such term is defined by rule or regulation; provided, further, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to interfere with the right of the employer to transfer an employee who so refuses to work to other duties until such ~~material~~ safety data sheet is provided~~,~~ and such a transfer shall not ~~to~~ be considered ~~as~~ a discriminatory act under Code Section 45-22-10. No pay, position, seniority, or other benefits shall be lost for exercise of any right provided by this chapter as a result of such a transfer.

(l) No employer shall discharge or otherwise discriminate against an employee for the employee's assertion of the employee's rights under this chapter.

(m) For ~~the~~ purposes of this Code section, an employer, independent contractor, or subcontractor shall maintain ~~material~~ safety data sheets for their own workplaces only; provided, however, that employees of such independent contractor or subcontractor, insofar as they are exposed in the course of their employment to hazardous chemicals in other workplaces, shall have the right to examine ~~material~~ safety data sheets for those chemicals to which they are exposed from the workplace employer through a written request to their own employer as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (k) of this Code section. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to require an employer to conduct studies to develop new information."

SECTION 18.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 45-22-8, relating to information and training standards, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) Each employer shall be required to comply with the minimum information standards set forth in this subsection. Each employee shall be informed of:

(1) The requirements of this Code section;

(2) What a ~~material~~ safety data sheet is and the contents of the ~~material~~ safety data sheet for any hazardous chemical to which he or she is exposed, or equivalent

information, either in written form or through training programs;

(3) Any operations in his or her work area where hazardous chemicals are present;

(4) The location and availability of training programs;

(5) His or her right to receive information regarding hazardous chemicals to which he or she may be exposed;

(6) His or her right for his or her physician to receive information regarding hazardous chemicals to which the employee may be exposed; and

(7) His or her right against discharge or other discrimination due to the employee's exercise of the rights provided by this chapter.

(b) In addition to providing the information required by subsection (a) of this Code section, each employer shall be required to provide a training program for all employees who are exposed to hazardous chemicals in the normal course of their employment. When training employees who are exposed to hazardous chemicals, the employer shall explain any physical or health hazards associated with the use of the chemical or mixture; proper precautions for handling, necessary personal protective equipment, or other safety precautions necessary to prevent or minimize exposure to the hazardous chemical; methods of observation that may be used to detect the presence or release of a hazardous chemical in a work area, including, but not limited to, spot check monitoring, continuous monitoring, or methods of visual or olfactory detection; the labeling system and the ~~material~~ safety data sheet~~,~~ and how employees can obtain and use the appropriate hazard information; and emergency procedures for spills, fire, disposal, and first aid. This information may relate to an entire class of hazardous chemicals to the extent appropriate and related to the job. Whenever any employer receives a new or revised ~~material~~ safety data sheet, such information shall be provided to employees on a timely basis not to exceed 30 days after receipt, if the new information indicates significantly increased risks to or measures necessary to protect employee health as compared to those stated on a ~~material~~ safety data sheet previously provided."

SECTION 19.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 45-22-9, relating to publication by employers of list of hazardous chemicals in workplace, as follows:

"45-22-9.

Each employer shall publish, ~~On and after July 1, 1989, each employer shall publish in print or electronically~~ in January and July of each year, a list of hazardous chemicals that its employees use or are exposed to in the workplace. Such list shall be in written or electronic format and available for public inspection at the workplace office. A comprehensive list of all hazardous chemicals used by the employer shall also be available for public inspection at the employer's state headquarters."

SECTION 20.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute

was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	N Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 4.

SB 417, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 147. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to permit student transfers between local school systems without contracts between the local school system where the student resides and the local school system where the student seeks to enroll; to require the State Board of Education to provide for procedures for such student transfers; to provide for caps on tuition that can be charged to a student by an enrolling local unit of administration that exclusively provides virtual instruction to such student; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws;

and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 147:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to permit student transfers between local school systems without contracts between the local school system where the student resides and the local school system where the student seeks to enroll; to require the State Board of Education to provide for procedures for such student transfers; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Boundless Opportunities for Georgia Students Act."

SECTION 2.

Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization of schools and systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-293, relating to student attending school in system other than system of student's residence, as follows:

"(a) The provisions of this article and other statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, the State Board of Education ~~is authorized to~~ shall provide a procedure whereby a student shall~~, for such compelling reasons and circumstances as may be specified by the state board,~~ be permitted to attend and to be included as an enrolled student in the public schools of a local unit of administration other than the local unit of administration wherein the student resides for the purpose of allotting state funds under this article, notwithstanding absence of an agreement between the two local units and a refusal by the board of education of the local unit wherein the student resides to approve voluntarily such transfer of the student to the public schools of the other local unit; provided, however, that the board of education of the local unit is willing to receive and to permit such student to enroll in and to attend the public schools of such local unit. The state board shall adopt such rules, regulations, and policies as may be necessary for implementation of this Code section. Grant or refusal of permission for students to attend such schools, for the purpose of permitting state funds to follow such students, shall be ~~entirely discretionary with the state board and shall, in the absence of a clear abuse of discretion by the state board, be final and conclusive~~ subject only to approval of the enrolling student and the local unit of administration in which the student seeks to enroll. Local units of administration may contract with each other for the care, education, and

transportation of students and for such other activities as they may be authorized by law to perform."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 38, nays 14.

SB 147, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 171. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 42nd and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to development authorities, so as to limit the length of a director's hold-

over period following expiration of term of office; to amend Code Section 36-62A-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to required training on development and redevelopment programs, so as to require directors to do yearly continuing education; to amend Part 3 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mechanics and materialmen liens, so as to provide that such liens may attach to the usufruct interest of properties owned by or titled in a development authority or downtown development authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to SB 171:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to limit the length of a director's hold-over period following expiration of term of office; to provide for vacancy in office at the end of such hold-over period; to amend Code Section 36-62A-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to required training on development and redevelopment programs, so as to require directors to do yearly continuing education; to provide for suspension of voting eligibility of directors for failing to undertake such training; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 36-62-4, relating to development authorities created, appointment and terms of directors, quorum, and adoption and filing of resolution of need, as follows:

"(a) There is created in and for each county and municipal corporation in the state a public body corporate and politic to be known as the 'development authority' of such county or municipal corporation, which shall consist of a board of not less than seven and not more than nine directors to be appointed by resolution of the governing body of the county or municipal corporation. At the expiration of the current terms of office of the first four members of the board of directors, the governing body of the county or municipal corporation shall elect successors to such members to serve for initial terms of two years and shall elect successors to the remaining members of the board for initial terms of four years. Thereafter, the terms of all directors shall be for four years. The terms of any directors added to the original seven directors shall be four years. If, at the end of any term of office of any director, a successor thereto has not been elected, the director whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until his or her successor

is so elected; provided, however, that such hold-over period shall not exceed six months. In the event that such six-month hold-over period expires without a successor being elected, the remaining directors shall elect such successor."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 36-62A-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to required training on development and redevelopment programs, is amended as follows:

"36-62A-21.

(a) Except for a director who is also a member of the governing body of a municipal corporation or county, each director or member of the governing board or body of a development authority shall attend and complete at least eight hours of training on development and redevelopment programs within the first 12 months of the director's or member's appointment to the development authority. ~~Directors and members in office on January 1, 2000, shall be exempt from this requirement unless reappointed for an additional term.~~

(b) After July 1, 2025, directors or members required to complete the training provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall also attend and complete at least two hours of continuing training on development and redevelopment programs each year such director or member is a director or member of such authority. Such training can occur either in person or online.

(c) Any director who fails to undertake the continuing training required by subsection (b) of this Code section for two consecutive years shall have his or her voting rights on any authority suspended until the director completes the required continuing training."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler

Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

SB 171, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 324. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for a victim centered address confidentiality program; to provide for application to such program; to provide for designation of confidential addresses; to provide for certification of program participants; to provide for renewal and cancellation of certifications; to provide for disclosures; to provide for real property records; to provide for training; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Children and Families offered the following substitute to SB 324:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for a victim centered address confidentiality program; to provide for application to such program; to provide for designation of confidential addresses; to provide for certification of program participants; to provide for renewal and cancellation of certifications; to provide for training; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

50-18-150.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Confidential address' means a participant's residential address or other address or addresses that could be used to physically locate the participant, including a school attended by the participant or the participant's place of employment.

(2) 'Designated address' means the publicly available address provided by a participant to the office.

(3) 'Governmental entity' means:

(A) Every state department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, public corporation, and authority;

(B) Every county, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision of this state;

(C) Every department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, authority, or similar body of each such county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the state; and

(D) Every city, county, regional, or other authority established pursuant to the laws of this state.

(4) 'Office' means the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) 'Participant' means an individual who is currently certified to participate in the program pursuant to this article.

(6) 'Program' means the victim centered address confidentiality program established by this article.

(7) 'Victim advocate' means an employee or volunteer of the office who serves victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking and who has completed training pursuant to Code Section 50-18-152 to assist individuals in completing applications for the program.

50-18-151.

(a) There is created within the office of the Secretary of State a victim centered address confidentiality program.

(b) An individual who is changing his or her residence and who is at least 18 years of age or an emancipated minor may apply to the program, with or without the assistance of a victim advocate, for certification as a participant by the office upon providing an affidavit affirming that the disclosure of his or her actual address or addresses will increase the risk that he or she will be threatened or physically harmed by another person or that he or she has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.

(c) In order to be certified as a participant in the program, an individual shall submit to the office an application containing:

(1) The full legal name and date of birth of the individual;

(2) A knowing and voluntary designation of the office as the individual's agent for the purposes of receiving mail and service of process;

(3) The mailing address, telephone number, and email address, if applicable, at which the office may contact the individual;

(4) An acknowledgment that the individual is requesting that his or her confidential address not be disclosed;

(5) The signature of the individual, the name of the victim advocate who assisted the individual, if applicable, and the date the application was signed;

(6) At the discretion of the office and for evaluation purposes, an option for the individual to select the type of offense the individual believes warrants the need for participation in the program. The office may not consider information provided or withheld pursuant to this paragraph as certifying the participant; and

(7) A letter from a victim advocate or a provider, as that term is defined in Code Section 37-11-3, indicating that they have received services related to their victimization.

(d) Upon receipt of an application in compliance with subsection (c) of this Code section, the office shall:

(1) Certify the individual as a participant;

(2) Issue the participant an address confidentiality card containing the name of and a unique identification number for the participant and the designated address of the participant;

(3) Classify each eligible address listed in the application as a confidential address;

(4) Provide the participant with information concerning the manner in which the participant may use the office as the agent of the participant for the purposes of receiving mail and service of process; and

(5) Provide the participant with information regarding methods to protect a confidential address, including, but not limited to, information regarding the risks of disclosing the confidential address to other persons and the risks of using social media and other similar technologies, including geotagging photographs, and other information that the office determines would help the participant protect his or her confidential address. A participant shall update information provided in an application within 30 days after a change to that information has occurred by submitting a notice of change to the office on a form prescribed by the office.

(e) A participant's certification shall be valid for four years. A participant who continues to be eligible for the program pursuant to this article may renew the certification of the participant. The renewal application shall be received by the office within 60 days prior to the end of the four-year certification period. The renewal application shall be on a form prescribed by the office and shall meet the requirements of this article. A renewal of certification of a participant shall not alter the unique identification number issued pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(f) The certification continuance application shall be on a form prescribed by the office, shall meet the requirements of this article, and shall inform the participant of his or her right to choose to continue or discontinue in the program.
(g) An application submitted pursuant to this article and the information of a participant shall be confidential, shall not be a public record, shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or any similar law, and may only be disclosed as authorized pursuant to this article.
(h) An offender who is required to register pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 shall not be eligible to submit an application and shall not be certified as a participant.
(i) A confidential address shall not be a public record and shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or any similar law, except as otherwise provided in this article.
(j) A participant may withdraw from the program at any time by providing written notice of such withdrawal to the office.
(k) No individual shall apply for certification as a participant with the intent of avoiding prosecution or a lawful court order.
(l) The office shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this article.

50-18-152.
(a) The office shall develop and offer a training program for victim advocates to obtain certification pursuant to this article. The training program shall, at a minimum, include:
(1) Exhaustive information regarding the program;
(2) Methods for assisting applicants with completing application forms;
(3) Criteria for determining program eligibility;
(4) Information to be provided to participants pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 50-18-151; and
(5) Instruction on how to submit completed applications and supporting documents to the office.
(b) The office shall certify a person applying for certification as a victim advocate pursuant to this article if that person has completed the training program pursuant to this Code section. The office shall make available on its website contact information for the organizations that have certified victim advocates.
(c) There shall be no fee or charge to any participant for any services provided by a victim advocate pursuant to this article.

50-18-153.
(a) Upon a participant providing a copy of his or her address confidentiality card to a governmental entity and requesting that such governmental entity only use his or her designated address, the governmental entity shall only use the participant's designated address.
(b) If a participant's employer, or a school or institution of higher education attended by the participant, is not a governmental entity, the participant may request that the

employer, school, or institution of higher education use the designated address as the participant's address.

(c) A utility owned by a governmental entity shall not release any confidential address.

(d) A participant may also use the designated address as the participant's work address.

(e) The office on each day that it is open for business shall place all first-class, registered, or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery received on behalf of a participant into an envelope or package and mail such envelope or package to the participant at his or her confidential address. The office may contract with the United States Postal Service for special rates for any mail forwarded pursuant to this subsection. Service by mail pursuant to this subsection of court papers, other than service of process, shall be deemed complete three business days after the office forwards the mail to the participant.

(f) If a person intends to serve process on a participant and makes an inquiry with the office to determine if the individual is a participant, the office shall only confirm that the individual is a participant and, except as otherwise allowed pursuant to this article, shall not disclose further information regarding the participant. If process has been forwarded to a participant pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section, the office shall disclose the date of mailing to the person attempting to serve the participant.

50-18-154.

(a) The office may, after providing at least 30 days prior written notice to a participant, cancel the certification of a participant in any of the following circumstances:

(1) The participant's legal name or contact information changes, unless the participant provides the office with prior written notice of such change;

(2) Mail forwarded by the office to the participant's confidential address is returned as undeliverable by the United States Postal Service for 60 or more days;

(3) The participant is no longer eligible for the program;

(4) The participant requests to withdraw from the program pursuant to Code Section 50-18-151;

(5) The participant files a notarized request for cancellation on a form prescribed by the office; or

(6) The participant fails to file a renewal application pursuant to Code Section 50-18-151.

(b) The office shall cancel a participant's certification if the participant's renewal application or application for continuance contains false information.

50-18-155.

(a) If a participant notifies a governmental entity in writing, on a form prescribed by the office, that he or she is a participant, such entity shall not knowingly disclose the participant's confidential address, unless:

(1) The confidential address is subject to sharing or dissemination pursuant to court order;

(2) The confidential address is subject to sharing or dissemination in connection with an active investigation or inspection of a potential health code, building code, fire code,

or local ordinance violation allegedly committed by the participant;

(3) The confidential address is needed to provide public assistance or other government services to a participant, or to allocate financial responsibility for such assistance or services;

(4) The confidential address is necessary to perform a governmental entity's health, safety, or welfare functions, including the provision of emergency 9-1-1 services, the assessment and investigation of child or vulnerable adult abuse or neglect, or the assessment or inspection of services or locations for compliance with health and safety standards;

(5) The confidential address is necessary to aid an active law enforcement investigation of the participant upon verification that the disclosure will aid the law enforcement agency in responding to an emergency situation or a criminal complaint or conducting an investigation; or

(6) The person to whom the confidential address is disclosed also resides, is employed at, or goes to school at the confidential address.

(b) Except as may be otherwise provided by law, a confidential address disclosed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section may be used only for the purposes authorized in this Code section and may not be further disclosed to any other person or governmental entity. Governmental entities receiving or sharing a confidential address pursuant to this Code section shall establish procedures to protect the confidential address from further disclosure.

(c) When a participant presents his or her designated address to any person, such designated address shall be accepted as the address of the participant. The person shall not require the participant to submit any other address either as a substitute address or in addition to the designated address, or as a condition of receiving a service or benefit, unless the service or benefit would be impossible to provide without knowledge of the participant's confidential address."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 324, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 368. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit foreign nationals from contributing to candidates or campaign committees; to prohibit candidates and campaign committees from accepting contributions from foreign nationals; to provide for definitions; to require agents of foreign principals to register with the State Ethics Commissioner; to provide for registration requirements; to require agents of foreign principals to disclose to government agencies and the General Assembly when such agents are advocating on behalf of a foreign principal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to SB 368:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit foreign nationals from contributing to candidates or campaign, independent, or political action committees; to prohibit candidates and campaign, independent, and political action committees from accepting contributions from foreign nationals; to provide for definitions; to require agents of foreign principals to register with the State Ethics Commissioner; to provide for registration requirements; to require agents of foreign principals to disclose to government agencies and the General Assembly when such agents are advocating on behalf of a foreign principal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, is amended in Code Section 21-5-3, relating to definitions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(13.1) 'Foreign national' means an individual who:

(A) Is not a citizen of the United States; or

(B) Is a national of the United States who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence as provided for by federal law."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-5-31, which is currently reserved, as follows:

"21-5-31.

(a) No foreign national shall make a contribution to a candidate, campaign committee, independent committee, or political action committee.

(b) No candidate, campaign committee, independent committee, or political action committee shall knowingly accept any contributions from foreign nationals ~~Reserved~~."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-5-70, relating to definitions, by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(.1) 'Agent of a foreign principal' means:

(A) Any person who acts as an agent, representative, employee, or servant, or any person who acts in any other capacity at the order, request, or under the direction or control of a foreign principal or of a person any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign principal, and who directly or through any other person:

(i) Engages within the State of Georgia in political activities for or in the interests

of such foreign principal;

(ii) Acts within the State of Georgia as a public relations counsel, publicity agent, information-service employee or political consultant for or in the interests of such foreign principal;

(iii) Within the State of Georgia solicits, collects, disburses, or dispenses contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for or in the interest of such foreign principal; or

(iv) Within the State of Georgia represents the interests of such foreign principal before any agency or official of the State of Georgia or any political subdivision thereof; and

(B) Any person who agrees, consents, assumes or purports to act as, or who is or holds himself or herself out to be, whether or not pursuant to contractual relationship, an agent of a foreign principal as defined in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph,

provided, however, that such term shall not include any news or press service or association organized under the laws of the United States or of any state or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, or any newspaper, magazine, periodical, or other publication for which there is on file with the United States Postal Service information in compliance with 39 U.S.C. Section 3685 published in the United States, solely by virtue of any bona fide news or journalistic activities, including the solicitation or acceptance of advertisements, subscriptions, or other compensation therefor, so long as it is at least 80% beneficially owned by, and its officers and directors, if any, are citizens of the United States, and such news or press service or association, newspaper, magazine, periodical, or other publication is not owned, directed, supervised, controlled, subsidized, or financed, and none of its policies are determined by any foreign principal or by any agent of a foreign principal required to register under Code Section 21-5-77."

"(2.1) 'Foreign political party' means any organization or any other combination of individuals in a country other than the United States, or any unit or branch thereof, having for an aim or purpose, or which is engaged in any activity devoted in whole or in part to, the establishment, administration, control, or acquisition of administration or control, of a government of a foreign country or a subdivision thereof, or the furtherance or influencing of the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a subdivision thereof.

(2.2) 'Foreign principal' means:

(A) A government of a foreign country and a foreign political party;

(B) A person outside of the United States, unless it is established that such person is an individual and a citizen of and domiciled within the United States, or that such person is not an individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the United States or of any State or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and has its principal place of business within the United States; and

(C) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country.

(2.3) 'Government of a foreign country' means any person or group of persons

exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"21-5-77.

(a) No person shall act as an agent of a foreign principal unless he or she has filed with the commission a true and complete registration statement and supplements thereto as required by this Code section or unless he or she is exempt from registration under the provisions of this Code section. Except as hereinafter provided, every person who becomes an agent of a foreign principal shall, within ten days thereafter, file with the commissioner a registration statement, under oath, on a form prescribed by the commission. The obligation of an agent of a foreign principal to file a registration statement shall, after the tenth day of his becoming such agent, continue from day to day, and termination of such status shall not relieve such agent from his obligation to file a registration statement for the period during which he was an agent of a foreign principal. The registration statement shall include the following, which shall be regarded as material for the purposes of this Code section:

(1) Registrant's name, principal business address, and all other business addresses in the United States or elsewhere, and all residence addresses, if any;

(2) Status of the registrant:

(A) If an individual, his or her nationality;

(B) If a partnership, the name, residence addresses, and nationality of each partner, as well as a true and complete copy of its articles of copartnership; and

(C) If an association, corporation, organization, or any other combination of individual, the name, residence addresses, and nationality of each director and officer and of each person performing the functions of a director or officer and a true and complete copy of its charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws, and amendments thereto; a copy of every other instrument or document and a statement of the terms and conditions of every oral agreement relating to its organization, powers, and purposes; and a statement of its ownership and control;

(3) A comprehensive statement of the nature of registrant's business, including a complete list of registrant's employees;

(4) A statement of the nature of the work of each foreign principal for whom the registrant is acting, assuming or purporting to act or has agreed to act, the character of the business or other activities of every such foreign principal. If any such foreign principal be other than a natural person, such statement shall also detail the ownership and control to which each such foreign principal is supervised, directed, owned,

controlled, financed, or subsidized, in whole or in part, by any government of a foreign country or foreign political party, or by any other foreign principal;

(5) The nature and amount of contributions, income, money, or thing of value, if any, that the registrant has received within the preceding 60 days from each such foreign principal, either as compensation or for disbursement or otherwise, and the form and time of each such payment and from whom received;

(6) A detailed statement of every activity which the registrant is performing or is assuming or purporting or has agreed to perform for himself or herself or any other person other than a foreign principal and which requires his registration hereunder;

(7) The name, business, and residence addresses, and if an individual, the nationality, of any person other than a foreign principal for whom the registrant is acting, assuming or purporting to act or has agreed to act under such circumstances as require his or her registration hereunder;

(8) The nature and amount of contributions, income, money, or thing of value, if any, that the registrant has received during the preceding 60 days from each such person in connection with any of the activities referred to in paragraph (6) of this subsection;

(9) A detailed statement of the money and other things of value spent or disposed of by the registrant during the preceding 60 days in furtherance of or in connection with activities which require the registrant's registration hereunder and which have been undertaken by the registrant either as an agent of a foreign principal or for himself or herself or any other person or in connection with any activities relating to the registrant becoming an agent of such principal;

(10) A detailed statement of any contributions of money or other things of value made by the registrant during the preceding 60 days to bring about the nomination or election of a candidate for any office, to bring about the recall of a public officer holding elective office, to oppose the recall of a public officer holding elective office, to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any proposed constitutional amendment, a state-wide referendum, or a proposed question which is to appear on the ballot in this state or in a county or a municipal election in this state; and

(11) Such other statements, information, or documents pertinent to the purposes of this Code section as the commission may from time to time require.

(b) Every agent of a foreign principal who has filed a registration statement required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall, within 30 days after the expiration of each six-month period succeeding such filing, file with the commission a supplement thereto, under oath, on a form prescribed by the commission, which shall set forth with respect to such preceding six-month period such facts as the commission may deem necessary to make the information required under subsection (a) of this Code section accurate, complete, and current with respect to such period.

(c) The registration statement shall be executed under oath as follows:

(1) If the registrant is an individual, by him or her;

(2) If the registrant is a partnership, by the majority of the members thereof; and

(3) If the registrant is a person other than an individual or a partnership, by a majority of the officers thereof or persons performing the functions of officers or by a majority

of the board of directors thereof or persons performing the functions of directors, if any.
(d) A registration statement or supplement required to be filed under this Code section shall be filed in electronic form, in addition to any other form that may be required by the commission.

21-5-78.
Whenever any agent of a foreign principal required to register under Code Section 21-5-77 appears before any elected official, agency, as such term is defined in Code Section 50-14-1, officer, official, or employees of an agency, or a committee of General Assembly, to advocate, lobby, or testify for or in the interests of such foreign principal, such agent shall, at the time of such appearance, affirmatively state that he or she is acting as an agent of a foreign principal and disclose the identify of such foreign principal."

SECTION 5.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 368, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/27/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 368. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Setzler of the 37th

SB 402. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Williams of the 25th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to instruction permits, graduated licensing and related restrictions, and temporary licenses relative to the operation of a motor vehicle, so as to revise restrictions upon the operation of Class C motor vehicles by Class D license holders with certain passengers in the vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd requested a ruling of the Chair as to whether using a human being as a visual aid violated Senate Rule 8-1.10.

The President Pro Tempore ruled that in this instance, the visual aid did not substantially violate Senate Rule 8-1.10, and the individual left the front of the Chamber.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson

N Brass	N Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	N Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 35, nays 17.

SB 402, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 433. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for nonprofit corporations, so as to enact the "Donor Intent Protection Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to prohibit charitable organizations from violating the terms of charitable contributions made with donor imposed restrictions, subject to exceptions; to provide for a cause of action; to provide for a limitations period; to provide for venue; to provide for remedies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 433:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for nonprofit corporations, so as to enact the "Donor Intent Protection Act"; to provide for definitions; to prohibit charitable organizations and charitable trusts from violating the terms of charitable contributions made with donor imposed restrictions, subject to exceptions; to provide for a cause of action; to provide for a limitations period; to provide for venue; to provide for remedies; to provide for related

matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for nonprofit corporations, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 8

14-3-190.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Donor Intent Protection Act.'

14-3-191.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Charitable organization' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 14-3-140, provided that such organization is recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) 'Charitable trust' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 53-12-170.

(3) 'Donor' means an individual who has made a contribution of property or money to either an existing endowment fund a new endowment fund of a charitable organization or of a charitable trust pursuant to the terms of an endowment agreement that may include donor imposed restrictions or conditions governing the use of the contribution.

(4) 'Donor imposed restriction' means a provision of an endowment agreement that specifies obligations of the charitable organization or of the charitable trust regarding the management or use of the contribution made by the donor.

(5) 'Endowment agreement' means a written agreement between a charitable organization and a donor or of a charitable trust and a donor regarding the contribution made by the donor and accepted by the charitable organization or the charitable trust which may include donor imposed restrictions or other conditions governing the use of the contribution.

(6) 'Endowment fund' means an institutional fund, including any aggregate institutional fund or part thereof, that under the terms of a gift instrument is not wholly expendable by the institution on a current basis; provided, however, that such term does not include assets that an institution designates as an endowment fund for its own use.

(7) 'Gift instrument' means a record, including an institutional solicitation, under which property is granted to, transferred to, or held by an institution as an institutional fund.

14-3-192.

(a) Except as required or authorized by federal or state law or a valid court order, a

charitable organization or a charitable trust that accepts a contribution of property or money pursuant to an endowment agreement containing a donor imposed restriction shall not violate the terms of such restriction without potential penalty.

(b) If a charitable organization or a charitable trust violates a donor imposed restriction contained in an endowment agreement, the donor or that individual's legal representative may bring a civil action within four years after discovery of a breach of the endowment agreement. Such civil action may be filed in the county where a charitable organization or a charitable trust named as a party has its principal office or principal place of carrying out its charitable purpose. Such civil action may be filed regardless of whether the endowment agreement expressly reserves a right to sue or enforce, and it shall not seek a judgment awarding damages to the plaintiff.

(c) A charitable organization or a charitable trust may obtain a judicial declaration of rights as to the terms of an endowment agreement, including any donor imposed restrictions, and the actions the agreement contemplates, including but not limited to the interpretation, performance, and enforcement of the agreement and determination of its validity. A charitable organization or a charitable trust may do so by bringing a civil action and shall seek such declaration in any suit brought against it under this part.

(d) If the court determines, in an action brought pursuant to this part, that a charitable organization or a charitable trust violated a donor imposed restriction, the court shall be authorized to order one or more remedies consistent with the charitable purposes expressed in the endowment agreement; provided, however, that the court shall not be authorized to order the return of the contribution to the donor or the donor's legal representative or estate."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 2024, and shall apply to any endowment agreement entered into on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to SB 433 (LC 36 5766S) by inserting "501(c)(3) or" *after* "Section" *on line 20.*

Senators Tillery of the 19th and Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to SB 433 (LC 36 5766S) by:

Striking line 48 and inserting in its place:

"Contained in an endowment agreement, the donor, that donor's direct descendants, or the donor's legal representative"

*and by adding after "*individual*" on line 24 "*or entity*"*

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Cowsert amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2, Senator Jackson of the 41st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President Pro Tempore ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 37, nays 15, and the Tillery amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	E Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 9.

SB 433, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 12:32 p.m., Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore, announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 1:00 p.m.

At 1:13 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 450. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 5, 15, 44, and 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error, courts, property, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates, respectively, so as to clarify that neither superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5 over any nonappealable order of a probate court subject to such chapter; to provide for de novo proceeding with the right to a jury trial of certain probate court final judgments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 450:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 5, 15, 40, 44, and 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appeal and error, courts, motor vehicles and traffic, property, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates, respectively, so as to clarify that neither superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5 over any nonappealable order of a probate court subject to such chapter; to provide for de novo proceeding with the right to a jury trial of certain probate court final judgments; to require parties' consent for voluntary dismissals of petitions for review under certain circumstances; to provide for retention of jurisdiction by magistrate courts under certain circumstances; to provide for the payment of certain sums into the registry of the trial court in appeals to the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court; to provide for appeals from orders granting temporary letters of administration; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to superior and state court appellate practice, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 5-3-4, relating to jurisdiction, as follows:

"(b) The superior courts shall not have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter over any state court. The state courts shall not have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter over any superior court. In addition, neither a superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter over the following courts or matters:

(1) Juvenile courts;

(2) The Municipal Court of Columbus;

(3) The Civil Court of Macon-Bibb County;

(4) The Civil Court of Richmond County;

(5) The Georgia State-wide Business Court;

(6) A civil case in an Article 6 probate court;

(7) An order appointing a temporary administrator or any other order not appealable from a probate court subject to this chapter; and

(8) Any other court from which an appeal directly to the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court is authorized."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 5-3-5, relating to obligations of court, de novo proceedings, and jury trials, to read as follows:

"(d) Except for convictions under Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 40, the review of any

appealable final judgment of a probate court subject to this chapter shall be a de novo proceeding with the right to a jury trial if demanded."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 5-3-12, relating to requirements for dismissal by reviewing court, to read as follows:

"(e) The consent of all parties shall be required for voluntary dismissal of a petition for review if:

(1) The appeal is a de novo proceeding and a counterclaim is pending; or

(2) A motion for relief under Code Section 9-15-14 is pending."

SECTION 4.

Article 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil proceedings in magistrate courts, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) to Code Section 15-10-41, relating to no jury trials and appeals, as follows:

"(2) No appeal shall lie from a default judgment or from a dismissal for want of prosecution after a nonappearance of a plaintiff for trial. Any voluntary dismissal by the plaintiff or by order of the court for want of prosecution shall be without prejudice except that the filing of a second such dismissal shall operate as an adjudication upon the merits. Review, including review of a denial of a postjudgment motion to vacate a judgment, shall be by petition for review to the state court of that county or to the superior court of that county. Upon a reversal of a default judgment or reversal of a refusal to open a default judgment, the magistrate court shall retain jurisdiction to hear the merits of the case de novo."

SECTION 5.

Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrests, trials, and appeals regarding the prosecution of traffic offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 40-13-28, relating to appeal to superior court and bond; as follows:

"Any defendant convicted under this article shall have the right of appeal to the superior court. The provisions of subsections (b), ~~and~~ (c), and (d) of Code Section 5-3-5 and subsection (e) of Code Section 5-3-9 shall not apply to appeals under this Code section. Otherwise, the appeal shall be entered as appeals are entered from the probate court to the superior court, provided that the defendant shall be entitled to bail and shall be released from custody upon giving the bond as is provided for appearances in criminal cases in the courts of this state. Such bond shall have the same conditions as appearance bonds in criminal cases. The appeal to the superior court shall not be a de novo investigation before a jury but shall be on the record of the hearing as certified by the judge of that court who presided at the hearing below."

SECTION 6.

Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 44-7-

56, relating to appeal, procedure, and possession and payment of rent pending appeal, as follows:

"(b) An appeal made pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall proceed as follows:

(1) A copy of the petition for review filed in the reviewing superior or state court or the notice of appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the trial court within seven days after the date the judgment was entered in the trial court;

(2) The clerk shall immediately notify the trial judge of the petition for review or notice of appeal, and the trial judge may, within 15 days after the same is filed in the trial court, supplement the record with findings of fact and conclusions of law which will be considered as a part of the order of the judge in that case;

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, if ~~If~~ the judgment of the trial court is against the tenant and the tenant appeals this judgment, the tenant shall notify the trial court of his or her appeal and pay into the registry of the reviewing superior or state court all sums found by the trial court to be due for rent in order to remain in possession of the premises; and

(4) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, the ~~The~~ tenant shall pay all future rent as it becomes due into the registry of the reviewing superior or state court pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-7-54 until the issue has been finally determined on appeal.

(5) For appeals to the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court, the tenant shall pay all sums found by the trial court to be due for rent or future rent into the registry of the trial court that rendered the judgment appealed."

SECTION 7.

Article 4 of Chapter 6 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to temporary administration, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 53-6-30, relating to power of court, appointment of administrator, and appeal, as follows:

"(c) There shall be no appeal from an order granting temporary letters of administration, either to the superior court under ~~subsection (a) of Code Section 5-3-2~~ Chapter 3 of Title 5 or to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals under subsection (a) of Code Section 15-9-123."

SECTION 8.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

SB 450, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

Feb. 27, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 450. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

SB 473. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Strickland of the 17th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection

Act"; to protect the privacy of consumer personal data in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology offered the following substitute to SB 473:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; to protect the privacy of consumer personal data in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for exemptions for certain entities, data, and uses of data; to provide for consumer rights regarding personal data; to provide for a consumer to exercise such rights by submitting a request to a controller; to provide for a controller to promptly respond to such requests; to provide for exemptions; to provide for responsibilities of processors and controllers; to provide for notice and disclosure; to provide for security practices to protect consumer personal data; to allow a controller to offer different goods or services under certain conditions; to provide for limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for enforcement and penalties; to provide an affirmative defense; to prohibit the disclosure of personal data of consumers to local governments unless pursuant to a subpoena or court order; to provide for preemption of local regulation; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended by adding a new article to Chapter 1, relating to selling and other trade practices, to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 37

10-1-960.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act.'

10-1-961.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Affiliate' means a legal entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another legal entity or shares common branding with another legal entity.

For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'control' or 'controlled' means:

(A) Ownership of, or the power to vote, more than 50 percent of the outstanding shares of a class of voting security of an entity;

(B) Control in any manner over the election of a majority of the directors or of individuals exercising similar functions relative to an entity; or

(C) The power to exercise controlling influence over the management of an entity.

(2) 'Authenticate' means to verify using reasonable means that a consumer who is entitled to exercise the rights in Code Section 10-1-963, is the same consumer who is exercising such consumer rights with respect to the personal information at issue.

(3)(A) 'Biometric data' means data generated by automatic measurement of an individual's biological characteristics, such as a fingerprint, voiceprint, eye retina or iris, or other unique biological patterns or characteristics that are used to identify a specific individual.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) A physical or digital photograph, video recording, or audio recording or data generated from a photograph or video or audio recording; or

(ii) Information collected, used, or stored for healthcare treatment, payment, or operations under HIPAA.

(4) 'Consent' means a clear affirmative act signifying a consumer's freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous agreement to process personal information relating to the consumer. Such term may include a written statement, including a statement written by electronic means, or an unambiguous affirmative action.

(5) 'Consumer' means an individual who is a resident of this state acting only in a personal context. Such term shall not include an individual acting in a commercial or employment context.

(6) 'Controller' means the person that, alone or jointly with others, determines the purpose and means of processing personal information.

(7) 'Decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning the consumer' means decisions made by the controller that result in the provision or denial by the controller of financial or lending services, housing, insurance, education enrollment or opportunity, criminal justice, employment opportunities, healthcare services, or access to basic necessities, such as food and water;

(8) 'De-identified data' means data that cannot reasonably be linked to an identified or identifiable individual, or any device linked to such natural person;

(9) 'Health record' means a written, printed, or electronically recorded material that:

(A) In the course of providing healthcare services to an individual was created or is maintained by a healthcare facility described in or licensed pursuant to Title 31; and

(B) Concerns the individual and the healthcare services provided.

Such term includes the substance of a communication made by an individual to a healthcare facility described in or licensed pursuant to Title 31 in confidence during or in connection with the provision of healthcare services or information otherwise acquired by the healthcare entity about an individual in confidence and in connection with the provision of healthcare services to the individual.

(10) 'HIPAA' means the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 1320d et seq.

(11) 'Identified or identifiable individual' means a natural person who can be readily identified, whether directly or indirectly.

(12) 'Known child' means an individual who the controller has actual knowledge is under 13 years of age.

(13) 'NIST' means the National Institute of Standards and Technology privacy framework entitled 'A Tool for Improving Privacy through Enterprise Risk Management Version 1.0.'

(14) 'Person' means any individual or entity.

(15)(A) 'Personal information' means information that is linked or reasonably linkable to an identified or identifiable individual.

(B) Such term shall not include information that:

(i) Is publicly available information;

(ii) Does not identify an individual and with respect to which there is no reasonable basis to believe that the information can be used alone or in combination with other information to identify an individual; or

(iii) Is de-identified using a method no less secure than methods provided under HIPAA.

(16)(A) 'Precise geolocation data' means information derived from technology, including, but not limited to, global positioning system level latitude and longitude coordinates or other mechanisms, that directly identifies the specific location of a natural person with precision and accuracy within a radius of 1,750 feet.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) The content of communications; or

(ii) Data generated by or connected to advanced utility metering infrastructure systems or equipment for use by a utility.

(17) 'Process' or 'processing' means an operation or set of operations performed, whether by manual or automated means, on personal information or on sets of personal information, such as the collection, use, storage, disclosure, analysis, deletion, or modification of personal information.

(18) 'Processor' means a person that processes personal information on behalf of a controller.

(19) 'Profiling' means a form of automated processing performed on personal information solely to evaluate, analyze, or predict personal aspects related to an identified or identifiable individual's economic situation, health, personal preferences, interests, reliability, behavior, location, or movements.

(20) 'Pseudonymous data' means personal information that cannot be attributed to a specific individual without the use of additional information, so long as the additional information is kept separately and is subject to appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure that the personal information is not attributed to an identified or identifiable individual.

(21) 'Publicly available information' means information that is lawfully made available

through federal, state, or local government records, or information that a business has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public through widely distributed media, by the consumer, or by a person to which the consumer has disclosed the information, unless the consumer has restricted the information to a specific audience.

(22)(A) 'Sale of personal information' means the exchange of personal information for monetary or other valuable consideration by the controller to a third party.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) The disclosure of personal information to a processor that processes the personal information on behalf of the controller;

(ii) The disclosure of personal information to a third party for purposes of providing a product or service requested by the consumer;

(iii) The disclosure or transfer of personal information to an affiliate of the controller;

(iv) The disclosure of information that the consumer:

(I) Intentionally made available to the general public via a channel of mass media; and

(II) Did not restrict to a specific audience; or

(v) The disclosure or transfer of personal information to a third party as an asset that is part of a merger, acquisition, bankruptcy, or other transaction in which the third party assumes control of all or part of the controller's assets.

(23) 'Sensitive data' means a category of personal information that includes:

(A) Personal information revealing racial or ethnic origin, religious belief, mental or physical health diagnosis, sexual orientation, or citizenship or immigration status;

(B) The processing of genetic data, data that contains 'nudity' or 'sexual conduct' as defined in subsection (b) of Code Section 16-12-181, or biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying an individual;

(C) The personal information collected from a known child; or

(D) Precise geolocation data.

(24)(A) 'Targeted advertising' means displaying to a consumer an advertisement that is selected based on personal information obtained from such consumer's activities over time and across nonaffiliated public websites or online applications to predict the consumer's preferences or interests.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) Advertisements based on activities within a controller's own public websites or online applications;

(ii) Advertisements based on the context of a consumer's current search query, visit to a public website, or online application;

(iii) Advertisements directed to a consumer in response to the consumer's request for information or feedback; or

(iv) Personal information processed solely for measuring or reporting advertising performance, reach, or frequency.

(25) 'Third party' means a person other than the consumer, controller, processor, or an

affiliate of the controller or processor.

10-1-962.

This article shall apply to a person that conducts business in this state by producing products or services targeted to consumers of this state that exceeds $25 million in revenue and that:

(1) Controls or processes personal information of at least 25,000 consumers and derives more than 50 percent of gross revenue from the sale of personal information; or

(2) During a calendar year, controls or processes personal information of at least 175,000 consumers.

10-1-963.

(a)(1) A consumer may invoke the consumer rights authorized pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection at any time by submitting, using a means substantially equivalent to that used by the controller to obtain the consent of the consumer for initial use of the personal information, a request to a controller specifying the consumer rights the consumer wishes to invoke. A known child's parent or legal guardian may invoke the consumer rights authorized pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection on behalf of the such known child regarding processing personal information belonging to the known child.

(2) A controller shall comply with an authenticated consumer request to exercise the right to:

(A) Confirm whether a controller is processing the consumer's personal information and to access such personal information;

(B) Correct inaccuracies in the consumer's personal information, taking into account the nature of the personal information and the purposes of the processing of such consumer's personal information;

(C) Delete personal information provided by or obtained about the consumer. A controller shall not be required to delete information that it maintains or uses as aggregate or de-identified data; provided, that such data in the possession of the controller is not linked to a specific consumer. A controller that obtained personal information about a consumer from a source other than the consumer shall be in compliance with a consumer's request to delete such personal information by retaining a record of the deletion request and the minimum information necessary for the purpose of ensuring that the consumer's personal information remains deleted from the controller's records and by not using such retained personal information for any purpose prohibited under this article;

(D) Obtain a copy of the consumer's personal information that the consumer previously provided to the controller in a portable and, to the extent technically feasible, readily usable format that allows the consumer to transmit such personal information to another controller without hindrance, where the processing is carried out by automated means; or

(E) Opt out of a controller's processing of personal information for purposes of:

(i) Selling personal information about the consumer;

(ii) Targeted advertising; or

(iii) Profiling in furtherance of decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning the consumer.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, a controller shall comply with an authenticated request by a consumer to exercise the consumer rights authorized pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section as follows:

(1) A controller shall respond to the consumer without undue delay, but in all cases within 45 days of receipt of a request submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. The response period may be extended once by 45 additional days when reasonably necessary, taking into account the complexity and number of the consumer's requests, so long as the controller informs the consumer of the extension within the initial 45 day response period, together with the reason for the extension;

(2) If a controller declines to take action regarding the consumer's request, then the controller shall inform the consumer without undue delay, but in all cases within 45 days of receipt of the request, of the justification for declining to take action and instructions for how to appeal the decision pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section;

(3) Information provided in response to a consumer request shall be provided by a controller free of charge, up to twice annually per consumer. If requests from a consumer are manifestly unfounded, technically infeasible, excessive, or repetitive, then the controller may charge the consumer a reasonable fee to cover the administrative costs of complying with the request or decline to act on the request. The controller bears the burden of demonstrating the manifestly unfounded, technically infeasible, excessive, or repetitive nature of the request; and

(4) If a controller is unable to authenticate the request using commercially reasonable efforts, then the controller shall not be required to comply with a request to initiate an action under subsection (a) of this Code section and may request that the consumer provide additional information reasonably necessary to authenticate the consumer and the consumer's request.

(c) A controller shall establish a process for a consumer to appeal the controller's refusal to take action on a request within a reasonable period of time after the consumer's receipt of the decision pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section. The appeal process shall be:

(1) Made available to the consumer in a conspicuous manner;

(2) Available at no cost to the consumer; and

(3) Similar to the process for submitting requests to initiate action pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section.

Within 60 days of receipt of an appeal, a controller shall inform the consumer in writing of action taken or not taken in response to the appeal, including a written explanation of the reasons for the decision. If the appeal is denied, the controller shall then also provide the consumer with an online mechanism, if available, or other method through which the consumer may contact the Attorney General to submit a complaint.

10-1-964.

(a) A controller shall:

(1) Limit the collection of personal information to what is adequate, relevant, and reasonably necessary in relation to the purposes for which the data is processed, as disclosed to the consumer;

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this article, not process personal information for purposes that are beyond what is reasonably necessary to and compatible with the disclosed purposes for which the personal information is processed, as disclosed to the consumer, unless the controller obtains the consumer's consent;

(3) Establish, implement, and maintain reasonable administrative, technical, and physical data security practices, as described in Code Section 10-1-973, to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and accessibility of personal information. The data security practices shall be appropriate to the volume and nature of the personal information at issue;

(4) Not be required to delete information that it maintains or uses as aggregate or de-identified data, provided that such data in the possession of the business is not linked to a specific consumer;

(5) Not process personal information in violation of state and federal laws that prohibit unlawful discrimination against consumers. A controller shall not discriminate against a consumer for exercising the consumer rights contained in this article, including denying goods or services, charging different prices or rates for goods or services, or providing a different level of quality of goods and services to the consumer. However, this paragraph shall not require a controller to provide a product or service that requires the personal information of a consumer that the controller does not collect or maintain, or prohibit a controller from offering a different price, rate, level, quality, or selection of goods or services to a consumer, including offering goods or services for no fee, if the consumer has exercised the right to opt out pursuant to subparagraph (E) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 10-1-963 or the offer is related to a consumer's voluntary participation in a bona fide loyalty, rewards, premium features, discounts, or club card program; and

(6) Not process sensitive data concerning a consumer without obtaining the consumer's consent, or, in the case of the processing of sensitive data concerning a known child, without processing the data in accordance with the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. Section 6501 et seq., and its implementing regulations.

(b) A provision of a contract or agreement that purports to waive or limit the consumer rights described in Code Section 10-1-963 is contrary to public policy and is void and unenforceable.

(c) A controller shall provide a reasonably accessible, clear, and meaningful privacy notice that includes:

(1) The categories of personal information processed by the controller;

(2) The purpose for processing personal information;

(3) How consumers may exercise their consumer rights pursuant to Code Section 10-

1-963, including how a consumer may appeal a controller's decision with regard to the consumer's request;

(4) The categories of personal information that the controller sells to third parties, if any; and

(5) The categories of third parties, if any, to whom the controller sells personal information.

(d) If a controller sells personal information to third parties or processes personal information for targeted advertising, then the controller shall clearly and conspicuously disclose the processing, as well as the manner in which a consumer may exercise the right to opt out of the processing.

(e)(1) A controller shall provide, and shall describe in a privacy notice, one or more secure and reliable means for a consumer to submit a request to exercise the consumer rights described in Code Section 10-1-963. Such means shall take into account the:

(A) Ways in which a consumer normally interacts with the controller;

(B) Need for secure and reliable communication of such requests; and

(C) Ability of a controller to authenticate the identity of the consumer making the request.

(2) A controller shall not require a consumer to create a new account in order to exercise the consumer rights described in Code Section 10-1-963, but may require a consumer to use an existing account.

10-1-965.

(a) A processor shall adhere to the instructions of a controller and shall assist the controller in meeting its obligations under this article. The assistance provided by the processor shall include:

(1) Taking into account the nature of processing and the information available to the processor, by appropriate technical and organizational measures, insofar as reasonably practicable, to fulfill the controller's obligation to respond to consumer rights requests pursuant to Code Section 10-1-963; and

(2) Providing necessary information to enable the controller to conduct and document data protection assessments pursuant to Code Section 10-1-966.

(b) A contract between a controller and a processor governs the processor's data processing procedures with respect to processing performed on behalf of the controller. The contract shall be binding and shall clearly set forth instructions for processing data, the nature and purpose of processing, the type of data subject to processing, the duration of processing, and the rights and obligations of both parties. The contract shall also include requirements that the processor shall:

(1) Ensure that each person processing personal information is subject to a duty of confidentiality with respect to the data;

(2) At the controller's direction, delete or return all personal information to the controller as requested at the end of the provision of services, unless retention of the personal information is required by law;

(3) Upon the reasonable request of the controller, make available to the controller all

information in its possession necessary to demonstrate the processor's compliance with the obligations in this article;

(4) Allow, and cooperate with, reasonable assessments by the controller or the controller's designated assessor; alternatively, the processor may arrange for a qualified and independent assessor to conduct an assessment of the processor's policies and technical and organizational measures in support of the obligations under this article using an appropriate and accepted control standard or framework and assessment procedure for the assessments. The processor shall provide a report of each assessment to the controller upon request; and

(5) Engage a subcontractor pursuant to a written contract in that requires the subcontractor to meet the obligations of the processor with respect to the personal information.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall relieve a controller or a processor from the liabilities imposed on it by virtue of its role in the processing relationship as described in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Determining whether a person is acting as a controller or processor with respect to a specific processing of data is a fact based determination that depends upon the context in which personal information is to be processed. A processor that continues to adhere to a controller's instructions with respect to a specific processing of personal information remains a processor.

10-1-966.

(a) A controller shall conduct and document a data protection assessment of each of the following processing activities involving personal information:

(1) The processing of personal information for purposes of targeted advertising;

(2) The sale of personal information;

(3) The processing of personal information for purposes of profiling, where the profiling presents a reasonably foreseeable risk of:

(A) Unfair or deceptive treatment of, or unlawful disparate impact on, consumers;

(B) Financial, physical, or reputational injury to consumers;

(C) A physical or other intrusion upon the solitude or seclusion, or the private affairs or concerns, of consumers, where the intrusion would be offensive to a reasonable person; or

(D) Other substantial injury to consumers;

(4) The processing of sensitive data; and

(5) Processing activities involving personal information that present a heightened risk of harm to consumers.

(b) Data protection assessments conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall identify and weigh the benefits that may flow, directly and indirectly, from the processing to the controller, the consumer, other stakeholders, and the public against the potential risks to the rights of the consumer associated with the processing, as mitigated by safeguards that can be employed by the controller to reduce the risks. The use of de-identified data and the reasonable expectations of consumers, as well as the context of

the processing and the relationship between the controller and the consumer whose personal information will be processed, shall be factored into this assessment by the controller.

(c) The Attorney General may request pursuant to a civil investigative demand that a controller disclose a data protection assessment that is relevant to an investigation conducted by the Attorney General, and the controller shall make the data protection assessment available to the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall evaluate the data protection assessment for compliance with the responsibilities set forth in Code Section 10-1-964. The disclosure of a data protection assessment pursuant to a request from the Attorney General shall not constitute a waiver of attorney-client privilege or work product protection with respect to the assessment and information contained in the assessment. Such data protection assessments shall be confidential and shall not be open to public inspection and copying under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records.

(d) A single data protection assessment may address a comparable set of processing operations that include similar activities.

(e) A data protection assessment conducted by a controller for the purpose of compliance with other laws, rules, or regulations may comply with this Code section if such data protection assessment have a reasonably comparable scope and effect.

(f) The data protection assessment requirements in this article shall apply only to processing activities created or generated on or after July 1, 2026.

10-1-967.

(a) A controller in possession of de-identified data shall:

(1) Take reasonable measures to ensure that the data cannot be associated with a natural person;

(2) Publicly commit to maintaining and using de-identified data without attempting to reidentify the data; and

(3) Contractually obligate recipients of the de-identified data to comply with this article.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall require a controller or processor to:

(1) Reidentify de-identified data or pseudonymous data;

(2) Maintain data in identifiable form, or collect, obtain, retain, or access data or technology, in order to be capable of associating an authenticated consumer request with personal information; or

(3) Comply with an authenticated consumer rights request, pursuant to Code Section 10-1-963, if:

(A) The controller is not reasonably capable of associating the request with the personal information or it would be unreasonably burdensome for the controller to associate the request with the personal information;

(B) The controller does not use the personal information to recognize or respond to the specific consumer who is the subject of the personal information, or associate the personal information with other personal information about the same specific

consumer; and

(C) The controller does not sell the personal information to a third party or otherwise voluntarily disclose the personal information to a third party other than a processor, except as otherwise permitted in this Code section.

(c) The consumer rights described in Code Sections 10-1-963 and 10-1-964 shall not apply to pseudonymous data in cases where the controller is able to demonstrate information necessary to identify the consumer is kept separately and is subject to effective technical and organizational controls that prevent the controller from accessing that information.

(d) A controller that discloses pseudonymous data or de-identified data shall exercise reasonable oversight to monitor compliance with contractual commitments to which the pseudonymous data or de-identified data is subject and shall take appropriate steps to address breaches of those contractual commitments.

10-1-968.

(a) Nothing in this article shall restrict a controller's or processor's ability to:

(1) Comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations;

(2) Comply with a civil, criminal, or regulatory inquiry, investigation, subpoena, or summons by federal, state, local, or other governmental authorities;

(3) Cooperate with law enforcement agencies concerning conduct or activity that the controller or processor reasonably and in good faith believes may violate federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations;

(4) Investigate, establish, exercise, prepare for, or defend legal claims;

(5) Provide a product or service specifically requested by a consumer or the parent or legal guardian of a known child, perform a contract to which the consumer is a party, including fulfilling the terms of a written warranty, or take steps at the request of the consumer prior to entering into a contract;

(6) Take immediate steps to protect an interest that is essential for the life or physical safety of the consumer or of another natural person, and where the processing cannot be manifestly based on another legal basis;

(7) Prevent, detect, protect against, or respond to security incidents, identity theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or deceptive activity, or illegal activity; preserve the integrity or security of systems; or investigate, report, or prosecute those responsible for such action;

(8) Engage in public reviewed or peer reviewed scientific or statistical research in the public interest that adheres to all other applicable ethics and privacy laws and is approved, monitored, and governed by an institutional review board, or similar independent oversight entity that determines whether:

(A) Deletion of the information is likely to provide substantial benefits that do not exclusively accrue to the controller;

(B) The expected benefits of the research outweigh the privacy risks; and

(C) The controller has implemented reasonable safeguards to mitigate privacy risks associated with research, including risks associated with reidentification; or

(9) Assist another controller, processor, or third party with the obligations under this article.

(b) The obligations imposed on controllers or processors under this article shall not restrict a controller's or processor's ability to collect, use, or retain data to:

(1) Conduct internal research to develop, improve, or repair products, services, or technology;

(2) Effectuate a product recall;

(3) Identify and repair technical errors that impair existing or intended functionality; or

(4) Perform internal operations that are reasonably aligned with the expectations of the consumer or reasonably anticipated based on the consumer's existing relationship with the controller or are otherwise compatible with processing data in furtherance of the provision of a product or service specifically requested by a consumer or the performance of a contract to which the consumer is a party.

(c) The obligations imposed on controllers or processors under this article shall not apply where compliance with this article by the controller or processor would violate an evidentiary privilege under the laws of this state. Nothing in this article shall prevent a controller or processor from providing personal information concerning a consumer to a person covered by an evidentiary privilege under the laws of this state as part of a privileged communication.

(d)(1) A controller or processor that discloses personal information to a third-party controller or processor, in compliance with the requirements of this article, shall not be in violation of this article if:

(A) The third-party controller or processor that receives and processes the personal information is in violation of this article; and

(B) At the time of disclosing the personal information, the disclosing controller or processor did not have actual knowledge that the recipient intended to commit a violation.

(2) A third-party controller or processor receiving personal information from a controller or processor in compliance with the requirements of this article is likewise not in violation of this article for the violations of the controller or processor from which it receives such personal information.

(e) This article shall not impose an obligation on controllers and processors that adversely affects the rights or freedoms of a person, such as exercising the right of free speech pursuant to the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, or that applies to the processing of personal information by a person in the course of a purely personal activity.

(f) A controller shall not process personal information for purposes other than those expressly listed in this Code section unless otherwise allowed by this article. Personal information processed by a controller pursuant to this Code section may be processed to the extent that the processing is:

(1) Reasonably necessary and proportionate to the purposes listed in this section; and

(2) Adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary in relation to the specific

purposes listed in this section. Personal information collected, used, or retained pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall, where applicable, take into account the nature and purpose or purposes of the collection, use, or retention. The data shall be subject to reasonable administrative, technical, and physical measures to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and accessibility of the personal information and to reduce reasonably foreseeable risks of harm to consumers relating to the collection, use, or retention of personal information.

(g) If a controller processes personal information pursuant to an exemption in this Code section, then the controller bears the burden of demonstrating that the processing qualifies for the exemption and complies with subsection (f) of this Code section.

(h) Processing personal information for the purposes expressly identified in any of the paragraphs (1) through (9) of subsection of (a) of this Code section shall not solely make an entity a controller with respect to the processing.

10-1-969.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to conflict with the specific requirements:

(1) Related to the management of health records under Title 31; or

(2) Mandated by any provision of federal law.

10-1-970.

(a) A provision of a contract or agreement that waives or limits a consumer's rights or cause of action under this article, including, but not limited to, a right to a remedy or means of enforcement, is contrary to public policy, void, and unenforceable.

(b) Nothing in this article shall prevent a consumer from declining to request information from a controller, declining to opt out of a controller's sale of the consumer's personal information, or authorizing a controller to sell the consumer's personal information after previously opting out.

(c) This article shall apply to contracts entered into, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 2026.

10-1-971.

If the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that an individual, controller, or processor has engaged in, is engaging in, or is about to engage in a violation of this article, then the Attorney General may issue a civil investigative demand.

10-1-972.

(a) The Attorney General may develop reasonable cause to believe that a controller or processor is in violation of this article, based on the Attorney General's own inquiry or on consumer or public complaints. Prior to initiating an action under this article, the Attorney General shall provide a controller or processor 60 days' written notice identifying the specific provisions of this article the Attorney General alleges have been or are being violated. If within the 60 day period, the controller or processor cures the noticed violation and provides the Attorney General an express written statement that the

alleged violations have been cured and that no such further violations shall occur, then the Attorney General shall not initiate an action against the controller or processor.

(b) If a controller or processor continues to violate this article following the cure period provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section or breaches an express written statement provided to the Attorney General under subsection (a) of this Code section, then the Attorney General may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking any of the following relief:

(1) Declaratory judgment that the act or practice violates this article;

(2) Injunctive relief, including preliminary and permanent injunctions, to prevent an additional violation of and compel compliance with this article;

(3) Civil penalties, as described in subsection (c) of this Code section;

(4) Reasonable attorney's fees and investigative costs; or

(5) Other relief the court determines appropriate.

(c)(1) A court may impose a civil penalty of up to $7,500.00 for each violation of this article.

(2) If the court finds the controller or processor willfully or knowingly violated this article, then the court may, in its discretion, award treble damages.

(d) The Attorney General may recover reasonable expenses incurred in investigating and preparing a case, including attorney's fees, in an action initiated under this article.

10-1-973.

(a) A controller or processor shall have an affirmative defense to a cause of action for a violation of this article if the controller or processor creates, maintains, and complies with a written privacy policy that:

(1)(A) Reasonably conforms to the NIST procedures designed to safeguard consumer privacy; and

(B) Is updated to reasonably conform with a subsequent revision to the NIST within two years of the publication date stated in the most recent revision to the NIST; and

(2) Provides a person with the substantive rights required by this article.

(b) The scale and scope of a controller or processor's privacy program under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be appropriate if it is based on all of the following factors:

(1) The size and complexity of the controller or processor's business;

(2) The nature and scope of the activities of the controller or processor;

(3) The sensitivity of the personal information processed;

(4) The cost and availability of tools to improve privacy protections and data governance; and

(5) Compliance with a comparable state or federal law.

10-1-974.

(a) A municipality, county, or consolidated government shall not require a controller or processor to disclose personal data of consumers, unless pursuant to a subpoena or court order.

(b) This article shall supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of any ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or the equivalent adopted by any municipality, county, or consolidated government regarding the processing of personal data by controllers or processors."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	N Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	N Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	N Still
Y Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
E Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 37, nays 15.

SB 473, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SR 570. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Supporting Safety and Welfare of All Individuals in Department of Corrections Facilities Study Committee; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SR 570, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

SR 583. By Senator Hatchett of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Dr. Robert F. Sullivan and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SR 583:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert F. Sullivan has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was born on September 21, 1927, the beloved son of Franklin Clyde and Minnie Valdivia "Dee" Gillespie Sullivan and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan earned his medical degree from Emory University, began his medical practice in Carnesville, Georgia, in 1957, and served as chief of staff for Cobb Memorial Hospital in Royston, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as president of the Carnesville Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Sullivan was a lifelong member of Carnesville Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART II

WHEREAS, Mr. Lary Jack Moree has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moree was born on November 9, 1942, the beloved son of R.V. and Miltie Jeanette Johnson Moree and was the owner and operator of Moree's Grocery and Liquor Store, the family business he took over from his father; and

WHEREAS, an avid golfer, Mr. Moree gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding Mr. Moree demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation

for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART III

WHEREAS, Jerry Lee Waller, Sr., was born in Cobb County to the late Gordon Lee Waller and Frances Ocille Smith Waller on March 12, 1938, and was called home to be with the Lord on September 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Rogers Waller, who went by Frances, was born in Cohutta to the late Lloyd Rogers and Ethel Oliver Rogers on July 5, 1940, and was called home to be with the Lord on March 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances met and fell in love at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, married on August 26, 1961, and built their lives together and raised a family encompassing six children, 14 grandchildren, and growing numbers of great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, from 1966 and thereafter, Jerry and Frances raised their family in the same home on Lakewood Drive until their passings and played important roles in their community and in their church, the Gospel Light Baptist Tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, Jerry began his career as a school teacher along with Frances before moving back to Cobb County to join the manufacturing industry, culminating in almost 25 years working for Lockheed Martin in Marietta supporting the production of C-130s; and

WHEREAS, Frances's passion was for education and children which was demonstrated by her calling to be an elementary school teacher with over 20 years of service at four schools: Coosa Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Lockheed Elementary, and Marietta Christian School; and

WHEREAS, Frances never stopped being an educator, with a great sense of dry humor, to the young and the old until the day she left this world; and

WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances made youth baseball and sports a family endeavor, making Adams Park in Kennesaw a second home with five children cycling through the park for over two decades; and

WHEREAS, Jerry inspired leadership traits in his children through taking on various roles including coach, umpire, and president of the Kennesaw Baseball Association; and

WHEREAS, Jerry, a deacon, and Frances, a Sunday school teacher, were anchored by their

faith and called to serve family, friends, and strangers by opening up their home and offering their resources to those in need for over 45 years; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Morrow dedicated 43 years to providing compassionate care as a family medicine physician, a gifted diagnostician, and a beloved friend to his patients and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina, Dr. Morrow was the CEO of Morrow Family Medicine, a state of the art family practice in Cumming, Georgia, for ten years, where he was adored by his staff as a mentor, a friend, and a trusted physician and earned the titles of the "Top 25 Place to Work in Atlanta" and the "Best in Forsyth" in family medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morrow's leadership was invaluable to organizations such as the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology and the Health Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS); and

WHEREAS, his talent was recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 2014 Steve Bloom Entrepreneur of the Year by the Cumming Forsyth Chamber of Commerce, the Phoenix Award as Community Leader of the Year from the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the HIMSS Primary Care Davies Award, the HIMSS Physician IT Leader of the Year, and the Distinguished Humanitarian Physician Alumni of the Year Award from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART V

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 145 from Athens Street to Hubbard Road in Franklin County is dedicated as the Dr. Robert F. Sullivan Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 133 over Dry Creek in Worth County is dedicated as the Lary Jack Moree Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 41 at Pine Mountain Ct/Watts Drive in Cobb County, Georgia, is dedicated as the "Coach" Jerry L. Waller, Sr. and Frances R. Waller Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 9 and Deputy Bill Cantrell Memorial Road in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Dr. Jim Morrow Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and to the families of Dr. Robert F. Sullivan; Mr. Lary Jack Moree; Jerry Lee Waller, Sr., and Mary Frances Rogers Waller; and Dr. Jim Morrow.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SR 583, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

SR 609. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Princess Trahlyta and dedicating a roundabout in her memory; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SR 609:

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Princess Trahlyta and dedicating a roundabout in her memory; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Cherokee legend tells of a woman named Trahlyta who lived in the North Georgia mountains near present day Dahlonega; and

WHEREAS, legend has it that the people of Trahlyta's tribe believed the secret of eternal youth came from the magic springs of the mountain, now known as Porter Springs; and

WHEREAS, Trahlyta supposedly drank from the magic springs, which helped her maintain her renowned youthful beauty; and

WHEREAS, Trahlyta was kidnapped and imprisoned by a rejected suitor, Wahsega, who took her far away from her family, people, and the springs, where she grew weak and died; and

WHEREAS, Trahlyta's dying wish was to be buried in the beautiful mountain forests of her homeland and Wahsega stayed true to his promise and returned her to her native land and the magic springs; and

WHEREAS, she was buried near what is now the intersection of State Route 60, State Route 9, and U.S. Highway 19, known as Stone Pile Gap north of Dahlonega, Georgia, in Lumpkin County; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, those passing by Trahlyta's grave leave small stones for good fortune; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this legendary and distinguished Cherokee princess of North Georgia be appropriately recognized by dedicating a roundabout in her memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the roundabout of State Route 60, State Route 9, and U.S. Highway 19 in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the Circle of Princess Trahlyta at Stone Pile Gap.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Circle of Princess Trahlyta at Stone Pile Gap.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SR 609, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

SB 465. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hatchett of the 50th, Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homicide, so as to provide for the felony offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter; to provide for definitions; to provide for elements of the offense; to provide for penalties; to prohibit the sentencing court from suspending, probating, deferring, or withholding any portion of the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment; to prohibit merger; to provide for an exception; to provide for burden of proof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 465:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homicide, so as to provide for the felony offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter; to provide for definitions; to provide for elements of the offense; to provide for penalties; to prohibit merger; to provide for an exception; to provide for burden of proof; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Austin's Law."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homicide, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-5-3.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Controlled substance' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-13-21.

(2) 'Counterfeit substance' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-13-21.

(3) 'Imitation controlled substance' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-13-21.

(b) A person commits the offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter when he or she causes the death of another human being, without the intent to cause the death of said

human being, by intentionally manufacturing, delivering, distributing, or selling any substance that is, in fact, a controlled substance, counterfeit substance, or imitation controlled substance.

(c) A person who commits the offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than 10 years nor more than 30 years or life imprisonment.

(d) The offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter shall be considered a separate offense and shall not merge with any other offense.

(e) This Code section shall not apply to any manufacturing, delivering, distributing, or selling of a controlled substance that is authorized in Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, the "Georgia Controlled Substances Act."

(f) For purposes of any criminal prosecution of violations of this Code section, the defendant's knowledge of the chemical identity of a controlled substance, counterfeit substance, or imitation controlled substance shall not be an essential element of the offense, and the state shall not have the burden of proving that a defendant knew the chemical identity of the controlled substance, counterfeit substance, or imitation controlled substance in order to be convicted of an offense under this Code section."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still

Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 3.

SB 465, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 497. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Esteves of the 6th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to redesignate the High-demand Career Initiatives Program as the High Demand Apprenticeship Program; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a repealer; to amend Code Section 20-2-161.4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and termination, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to SB 497:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to redesignate the High-demand Career Initiatives Program as the High Demand Apprenticeship Program; to reduce contract award amounts from $10,000.00 to $5,000.00 per apprentice; to increase the cap on allowable apprentices from five to ten; to authorize certain expenditures by the Office of Workforce Development; to provide for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish the Public Service Apprenticeship Program to promote the creation and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs in this state; to provide the purpose of such program; to authorize the board to enter into contracts with public service sponsors for the successful completion of the education, training, and other requirements of apprentices in Georgia; to provide application requirements and procedures; to authorize contract completion awards; to require a report; to authorize the acceptance of grants and

other funds; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a repealer; to amend Code Section 20-2-161.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and termination, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-4-151, relating to purpose of High-demand Career Initiatives Program, employer partnerships, required information, contracts, awards, and limitations, as follows:

"20-4-151.

(a) Subject to appropriations of funds by the General Assembly for this purpose, the board, in coordination with the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Education, and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall establish and administer a program through the Office of Workforce Development to be called the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the ~~program~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program is to incentivize apprenticeship sponsors to establish new or grow existing registered apprenticeship programs in Georgia in order to support the growth of apprenticeship programs and expand high-quality ~~work-based~~ work based learning experiences in high-demand fields and careers for persons in Georgia.

(b) An employer sponsor may apply to the board for the opportunity to enter into a contract to perform the requirements of conducting an apprenticeship program for a specific apprentice. Such contract shall require the employer sponsor's apprentice to successfully complete an apprenticeship program.

(c) The board shall provide upon request and on the Technical College System of Georgia's public website information about the ~~program~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program, the application, application instructions, and the application period established each year for contracts for services available under ~~the~~ such program.

(d) Upon successful completion of the requirements of a contract under this article, the board shall provide a contract completion award to the employer sponsor. The contract completion award amount shall be determined based on the number of hours of education and training required for the successful completion of the apprenticeship under such apprenticeship program but shall not exceed:

(1) $10,000.00 per apprentice for contracts entered into before July 1, 2024; and

(2) $5,000.00 per apprentice for contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2024.

(e) Each employer sponsor shall only be eligible to enter into contracts under this article for up to:

(1) Five ~~five~~ apprentices per year through the end of Fiscal Year 2024; and

(2) Ten apprentices per year beginning with the Fiscal Year 2025 and continuing each fiscal year thereafter.

(f) An apprenticeship sponsor may assist with the application for and completion of an apprenticeship contract authorized by this article.

(g) Beginning July 1, 2024, and continuing thereafter, the Office of Workforce Development shall be authorized to:

(1) Provide initial funding for up to $2,500.00 per apprentice of the amount provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(2) Provide funding to award employer sponsors up to $2,500.00 per apprentice 12 months after the start of his or her apprenticeship."

SECTION 1-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-4-152, relating to annual publication of high-demand jobs, as follows:

"20-4-152.

(a) The board, in coordination with the Office of Workforce Development, shall create annually and publish on its public website a list of high-demand jobs state wide for purposes of the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program.

(b) The Office of Workforce Development shall publish and maintain criteria for the selection of high-demand jobs eligible for the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program."

SECTION 1-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-153, relating to annual reporting and cooperation from apprenticeship sponsor, as follows:

"(b) Each apprenticeship sponsor shall fully cooperate in providing statistical information requested by the board or, at the board's discretion, be excluded from participating in the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program."

SECTION 1-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-4-154, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"20-4-154.

The board shall adopt rules and regulations deemed necessary for the implementation and administration of this article, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, rules and regulations for:

(1) Establishing ~~establishing~~ a staff review and application approval process~~,~~;

(2) Application ~~application~~ scoring criteria that shall include provisions that give priority to apprenticeship programs that hire and train apprentices who are:

(A) Between 15 and 21 years of age; or

(B) Enrolled in an adult education program and engaged in obtaining a high school

diploma;~~,~~

(3) The ~~the~~ minimum score necessary for approval of a contract~~,~~; and

(4) The ~~the~~ terms of agreement between an employer sponsor and the board~~, and any other rules deemed necessary for the implementation and administration of this article~~."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

20-4-160.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Apprentice' means a person who is at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age is required by law, who is employed in an eligible apprenticeable occupation, and is registered in Georgia with the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

(2) 'Apprenticeable occupation' means an occupation approved for apprenticeship by the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

(3) 'Apprenticeship program' means a program registered with the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship that includes terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices, including the requirement for a written apprenticeship agreement.

(4) 'Apprenticeship sponsor' means:

(A) Any entity operating an apprenticeship program; or

(B) Any entity in whose name an apprenticeship program is being operated that is registered with or approved by the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

(5) 'Board' means the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(6) 'Eligible apprenticeable occupation' means an apprenticeable occupation identified by the Office of Workforce Development pursuant to Code Section 20-4-152 as a high-demand job.

(7) 'Office of Workforce Development' means the Technical College System of Georgia's Office of Workforce Development.

(8) 'Public service sponsor' means a state or local government entity that coordinates with or is an apprenticeship sponsor and employs and trains an apprentice.

20-4-161.

(a) Subject to appropriations of funds by the General Assembly for this purpose, the board, in coordination with the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Education, and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall

establish and administer a program through the Office of Workforce Development to be called the Public Service Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the Public Service Apprenticeship Program is to incentivize apprenticeship sponsors to establish new or grow existing registered apprenticeship programs in Georgia in order to support the growth of apprenticeship programs and expand high-quality work based learning experiences in state and local government fields and careers for persons in Georgia.

(b) A public service sponsor may apply to the board for the opportunity to enter into a contract to perform the requirements of conducting an apprenticeship program for a specific apprentice. Such contract shall require the public service sponsor's apprentice to successfully complete an apprenticeship program.

(c) The board shall provide upon request and on the Technical College System of Georgia's public website information about the Public Service Apprenticeship Program, the application, application instructions, and the application period established each year for contracts for services available under such program.

(d) Upon successful completion of the requirements of a contract under this article, the board shall provide a contract completion award to the public service sponsor. The contract completion award amount shall be determined based on the number of hours of education and training required for the successful completion of the apprenticeship under such apprenticeship program but shall not exceed $5,000.00 per apprentice.

(e) Each public service sponsor shall only be eligible to enter into contracts under this article for up to ten apprentices per year.

(f) An apprenticeship sponsor may assist with the application for and completion of an apprenticeship contract authorized by this article.

20-4-162.

(a) The Office of Workforce Development shall annually report on its public website the following information for the previous year:

(1) The total amount of compensation awarded under this article;

(2) The total number of contracts entered into and the number of contracts completed;

(3) The total number of apprentices who attended an institution of the Technical College System of Georgia during the course of his or her apprenticeship program; and

(4) The total number of apprentices who did not attend an institution of the Technical College System of Georgia during the course of his or her apprenticeship program.

(b) Each apprenticeship sponsor shall fully cooperate in providing statistical information requested by the board or, at the board's discretion, be excluded from participating in the Public Service Apprenticeship Program.

20-4-163.

The board shall adopt rules and regulations deemed necessary for the implementation and administration of this article, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, rules and regulations for:

(1) Establishing a staff review and application approval process;

(2) Application scoring criteria that shall prioritize apprenticeship programs that hire

and train apprentices:

(A) Who are enrolled in or have completed a high school career, technical, and agricultural education (CTAE) public administration pathway program; or

(B) In state and local government skilled trade fields;

(3) The minimum score necessary for approval of a contract; and

(4) The terms of agreement between a public service sponsor and the board.

20-4-164.

To assist in carrying out this article, the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia is authorized to accept grants of money, materials, services, or property of any kind from a federal agency, private agency, corporation, or individual.

20-4-165.

This article shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Code Section 20-2-161.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and termination, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(2)(E) as follows:

"(E) The number of students employed in a high-demand field after completing a focused program of study identified by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia as part of the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program provided for in Code Section 20-4-152."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 497, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 515. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding emergency medical services, so as to provide for a two-year pilot program to provide additional ambulances to certain areas of this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for acquisition of the ambulances; to provide for termination of the pilot program and automatic repeal of the statute; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 515:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding emergency medical services, so as to provide for a two-year pilot program to provide additional ambulances to certain areas of this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for acquisition of the ambulances; to provide for termination of the pilot program and automatic repeal of the statute; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding emergency medical services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-11-13.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ambulance' means a motor vehicle that is specially constructed and equipped and is intended to be used for the emergency transportation of patients.

(2) 'Region' means a geographical district designated by the department as the local coordinating entity in accord with Code Section 31-11-3 that administers the EMSC program for each health district designated by the department.

(b) The department shall establish a pilot program to be developed and implemented by the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission and the State Office of EMS and Trauma, in collaboration with the Region 2 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and the Region 8 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, during Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026.

(c) Such pilot program shall provide for the procurement and operation of four ambulances, of which:

(1) One unit shall be dedicated to an air ambulance crew for the purpose of additional response to the air ambulance or to allow such crew to respond in the event they are unable to fly;

(2) One shall be dedicated primarily to inter-facility nonemergency transfers; and

(3) One shall be assigned to Region 2 and one shall be assigned to Region 8. The primary use of each ambulance shall be to support coverage for counties that dispatch ambulances on extended patient transfers. Each ambulance shall also be used for other relief measures including nonemergency transfers, ensuring critical and specialty care transports are completed and other priorities established during the pilot program.

(d) No later than December 1, 2024, the department shall release a request for proposals on the Georgia Procurement Registry, pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 50-5-69, to identify one or more ambulance providers to fulfill the pilot program.

(e) The directors of Region 2 and Region 8 shall each submit monthly a detailed written report to the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission and the State Office of EMS and Trauma. Such reports shall contain information on the implementation and effectiveness of the additional ambulances on the regions' emergency medical services system, including, but not limited to, data relative to the activity and usage of the ambulances and the impact on service delivery. Such reports shall be submitted on the fifteenth day of the month following the first full month of service of the ambulance provided to such region under this pilot program.

(f) The pilot program created by this Code section shall terminate June 30, 2027, and this Code section shall be repealed by operation of law on such date."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 515 (LC 52 0503S) by:

Inserting "time sensative emergent" after "to" on line 29; and

By inserting "time sensative emergent" after "extended" on line 32; and

by striking "nonemergency" on line 29; and

by adding after line 47:

"(g) The pilot program created by this Code section is subject to appropriation."

Senators Tillery of the 19th and Hatchett of the 50th offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend amendment 1 to the Senate committee substitute to SB 515 (LC 52 0503S) by:

replacing "sensative" in each place with "sensitive"

On the adoption of amendment #1A, there were no objections, and the Tillery amendment #1A to amendment #1 was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #1 as amended, there were no objections, and the Hatchett amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 515, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SR 579. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Beach of the 21st, Butler of the 55th, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the Georgia General Assembly to provide by general law for sports betting in this state; to provide for the regulation and allocation of revenues of such activities; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article I, Section II of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph VIII as follows:

"Paragraph VIII. ***Lotteries, ~~and~~ nonprofit bingo games, raffles by nonprofit organizations, and sports betting.*** (a) Except as herein specifically provided in this Paragraph ~~VIII~~, all lotteries, ~~and~~ the sale of lottery tickets, and all forms of sports betting, pari-mutuel betting, and casino gambling are hereby prohibited; and this prohibition shall be enforced by penal laws.

(b) The General Assembly may by law provide that the operation of a nonprofit bingo game shall not be a lottery and shall be legal in this state. The General Assembly may by law define a nonprofit bingo game and provide for the regulation of nonprofit bingo

games.

(c) The General Assembly may by law provide for the operation and regulation of ~~a lottery or~~ lotteries by or on behalf of the state and for any matters relating to the purposes or provisions of this subparagraph. Such lotteries shall be implemented and regulated by the Georgia Lottery Corporation or any successor entity created by the General Assembly consistent with the enabling legislation for the Georgia Lottery Corporation or any such successor entity. Proceeds derived from the ~~lottery or~~ lotteries operated by or on behalf of the state, as well as proceeds received by the Georgia Lottery Corporation from its participation in any activities authorized by subparagraph (f) of this Paragraph, shall be used to pay the operating expenses of the ~~lottery or~~ lotteries, including all prizes, as well as the operating expenses of the Georgia Lottery Corporation relating to its participation in any activities authorized by subparagraph (f) of this Paragraph without any appropriation required by law, and for educational programs and purposes as hereinafter provided. Lottery proceeds and proceeds received by the Georgia Lottery Corporation from its participation in any activities authorized by subparagraph (f) of this Paragraph shall not be subject to Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II; Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI~~(a)~~; or Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c), except that the net proceeds after payment of such operating expenses shall be subject to Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II. Net proceeds after payment of such operating expenses shall be separately accounted for and shall be specifically identified by the Governor in his or her annual budget presented to the General Assembly as a separate budget category entitled 'Lottery Proceeds,' and the Governor shall make specific recommendations as to educational programs and educational purposes to which said net proceeds shall be appropriated. In the General Appropriations Act adopted by the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall appropriate all net proceeds of the ~~lottery or~~ lotteries and all net proceeds received by the Georgia Lottery Corporation from its participation in any activities authorized by subparagraph (f) of this Paragraph by such separate budget category to educational programs and educational purposes. Such net proceeds shall be used to support improvements and enhancements for educational programs and purposes and such net proceeds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, ~~non-lottery~~ other educational resources for educational programs and purposes. The educational programs and educational purposes for which proceeds may be so appropriated shall include only the following:

(1) Tuition grants, scholarships, or loans to citizens of this state to enable such citizens to attend colleges and universities located within this state, regardless of whether such colleges or universities are operated by the board of regents, or to attend institutions operated under the authority of the ~~Department of Technical and Adult Education~~ Technical College System of Georgia;

(2) Voluntary pre-kindergarten;

(3) One or more educational shortfall reserves in a total amount of not less than 10 percent of the net proceeds of the lottery for the preceding fiscal year;

(4) Costs of providing to teachers at accredited public institutions who teach levels K-12, personnel at public postsecondary technical institutes under the authority

of the ~~Department of Technical and Adult Education~~ Technical College System of Georgia, and professors and instructors within the University System of Georgia the necessary training in the use and application of computers and advanced electronic instructional technology to implement interactive learning environments in the classroom and to access the state-wide distance learning network; and

(5) Capital outlay projects for educational facilities;

provided, however, that no funds shall be appropriated for the items listed in ~~paragraphs (4) and (5) of this subsection~~ subparagraphs (c)(4) and (c)(5) of this Paragraph until all persons eligible for and applying for assistance as provided in ~~paragraph (1) of this subsection~~ subparagraph (c)(1) of this Paragraph have received such assistance, all approved pre-kindergarten programs provided for in ~~paragraph (2) of this subsection~~ subparagraph (c)(2) of this Paragraph have been fully funded, and the education shortfall reserve or reserves provided for in ~~paragraph (3) of this subsection~~ subparagraph (c)(3) of this Paragraph have been fully funded.

(d) The General Assembly may by law provide for the operation and regulation of sports betting activities. For the purpose of regulation and taxation of such sports betting activities, the General Assembly shall create a gaming commission and shall provide such commission with such powers and duties as necessary to provide appropriate regulation of such sports betting activities provided for under this subparagraph and to tax such activities. The proceeds derived from the taxation of the sports betting activities provided for in this subparagraph shall be used as provided for in subparagraph (e) of this Paragraph. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II(a), all other proceeds derived from the regulation of such activities shall, without any appropriation required by law, be used to pay the operating expenses and, as may be provided by law, to fund any operating reserves of the gaming commission, except that the net proceeds after payment of such operating expenses and the funding of such operating reserves shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury. Such proceeds derived from the taxation of sports betting activities and all other proceeds derived from the regulation of such activities that are required to be paid into the general fund of the state treasury shall be separately accounted for and shall be specifically identified by the Governor in his or her annual budget presented to the General Assembly as a separate budget category entitled 'Sports Betting Proceeds.'

(e)(1) Proceeds derived from the taxation of the sports betting activities provided for in subparagraph (d) of this Paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, relating to the allocation of proceeds, or Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II(a), relating to payment into the general fund of the state treasury, and shall be distributed and dedicated as follows:

(A) Eighty percent shall be deposited into the Educational Opportunity Fund from which funds shall be disbursed:

(i) For the purposes set forth in subparagraph (c)(2) of this Paragraph relating to voluntary pre-kindergarten; and

(ii) For the purposes set forth in subparagraph (c)(1) of this Paragraph relating to tuition grants, scholarships, or loans for attendance at colleges and universities

located within this state; provided, however, that no funds shall be appropriated for such purposes until all approved voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided for in subparagraph (c)(2) of this Paragraph have been fully funded;

(B) Fifteen percent shall be deposited into the Responsible Gaming Fund from which funds shall be disbursed for public health and educational programs and services that seek to prevent individuals from experiencing, and provide assistance to individuals who experience, addiction or other problems relating to betting or gambling; and

(C) Five percent shall be deposited into the Sports Promotion Fund from which funds shall be disbursed for the advancement of sports in the state, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses associated with soliciting, promoting, honoring through sports halls of fame, sponsoring, and hosting regional, national, and international sporting events within this state.

(2) The General Assembly is authorized to create and appropriate moneys to the Educational Opportunity Fund, the Responsible Gaming Fund, and the Sports Promotion Fund from which funds shall be disbursed for those purposes respectively set forth in subparagraphs (e)(1)(A) through (e)(1)(C) of this Paragraph. The moneys paid into such funds shall not be subject to the provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c), relating to the lapsing of funds.

(f) The Georgia Lottery Corporation shall be authorized to participate in any sports betting activities provided for by the General Assembly pursuant to subparagraph (d) of this Paragraph; provided, however, that all net proceeds received by the Georgia Lottery Corporation from its participation in such sports betting activities shall be used in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph. Any proceeds derived from any tax imposed upon the Georgia Lottery Corporation's participation in such sports betting activities that are received by the gaming commission provided for in subparagraph (d) of this Paragraph shall be used in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (e)(1) of this Paragraph.

~~(d)~~(g) On and after January 1, 1995, the holding of raffles by nonprofit organizations shall be lawful and shall not be prohibited by any law enacted prior to January 1, 1994. Laws enacted on or after January 1, 1994, however, may restrict, regulate, or prohibit the operation of such raffles."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the
( ) NO General Assembly to provide by law for sports betting in this state and to provide for such proceeds to be used for educational funding for pre-kindergarten and HOPE scholarships, services for gambling addiction, and the advancement and promotion of sports in this state?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	McLaurin	N Watson, S.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 41, nays 12.

SR 579, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/27/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SR 579. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

/s/ McLaurin of the 14th

SB 421. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to enhance penalties for the offense of transmitting a false public alarm; to revise restitution provisions for such offense; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 421:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to enhance penalties for the offense of transmitting a false public alarm; to revise restitution provisions for such offense; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 16-10-28, relating to transmitting a false public alarm and restitution, as follows:

"16-10-28.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Critical infrastructure' means any building, place of assembly, or facility that is located in this state and necessary for national or public security, education, or public safety.

(2) 'Destructive device' ~~means a destructive device as such term is defined by~~ shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-7-80.

(3) 'Dwelling' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-7-1.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Hazardous substance' ~~means a hazardous substance as such term is defined by~~ shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 12-8-92.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Public agency' means the state and any city, county, city and county, municipal corporation, chartered organization, public district, or public authority located in whole or in part within this state which provides or has authority to provide fire-fighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Public safety agency' means a functional division of a public agency which provides fire-fighting, law enforcement, emergency medical, suicide prevention,

emergency management dispatching, poison control, drug prevention, child abuse, spouse abuse, or other emergency services.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Request for emergency services assistance' means a report, transmission, or request for assistance made to a public safety agency~~, or to another person knowing at the time of such report, transmission, or request that such report, transmission, or request is likely to result in such other person making a report, transmission, or request to a public safety agency,~~ through a public safety answering point or other form of communication or a report, statement, or request for assistance knowingly made to another person that is likely to result in the recipient making a report, transmission, or request for assistance from a public safety agency through a public safety answering port or other form of communication.

(b) A person commits the offense of making an unlawful request for emergency services assistance when he or she knowingly and intentionally transmits in any manner a request for emergency services assistance knowing at the time of the request for emergency services assistance that there is no reasonable ground for believing the truth of information which forms the basis of such request and when the request involves or relates to:

(1) A purported destructive device or hazardous substance located in such a place that its explosion, detonation, or release would endanger human life or cause injury or damage to property;

(2) An individual who purportedly has caused or threatened to cause physical harm to himself or herself or another individual by using a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to result in serious bodily injury;

(3) An individual who purportedly has committed a criminal act involving the use or threat of physical force or violence or an act constituting an immediate threat to any person's life or safety; or

(4) The knowing use of any electronic device or software to alter, conceal, or disguise, or attempt to alter, conceal, or disguise, the location or identity of the person making the request.

(c)~~(1)~~ Except as provided in ~~paragraph (2) of this~~ subsection (d) of this Code section, a person convicted of a violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be punished as ~~for~~ follows:

(1) Upon a first conviction, a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature ~~and upon conviction for a second or subsequent violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of~~;

(2) Upon a second conviction, a felony and punished by imprisonment for not less than ~~one~~ five nor more than ten years, by a fine of not less than $5,000.00, or both; and

(3) Upon a third or subsequent conviction, a felony and punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 15 years, by a fine of not less than $25,000.00, or both.

~~(2)(A)~~(d)(1) If the location of the unlawful request for emergency services assistance in violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section is critical infrastructure, ~~such~~ a person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty

of a felony and ~~upon conviction~~ shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than ten years, by a fine of not more than $100,000.00, or both.

~~(B)~~(2) If serious bodily harm or death results from the response of a public safety agency~~, such person~~ or if the location of response to an unlawful request for emergency assistance is a dwelling or a place of worship, a person convicted of a first violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and ~~upon conviction~~ shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years ~~and~~, by a fine of not less than $5,000.00, or both.

~~(d)~~(e) In addition to any other penalty imposed by law for a violation of this Code section, the court ~~may~~ shall require the defendant to make restitution to any affected natural person or public or private entity for the reasonable costs or damages associated with the offense, including, without limitation, damage to property, expenses to treat bodily injuries, and the actual value of any goods, services, or income lost as a result of such violation. Restitution made pursuant to this subsection shall not preclude any party from obtaining any other civil or criminal remedy available under any other provision of law. The restitution authorized by this subsection is supplemental and not exclusive."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to SB 421 (LC 49 1792S) by:

Deleting the word "port" on line 36 and replace it with the word "point."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Dixon amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 421, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, February 29, 2024
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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

The President recognized the Directors of the Senate Page Program, Kim Campbell and Illana Burkhart, and thanked them for their outstanding work with the Senate Page Program.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 451. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Kennard of the 101st, Hitchens of the 161st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees, so as to require the provision of supplemental, illness-specific insurance to certain first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain insurance benefits to eligible first responders; to provide for limitations and restrictions of such benefits; to provide for methods of funding; to provide for treatment of premiums; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received from such insurance coverage for first responders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 598. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Douglas of the 78th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to change certain provisions relating to certain boxing, wrestling, and martial art associations and federations; to revise a definition; to change the applicability of certain provisions as to matches, contests, or exhibitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 643. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Miller of the 62nd, Glaize of the 67th, Jones of the 60th, Thomas of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to repeal prohibitions against certain state court judges of Fulton County participating in other public retirement systems; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 880. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Burchett of the 176th, Blackmon of the 146th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-1-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, so as to allow military spouses to use an existing license in good standing from another state to obtain employment in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 971. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain eligible expenses incurred for firearm safe handling instructional courses and firearm secure storage devices; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for credit preapproval by the department; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 974. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Leverett of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to require the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a state-wide system for the posting of scanned paper ballots; to provide for minimum resolution requirements for such scans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 996. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd, Gullett of the 19th, Powell of the 33rd, Hitchens of the 161st and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to jails, so as to provide jailers with arrest powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1018. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th, Williams of the 148th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10 and 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade and crimes and offenses respectively, so as to provide for protections of persons who own, purchase, or engage in the business of selling firearms; to prohibit financial institutions from requiring the use of a firearms code that distinguishes firearms retailers from other retailers; to prohibit discrimination against firearms retailers by financial institutions through the use of a firearms code; to prohibit the disclosure of certain financial records by financial institutions; to provide for petitions to the Attorney General to investigate alleged violations; to prohibit persons or government entities from keeping registries of firearms or owners of firearms; to provide for construction; to provide definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1115. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Kelley of the 16th, Crowe of the 118th, Blackmon of the 146th, Horner of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to revise provisions for the maximum allowable sales and use tax rate; to remove the prohibition of simultaneously levying a LOST and a HOST; to phase out certain local sales taxes and authorize a new flexible penny local option sales tax ('FLOST'); to provide for audits and reports; to provide for the withholding of funds by the state under certain circumstances; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), so

as to remove provisions exempting certain retail sales and use taxes from the cap on local sales taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1127. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Lott of the 131st, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to agriculture, so as to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enforce certain criminal laws; to regulate consumable hemp products; to provide for the amendment of regulatory plans submitted to the secretary of agriculture of the United States; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to prohibit the sale of consumable hemp products to individuals under the age of 21 years; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1138. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fund administrator and investments relative to the Invest Georgia Fund, so as to provide for an additional factor that the fund administrator shall consider in the selection of venture capital funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1181. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to limit the carry-forward periods of certain income tax credits; to provide for expirations of certain credits; to amend Code Sections 3-6-70, 33-8-13, 48-5C-1, 48-8-3, and 48-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from excise tax on wine, exemption of certain insurance companies from taxes, definitions, exemption from taxation, allocation and disbursement of proceeds collected by tag agents, fair market value of vehicle appealable, and report relative to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, state sales and use tax exemptions, and excise tax imposed, rates for tobacco and vaping products, exemptions, collection and payment, and tax separately identified, respectively, so as to provide for sunset dates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1182. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Buckner of the 137th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 and Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance and income taxes, respectively, so as to revise the low-income housing tax credits; to provide that such tax credits shall be termed the Georgia affordable housing tax credits; to reduce the amount of such credits for certain projects; to authorize such credits in an amount equal to the federal credit for certain projects; to provide for definitions; to provide for open records; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1185. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemption, so as to provide for a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the inflation rate from the adjusted base year value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for approval by local governing authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1188. By Representatives Lott of the 131st, Powell of the 33rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Collins of the 71st and Vance of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to extend the time frame for which reimbursement of total training expenses by a subsequent employer of a peace officer may be sought; to remove partial reimbursement of such training expenses; to limit total training expenses to certain costs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1192. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to prohibit the issuance of new certificates of exemption for certain high-technology data center equipment; to revise the new quality job requirement for such exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1251. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Gunter of the 8th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-30, relating to travel expenses of judges of the superior courts, so as to transfer from the state auditor to The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia duties related to review and approval of travel expenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1267. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Gunter of the 8th, Blackmon of the 146th, Buckner of the 137th, Stoner of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to repeal Chapter 13A, relating to tax tribunals; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts; to provide for the application of Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act,' discovery, and attendance of witnesses; to amend Title 5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to declaratory judgments; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 23 of the O.C.G.A., relating to equity procedure; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments; to amend Code Section 15-21-209 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state operation assessment against adult entertainment establishments, determination of obligation, use of funds, and administration, Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, and Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to administrative procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1303. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Corbett of the 174th, Pirkle of the 169th, Greene of the 154th and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd

Center; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1339. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Hawkins of the 27th, Beverly of the 143rd, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise relative to certificate of need; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, so as to increase the aggregate limit for tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations; to extend the sunset provision; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the creation of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission; to provide for its members; to provide for its purpose and duties; to provide for assistance from experts and consultants; to provide for semiannual reports; to provide for the automatic repeal of the commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolutions of the House:

HR 598. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Cannon of the 172nd, Williamson of the 112th, Jones of the 25th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to vest judicial power of the state in the Georgia Tax Tribunal; to provide for venue and jurisdiction of the Georgia Tax Tribunal; to provide for concurrent jurisdiction with superior courts; to provide for judges of the Georgia Tax Tribunal and their qualifications; to provide for vacancies; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1022. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for local governments to have the option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the inflation rate from the adjusted base year value of such homestead as

provided by general law; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 563. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 28th, Goodman of the 8th, Robertson of the 29th and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to aggravated assault, so as to increase the minimum term of imprisonment and fine for commission of aggravated assault upon a public safety officer; to increase the minimum term of imprisonment for the commission of aggravated assault upon an emergency health worker or healthcare worker while such worker is on a hospital campus; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 564. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Seay of the 34th, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to codify the right to contraception and contraceptives; to provide for definitions; to provide for defenses; to provide for standards of evidence; to provide for enforceability; to provide for relief; to provide for a short title: to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 565. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of health, so as to provide that a human egg or human embryo is not considered an unborn child, a minor child, or a person for any purpose under law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 451. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Kennard of the 101st, Hitchens of the 161st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees, so as to require the provision of supplemental, illness-specific insurance to certain first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain insurance benefits to eligible first responders; to provide for limitations and restrictions of such benefits; to provide for methods of funding; to provide for treatment of premiums; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received from such insurance coverage for first responders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 598. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Douglas of the 78th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to change certain provisions relating to certain boxing, wrestling, and martial art associations and federations; to revise a definition; to change the applicability of certain provisions as to matches, contests, or exhibitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 643. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Miller of the 62nd, Glaize of the 67th, Jones of the 60th, Thomas of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to repeal prohibitions against certain state court judges of Fulton County participating in other public retirement systems; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 880. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Burchett of the 176th, Blackmon of the 146th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-1-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, so as to allow military spouses to use an existing license in good standing from another state to obtain employment in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security.

HB 971. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain eligible expenses incurred for firearm safe handling instructional courses and firearm secure storage devices; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for credit preapproval by the department; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 974. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Leverett of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to require the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a state-wide system for the posting of scanned paper ballots; to provide for minimum resolution requirements for such scans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

HB 996. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd, Gullett of the 19th, Powell of the 33rd, Hitchens of the 161st and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to jails, so as to provide jailers with arrest powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1018. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th, Williams of the 148th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10 and 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade and crimes and offenses respectively, so as to provide for protections of persons who own, purchase, or engage in the business of selling firearms; to prohibit financial institutions from requiring the use of a firearms code that distinguishes firearms retailers from other retailers; to prohibit discrimination against firearms retailers by financial institutions through the use of a firearms code; to prohibit the disclosure of certain financial records by financial institutions; to provide for petitions to the Attorney General to investigate alleged violations; to prohibit persons or government entities from keeping registries of firearms or owners of firearms; to provide for construction; to provide definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

HB 1115. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Kelley of the 16th, Crowe of the 118th, Blackmon of the 146th, Horner of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to revise provisions for the maximum allowable sales and use tax rate; to remove the prohibition of simultaneously levying a LOST and a HOST; to phase out certain local sales taxes and authorize a new flexible penny local option sales tax ('FLOST'); to provide for audits and reports; to provide for the withholding of funds by the state under certain circumstances; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), so as to remove provisions exempting certain retail sales and use taxes from the cap on local sales taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1127. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Lott of the 131st, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to agriculture, so as to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enforce certain criminal laws; to regulate consumable hemp products; to provide for the

amendment of regulatory plans submitted to the secretary of agriculture of the United States; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to prohibit the sale of consumable hemp products to individuals under the age of 21 years; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1138. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fund administrator and investments relative to the Invest Georgia Fund, so as to provide for an additional factor that the fund administrator shall consider in the selection of venture capital funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 1181. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to limit the carry-forward periods of certain income tax credits; to provide for expirations of certain credits; to amend Code Sections 3-6-70, 33-8-13, 48-5C-1, 48-8-3, and 48-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from excise tax on wine, exemption of certain insurance companies from taxes, definitions, exemption from taxation, allocation and disbursement of proceeds collected by tag agents, fair market value of vehicle appealable, and report relative to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, state sales and use tax exemptions, and excise tax imposed, rates for tobacco and vaping products, exemptions, collection and payment, and tax separately identified, respectively, so as to provide for sunset dates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1182. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Buckner of the 137th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 and Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions

regarding insurance and income taxes, respectively, so as to revise the low-income housing tax credits; to provide that such tax credits shall be termed the Georgia affordable housing tax credits; to reduce the amount of such credits for certain projects; to authorize such credits in an amount equal to the federal credit for certain projects; to provide for definitions; to provide for open records; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1185. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemption, so as to provide for a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the inflation rate from the adjusted base year value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for approval by local governing authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1188. By Representatives Lott of the 131st, Powell of the 33rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Collins of the 71st and Vance of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to extend the time frame for which reimbursement of total training expenses by a subsequent employer of a peace officer may be sought; to remove partial reimbursement of such training expenses; to limit total training expenses to certain costs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1192. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to prohibit the issuance of new certificates of exemption for certain high-technology data center equipment; to revise the new quality job requirement for such exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1251. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Gunter of the 8th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-30, relating to travel expenses of judges of the superior courts, so as to transfer from the state auditor to The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia duties related to review and approval of travel expenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1267. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Gunter of the 8th, Blackmon of the 146th, Buckner of the 137th, Stoner of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to repeal Chapter 13A, relating to tax tribunals; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts; to provide for the application of Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act,' discovery, and attendance of witnesses; to amend Title 5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to declaratory judgments; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 23 of the O.C.G.A., relating to equity procedure; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments; to amend Code Section 15-21-209 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state operation assessment against adult entertainment establishments, determination of obligation, use of funds, and administration, Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, and Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to administrative procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1303. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Corbett of the 174th, Pirkle of the 169th, Greene of the 154th and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1339. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Hawkins of the 27th, Beverly of the 143rd, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise relative to certificate of need; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, so as to increase the aggregate limit for tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations; to extend the sunset provision; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the creation of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission; to provide for its members; to provide for its purpose and duties; to provide for assistance from experts and consultants; to provide for semiannual reports; to provide for the automatic repeal of the commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HR 598. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Cannon of the 172nd, Williamson of the 112th, Jones of the 25th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to vest judicial power of the state in the Georgia Tax Tribunal; to provide for venue and jurisdiction of the Georgia Tax Tribunal; to provide for concurrent jurisdiction with superior courts; to provide for judges of the Georgia Tax Tribunal and their qualifications; to provide for vacancies; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 1022. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for local governments to have the option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the inflation rate from the adjusted base year value of such homestead as provided by general law; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 921	Do Pass	HB 1140	Do Pass
HB 1217	Do Pass	HB 1229	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1230	Do Pass	HB 1236	Do Pass
HB 1242	Do Pass	HB 1248	Do Pass
HB 1249	Do Pass	HB 1250	Do Pass
HB 1273	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 461 HB 991 HB 1035 HB 1162 HR 804

Senator Still of the 48th asked unanimous consent that Senator Echols of the 49th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Echols was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Islam Parkes was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	McLaurin
Anavitarte	Harbin	Moore
Anderson, L.	Harbison	Orrock
Beach	Harrell	Parent
Bearden	Hatchett	Payne
Brass	Hickman	Rahman
Burns	Hodges	Setzler
Butler	Hufstetler	Sims
Cowsert	Jackson	Still
Davenport	James	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, E.	Summers
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Tillery
Esteves	Kennedy	Walker
Ginn	Kirkpatrick	Watson, B.
Gooch	Lucas	Williams
Goodman	Mallow	

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Echols (Excused)	Islam Parkes (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Merritt	Rhett
Robertson	Seay	Watson, S.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Jackson of the 41st introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Patricia Templeton of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Merritt of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Merritt was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rhett of the 33rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rhett was excused.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 696. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Butler of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia special education teachers; and for other purposes.

SR 697. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harrell of the 40th, Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Larry Johnson on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 698. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Williams of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Greenbrier High School flag football team for winning the 2023 GHSA Division II Flag Football State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 699. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Williams of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Greenbrier High School girls' golf team for winning the 2023 GHSA Class 5A State Golf Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 700. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Williams of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Abilene Baptist Church on the occasion of its 250th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 701. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 6th, Jones of the 10th, Beach of the 21st and Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and for other purposes.

SR 702. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th, Sims of the 12th, Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Willie Raymond Starks Sr.; and for other purposes.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that the following bills be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) and committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations:

SB 558. By Senator Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 560. By Senator Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 558 and SB 560 were committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) and committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations:

SB 562. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pine Lake, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3935), as amended, so as to restate the city's charter; to change the corporate limits of such city; to transfer powers from the mayor to the city manager and vest additional powers in the city manager; to provide for the mayor to vote in case of a tie; to provide for appointment and removal of department directors; to provide for elections; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 562 was committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, February 29, 2024
Twenty-eighth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 921 Seay of the 34th
Davenport of the 44th
CITY OF FOREST PARK

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Forest Park to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1217 Seay of the 34th
Davenport of the 44th
CLAYTON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to restrict and limit the powers of Clayton County to deny county services to a resident of such county on the basis of any private debts owed by the resident to another private party; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1229 Payne of the 54th
WHITFIELD COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Dalton in Whitfield County, Georgia; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a municipal court and the judge or judges thereof; to provide for practices and procedures; to provide for taxation and fees; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for

the sale of property; to provide for penalties; to provide for an independent school system; to provide for public utilities; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for fire and police departments and chiefs thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for prior ordinances and pending matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
SUBSTITUTE

HB 1230 Sims of the 12th
CITY OF EDISON

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Edison, approved May 3, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 3751), so as to authorize the municipal court to collect a technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1236 Brass of the 28th
Bearden of the 30th
James of the 35th
DOUGLAS COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Douglas County, approved April 1, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3606), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3847), and an Act approved May 6, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3863), so as to add a third judge for the State Court of Douglas County; to provide for the appointment of the initial additional judge and the election of successors; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to update certain provisions to account for additional judges; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1242 Seay of the 34th
Davenport of the 44th
CLAYTON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Clayton County Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1273 Hickman of the 4th
EVANS COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Evans County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following four local bills relating to homestead exemptions require a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 1140 Bearden of the 30th
HARALSON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Haralson County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $10,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4087), as amended, so as to increase the amount of the exemption and repeal a maximum income restriction; to provide for a definition; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1248 Anderson of the 24th
ELBERT COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Elbert County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1249 Anderson of the 24th
ELBERT COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Elbert County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain senior citizens in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1250 Anderson of the 24th
ELBERT COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Elbert County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

*HB 1229:

Senator Payne of the 54th offered the following substitute to HB 1229:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a new charter for the City of Dalton in Whitfield County, Georgia; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, method of filling vacancies,

compensation, qualifications, prohibitions, and removal from office relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for organization and procedures; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide for administrative responsibilities; to provide for boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for a city administrator, a city attorney, a city clerk, and other personnel; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a municipal court and the judge or judges thereof; to provide for practices and procedures; to provide for taxation and fees; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for the sale of property; to provide for penalties; to provide for an independent school system; to provide for public utilities; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for fire and police departments and chiefs thereof; to provide for zoning and planning; to provide for a building authority, downtown development authority, and airport authority for the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for prior ordinances and pending matters; to provide for construction; to provide for severability; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I
INCORPORATION AND POWERS

SECTION 1.10.
Name.

The City of Dalton in Whitfield County, Georgia, and the inhabitants thereof, are reincorporated by the enactment of this charter and are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style City of Dalton, Georgia, and by that name shall have perpetual succession.

SECTION 1.11.
Corporate boundaries.

(a) The boundaries of the city shall be those existing on the effective date of the adoption of this charter with such alterations as may be made from time to time in the manner provided by law. The boundaries of the city at all times shall be shown on a map, a written description, or any combination thereof to be retained permanently in the office of the city clerk and to be designated, as the case may be: "Official Map (or Description) of the corporate limits of Dalton, Georgia." Photographic, typed, or other copies of such map or description certified by the city clerk shall be admitted as evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and effect as the original map or description.
(b) The mayor and council may provide for the redrawing of any such map or description by ordinance to reflect lawful changes in the corporate boundaries. A redrawn map or

description shall supersede for all purposes the entire map or description which it is designated to replace.

SECTION 1.12.
Powers and construction.

(a) The city shall have all powers possible for a city to have under the present or future Constitution and laws of this state as fully and completely as though they were specifically enumerated in this charter. The city shall have all the powers of self-government not otherwise prohibited by this charter or by general law.

(b) The powers of the city shall be construed liberally in favor of the city. The specific mention or failure to mention particular powers shall not be construed as limiting in any way the powers of the city. These powers shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Animal regulations. To regulate and license or to prohibit the keeping or running at large of animals and fowl, and to provide for the impoundment of same if in violation of any ordinance or lawful order; to provide for the disposition by sale, gift, or humane destruction of animals and fowl when not redeemed as provided by ordinance; and to provide punishment for violation of ordinances enacted in this charter;

(2) Appropriations and expenditures. To make appropriations for the support of the government of the city; to authorize the expenditure of money for any purposes authorized by this charter and for any purpose for which a municipality is authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia; and to provide for the payment of expenses of the city;

(3) Building regulation. To regulate and to license the erection and construction of buildings and all other structures; to adopt building, housing, plumbing, electrical, gas, fire, property maintenance, and heating and air conditioning codes; and to regulate all housing and building trades to the extent permitted by general law;

(4) Business regulation and taxation. To levy and to provide for the collection of regulatory fees and taxes on privileges, occupations, trades, and professions as authorized by Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., or other such applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted; to permit and regulate the same; to provide for the manner and method of payment of such regulatory fees and taxes; and to revoke such permits after due process for failure to pay any city taxes or fees;

(5) Condemnation. To condemn property, inside or outside the corporate limits of the city, for present or future use and for any corporate purpose deemed necessary by the mayor and council, utilizing procedures enumerated in Title 22 of the O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted;

(6) Contracts. To enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons and entities;

(7) Emergencies. To establish procedures for determining and proclaiming that an emergency situation exists within or without the city, and to make and carry out all reasonable provisions deemed necessary to deal with or meet such an emergency for the protection, safety, health, or well-being of the citizens of the city;

(8) Environmental protection. To protect and preserve the natural resources,

environment, and vital areas of the city, the region, and the state through the preservation and improvement of air quality, the restoration and maintenance of water resources, the control of erosion and sedimentation, the management of stormwater and establishment of a stormwater utility, the management of solid and hazardous waste, and other necessary actions for the protection of the environment;

(9) Ethics. To adopt ethics ordinances and regulations governing the conduct of municipal elected officials, appointed officials, and employees, and to establish procedures for ethics complaints and set forth penalties for violations of such rules and procedures;

(10) Fire regulations. To fix and establish fire limits and from time to time to extend, enlarge, or restrict the same; to prescribe fire safety regulations not inconsistent with general law, relating to both fire prevention and detection and to firefighting; and to prescribe penalties and punishment for violations thereof;

(11) Garbage fees. To levy, fix, assess, and collect garbage, refuse, and trash collection and disposal, and other sanitary service charge, tax, or fee for such services as may be necessary in the operation of the city from all individuals, firms, and corporations residing in or doing business therein benefiting from such services; to enforce the payment of such charges, taxes, or fees; and to provide for the manner and method of collecting such service charges;

(12) General health, safety, and welfare. To define, regulate, and prohibit any act, practice, conduct, or use of property which is detrimental to health, sanitation, cleanliness, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of the city, and to provide for the enforcement of such standards;

(13) Gifts. To accept or refuse gifts, donations, bequests, or grants from any source for any purpose related to powers and duties of the city and the general welfare of its citizens, on such terms and conditions as the donor or grantor may impose;

(14) Health and sanitation. To prescribe standards of health and sanitation and to provide for the enforcement of such standards;

(15) Jail sentences. To provide that persons given jail sentences in the city's municipal court may work out such sentences in any public works or on the streets, roads, drains, and other public property in the city, to provide for commitment of such persons to any jail, to provide for the use of pretrial diversion and any alternative sentencing allowed by law, or to provide for commitment of such persons to any county work camp or county jail by agreement with the appropriate county officials;

(16) Motor vehicles. To regulate the operation of motor vehicles and exercise control over all traffic, including parking upon or across the streets, roads, alleys, and walkways of the city;

(17) Municipal agencies and delegation of power. To create, alter, or abolish departments, boards, offices, commissions, and agencies of the city, and to confer upon such agencies the necessary and appropriate authority for carrying out all the powers conferred upon or delegated to the same;

(18) Municipal debts. To appropriate and borrow money for the payment of debts of the city and to issue bonds for the purpose of raising revenue to carry out any project,

program, or venture authorized by this charter or the laws of the State of Georgia;
(19) Municipal property ownership. To acquire, dispose of, lease, and hold in trust or otherwise any real, personal, or mixed property, in fee simple or lesser interest, inside or outside the corporate limits of the city or the State of Georgia;
(20) Municipal property protection. To provide for the preservation and protection of property and equipment of the city and the administration and use of same by the public; and to prescribe penalties and punishment for violations thereof;
(21) Municipal utilities. Except as otherwise set forth in this charter, to acquire, lease, construct, operate, maintain, sell, and dispose of public utilities, including but not limited to a system of waterworks, sewers and drains, sewage disposal, stormwater management, gas works, electric light plants, cable television and other telecommunications, transportation facilities, public airports, and any other public utility; to fix the taxes, charges, rates, fares, fees, assessments, regulations, and penalties; and to provide for the withdrawal of service for refusal or failure to pay the same;
(22) Nuisance. To define a nuisance and provide for its abatement whether on public or private property;
(23) Penalties. To provide penalties for violation of any ordinances adopted pursuant to the authority of this charter and the laws of the State of Georgia;
(24) Planning and zoning. To provide comprehensive city planning for development by zoning; and to provide subdivision regulation and the like as the mayor and council deems necessary and reasonable to insure a safe, healthy, and aesthetically pleasing community;
(25) Police and fire protection. To exercise the power of arrest through duly appointed police officers, and to establish, operate, or contract for a police and a firefighting agency;
(26) Public hazards: removal. To provide for the destruction and removal of any building or other structure which is or may become dangerous or detrimental to the public;
(27) Public improvements. To provide for the acquisition, construction, building, operation, and maintenance of public ways, parks and playgrounds, recreational facilities, cemeteries, public buildings, libraries, public housing, parking facilities, or charitable, cultural, educational, recreational, conservation, sport, detentional, penal, and medical institutions, agencies, and facilities; and to provide any other public improvements, inside or outside the corporate limits of the city and to regulate the use of public improvements; and for such purposes, property may be acquired by condemnation under Title 22 and Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted;
(28) Public peace. To provide for the prevention and punishment of loitering, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, riots, and public disturbances;
(29) Public transportation. To organize and operate such public transportation systems as are deemed beneficial;
(30) Regulation of roadside areas. To prohibit or regulate and control the erection, removal, connection, and maintenance of signs, billboards, trees, shrubs, fences, buildings, driveways, curb cuts, and any and all other structures or obstructions upon or adjacent to the rights of way of streets and roads or within view thereof, within or abutting the corporate limits of the city; and to prescribe penalties and punishment for violation

of such ordinances;
(31) Retirement. To provide and maintain a retirement plan for officers and employees of the city;
(32) Roadways. To lay out, open, extend, widen, narrow, establish, or change the grade of, abandon or close, construct, pave, curb, gutter, adorn with shade trees, or otherwise improve, maintain, repair, clean, prevent erosion of, and light the roads, alleys, and walkways within the corporate limits of the city; to grant franchises and rights of way throughout the streets, roads, and over the bridges and viaducts for the use of public utilities; and to require real estate owners to repair and maintain in a safe condition the sidewalks adjoining their lots or lands, and to impose penalties for failure to do so;
(33) Sale of alcoholic beverages. The mayor and council shall have the power by ordinance to regulate, license, and tax the wholesale and retail sale of alcoholic beverages within the city in a manner consistent with state law; and shall have the power to establish and impose by ordinance fines, license suspensions, and license revocations for violations of alcoholic beverage ordinances;
(34) Sewer fees. To levy a fee, charge, or sewer tax as necessary to assure the acquiring, constructing, equipping, operating, maintaining, and extending of a sewage disposal plant and sewerage system, and to levy on those to whom sewers and sewerage systems are made available a sewer service fee, charge, or sewer tax for the availability or use of the sewers; to provide for the manner and method of collecting such service charges and for enforcing payment of the same; and to charge, impose, and collect a sewer connection fee or fees to those connected with the system;
(35) Solid waste disposal. To provide for the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish, and refuse and to regulate the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish, and refuse by others; and to provide for the separate collection of glass, tin, aluminum, cardboard, paper, and other recyclable materials and to provide for the sale of such items;
(36) Special areas of public regulation. To regulate or prohibit junk dealers and the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; to regulate the transportation, storage, and use of combustible, explosive, and inflammable materials, the use of lighting and heating equipment, and any other business or situation which may be dangerous to persons or property; to regulate and control the conduct of peddlers and itinerant traders, theatrical performances, exhibitions, and shows of any kind, by taxation or otherwise; to license and tax professional fortune telling, palmistry, and massage parlors; and to restrict adult bookstores and other adult entertainment establishments to certain areas;
(37) Special assessments. To levy and provide for the collection of special assessments to cover the costs for any public improvements;
(38) Taxes: ad valorem. To levy and provide for the assessment, valuation, revaluation, and collection of taxes on all property subject to taxation; and to provide homestead exemption from such taxes.
(39) Taxes: other. To levy and collect such other taxes as may be allowed now or in the future by law;
(40) Urban redevelopment. To organize and operate an urban redevelopment program;
(41) Vehicles for hire. To regulate and license vehicles operated for hire in the city; to

limit the number of such vehicles; to require the operators thereof to be licensed; to require public liability insurance on such vehicles in the amounts to be prescribed by ordinance; and to regulate the parking of such vehicles; and

(42) Other powers. To exercise and enjoy all other powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities necessary or desirable to promote or protect the safety, health, peace, security, good order, comfort, convenience, or general welfare of the city and its inhabitants; to exercise all implied powers necessary or desirable to carry into execution all powers granted in this charter as fully and completely as if such powers were fully stated in this Act; and to exercise all powers now or in the future authorized to be exercised by other municipal governments under other laws of the State of Georgia; and any listing of particular powers in this charter shall not be held to be exclusive of others or restrictive of general words and phrases granting powers, but shall be held to be in addition to such powers unless expressly prohibited to municipalities under the Constitution or applicable laws of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 1.13.
Exercise of powers.

All powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities of the city, its officers, agencies, or employees shall be carried into execution as provided by this charter. If this charter makes no provision, such shall be carried into execution as provided by ordinance, resolution, or as provided by pertinent laws of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

SECTION 2.10.
Mayor and council; number; wards; election.

The legislative authority of the government of the city, except as otherwise specifically provided in this charter, shall be vested in a governing body to be composed of a mayor and four councilmembers who shall be known as the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton, Georgia. The governing body established shall in all respects be a successor to and continuation of the governing authority under prior law. The mayor and councilmembers shall be elected in the manner provided by general law and this charter. For the purpose of electing councilmembers, the city shall consist of four wards. The boundaries of the four wards shall be those existing on the effective date of the adoption of this charter with such alterations as may be made from time to time in the manner provided by law. The boundaries of each ward at all times shall be shown on a map, a written description, or any combination thereof, to be retained in the office of the city clerk and to be designated, as the case may be: "Official Map (or Description) of the Election Wards of the City of Dalton, Georgia." Photographic, typed, or other copies of such map or description certified by the city clerk shall be admitted as evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and

effect as the original map or description. Each candidate for the position of councilmember must reside in the ward he or she seeks to represent, but such wards shall be residency wards only and not voting wards. All elections for mayor and councilmembers shall be elected at large by the voters of the entire city.

SECTION 2.11.
Terms and qualifications for office for mayor and councilmembers.

The mayor and councilmembers shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the area comprising the corporate limits of the city for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of the election for mayor or councilmember, shall continue to reside therein during that person's period of service, and shall continue to be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the city. In addition to the requirements in this section, no person shall be eligible to serve as a councilmember representing a ward unless that person has been a resident of the ward such person seeks to represent for a continuous period of at least six months immediately prior to the date of the election for councilmember and continues to reside in such ward during that person's period of service. In the event that a councilmember no longer resides in the ward he or she was elected to represent, such councilmember shall immediately resign from the council. The terms of councilmembers shall be staggered as in effect on the date of this charter. For purposes of this provision, a person shall be deemed to be a resident where he or she is domiciled.

SECTION 2.12.
Vacancy; filling of vacancies.

(a) The office of mayor or councilmember shall become vacant upon the incumbent's death, resignation, forfeiture of office, removal from office in any manner authorized by this charter, or occurrence of any event specified by the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.
(b) A vacancy in the office of mayor or councilmember shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, by appointment by the mayor and council or those members remaining if less than 12 months remains in the unexpired term. If such vacancy occurs 12 months or more prior to the expiration of the term of that office, it shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by a special election, as provided for in Section 5.13 of this charter and in accordance with Titles 21 and 45 of the O.C.G.A., or other such laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.
(c) This provision shall also apply to a temporary vacancy created by the suspension from office of the mayor or any councilmember.

SECTION 2.13.
Compensation and expenses.

The mayor and councilmembers shall receive compensation and expenses for their services as provided by ordinance. The compensation in effect as of the date of enactment of this charter shall continue until modified as provided herein.

SECTION 2.14.
Conflicts of interest; holding other offices.

(a) Elected and appointed officers of the city are trustees and servants of the residents of the city and shall act in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of such residents.
(b) No elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the city, any agency, or political entity to which this charter applies shall knowingly:
(1) Engage in any business or transaction, or have a financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of that person's official duties or which would tend to impair the independence of the official's judgment or action in the performance of those official duties;
(2) Engage in or accept private employment, or render services for private interests when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of that person's official duties or would tend to impair the independence of the official's judgment or action in the performance of those official duties;
(3) Disclose confidential information, including information obtained at meetings which are closed pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., concerning the property, government, or affairs of the governmental body by which the official is engaged without proper legal authorization; or use such information to advance the financial or other private interest of the official or others;
(4) Accept any valuable gift, whether in the form of service, loan, thing, or promise, from any person, firm, or corporation which to the official's knowledge is interested, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever, in business dealings with the governmental body by which the official is engaged; provided, however, that an elected official who is a candidate for public office may accept campaign contributions and services in connection with any such campaign;
(5) Represent other private interests in any action or proceeding against this city or any portion of its government; or
(6) Vote or otherwise participate in the negotiation or in the making of any contract with any business or entity in which the official has a financial interest.
(c) Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee who shall have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within any department of the city shall disclose such interest to the city council. The mayor or any councilmember who has a financial interest in any matter pending before the city council shall disclose such interest and such disclosure shall be entered on the records of the city council, and that official shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any

decision or vote relating thereto. Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee of any agency or political entity to which this charter applies who shall have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within such entity shall disclose such interest to the governing body of such agency or entity.

(d) No elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the city, or any agency or entity to which this charter applies shall use property owned by such governmental entity for personal benefit or profit but shall use such property only in their capacity as an officer or employee of the city.

(e) Any violation of this section which occurs with the knowledge, express or implied, of a party to a contract or sale shall render said contract or sale voidable at the option of the city council.

(f) Except where authorized by law, neither the mayor nor any councilmember shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the city or otherwise be employed by said government or any agency thereof during the term for which that official was elected.

(g) No appointive officer of the city shall continue in such employment upon qualifying as a candidate for nomination or election to any public office. No employee of the city shall continue in such employment upon qualifying for or election to any public office in this city or any other public office which is inconsistent, incompatible, or in conflict with the duties of the city employee. Such determination shall be made by the mayor and council either immediately upon election or at any time such conflict may arise.

(h)(1) Any city officer or employee who knowingly conceals such financial interest or knowingly violates any of the requirements of this section shall be guilty of malfeasance in office or position and shall be deemed to have forfeited that person's office or position.

(2) Any officer or employee of the city who shall forfeit an office or position as described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall be ineligible for appointment or election to or employment in a position in the city government for a period of three years thereafter.

SECTION 2.15.
Inquiries and investigations.

Following the adoption of an authorizing resolution, the mayor and council may make inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the city and the conduct of any department, office, or agency thereof, and for this purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. Any person who fails or refuses to obey a lawful order issued in the exercise of these powers by the mayor and council shall be punished as provided by ordinance.

SECTION 2.16.
General power and authority of the mayor and council.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law or this charter, the mayor and council shall be vested with all the powers of government of this city.

(b) In addition to all other powers conferred upon it by law, the mayor and council shall

have the authority to adopt and provide for the execution of such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this charter and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Georgia, which it shall deem necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order, protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity, or well-being of the inhabitants of the City of Dalton and may enforce such ordinances by imposing penalties for violation thereof.

(c) In addition to all other powers conferred upon it by law, the mayor and council shall have the power and authority to appoint, remove, demote, and discharge the head of any department of the city at any time in the mayor and council's discretion, except as otherwise provided by this charter, ordinance, or by law.

SECTION 2.17.
Eminent domain.

The mayor and council is hereby empowered to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain public ways, parks, public grounds, cemeteries, markets, market houses, public buildings, libraries, sewers, drains, sewage treatment, stormwater, infrastructure, waterworks, electrical systems, gas systems, airports, hospitals, and charitable, educational, recreational, sport, curative, corrective, detentional, penal, and medical institutions, agencies and facilities, and any other public improvements inside or outside the city and to regulate the use thereof, and for such purposes, property may be condemned under procedures established under general law applicable now or as provided in the future.

SECTION 2.18.
Organizational meetings.

The mayor and council shall hold an organizational meeting on the first regularly scheduled meeting in January following the November election in which a councilmember seat or the mayoral position is on the ballot. The meeting shall be called to order by the mayor or the city clerk and the oath of office shall be administered to the newly elected members by the city attorney or a judicial officer authorized to administer oaths and shall, to the extent that it comports with federal and state law, be as follows:

"I do solemnly (swear)(affirm) that I will faithfully perform the duties of (title of office) of this city and that I will support and defend the charter thereof as well as the constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America. I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any political subdivision or authority thereof. I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding. I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia. I have been a resident of my district and the City of Dalton for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this state and by the municipal charter. I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Dalton to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or

expectation thereof."

SECTION 2.19.
Regular and special meetings.

(a) The mayor and council shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as shall be prescribed by ordinance. All meetings shall be held in accordance with Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A.
(b) Special meetings of the mayor and council may be held on call of the mayor or two councilmembers. Notice of such special meetings shall be served on all other members personally, by telephone personally, or by electronic transmission, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall not be required if the mayor and all councilmembers are present when the special meeting is called. Such notice of any special meeting may be waived by a councilmember and the mayor in writing before or after such a meeting, and attendance at the meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice on any business transacted in such councilmember's or mayor's presence. Only the business stated in the call may be transacted at the special meeting.
(c) All meetings of the mayor and council shall be public to the extent required by law, and notice to the public of special meetings shall be made as fully as is reasonably possible as provided by Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A., or other such applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.

SECTION 2.20.
Rules of procedure.

(a) The mayor and council shall adopt its rules of procedure and order of business consistent with the provisions of this charter and shall provide for keeping minutes of its proceedings, which shall be a public record.
(b) Except as otherwise provided by resolution or ordinance, all committees composed entirely of members of the mayor and council shall be appointed by the mayor and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor.

SECTION 2.21.
Quorum: voting.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, three councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact the business of the mayor and council. In the event only two councilmembers are eligible to vote on a matter due to the absence, abstention, or recusal of two councilmembers, then the mayor and two councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact the business of the mayor and council. The mayor pro tempore acting in the absence of the mayor shall be counted as a councilmember for the purposes of determining a quorum and voting. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the affirmative vote of three councilmembers shall be required for

the adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or motion. In the event the quorum is comprised of the mayor and two councilmembers, then the affirmative vote of the mayor and two councilmembers shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or motion. In the case of a tie vote among the four councilmembers, the vote of two councilmembers and the mayor shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or motion. Voting on the adoption of ordinances, resolutions, or motions shall be by voice vote and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings, but any member of the mayor and council shall have the right to request a roll-call vote and such vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings. An abstention or recusal shall not be counted as a vote for or against and will not defeat a quorum.

(b) No member of the city council shall abstain from voting on any matter properly brought before the council for official action except when such councilmember has a conflict of interest which is disclosed in writing prior to or orally at the meeting and made a part of the minutes. Any member of the city council present and eligible to vote on a matter and refusing to do so for any reason other than a properly disclosed and recorded conflict of interest shall be deemed to have acquiesced or concurred with the members of the majority who did vote on the question involved.

SECTION 2.22.
Ordinance form; procedures.

(a) Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in writing and in the form required for final adoption. No ordinance shall contain a subject which is not expressed in its title. The enacting clause shall be "BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton and by authority of the same, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED" and every ordinance shall so begin.

(b) An ordinance may be introduced by any councilmember or the mayor and be read at a regular or special meeting of the mayor and council. Ordinances shall be considered and adopted or rejected by the mayor and council in accordance with the rules which it shall establish; provided, however, that an ordinance shall not be adopted the same day it is introduced, except for emergency ordinances provided for in Section 2.24 of this charter. Upon introduction of any ordinance, the clerk shall as soon as possible distribute a copy to the mayor and to each councilmember and shall file a reasonable number of copies in the office of the clerk and at such other public places as the city council may designate.

SECTION 2.23.
Action requiring an ordinance.

Acts of the mayor and council which have the force and effect of law shall be enacted by ordinance.

SECTION 2.24.
Emergencies.

(a) To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public peace, the mayor and council may convene on the call of the mayor or two councilmembers and promptly adopt an emergency ordinance, but such ordinance may not levy taxes; grant, renew, or extend a franchise; or authorize the borrowing of money except for loans to be repaid within 30 days. An emergency ordinance shall be introduced in the form prescribed for ordinances generally, except that it shall be plainly designated as an emergency ordinance and shall contain, after the enacting clause, a declaration stating that an emergency exists, and describing the emergency in clear and specific terms. An emergency ordinance may be adopted, with or without amendment, or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced. It shall become effective upon adoption or at such later time as it may specify. Every emergency ordinance shall automatically stand repealed 30 days following the date upon which it was adopted, but this shall not prevent reenactment of the ordinance in the manner specified in this section if the emergency still exists. An emergency ordinance may also be repealed by adoption of a repealing ordinance in the same manner specified in this section for adoption of emergency ordinances.
(b) Such meetings shall be open to the public to the extent required by law, and notice to the public of emergency meetings shall be made as fully as is reasonably possible in accordance with Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.

SECTION 2.25.
Codes of technical regulations.

(a) The mayor and council may adopt any standard code of technical regulations by reference thereto in an adopting ordinance. The procedure and requirements governing such adopting ordinance shall be as prescribed for ordinances generally except that:
(1) The requirements of Section 2.22(b) of this charter for distribution and filing of copies of the ordinance shall be construed to include copies of any code of technical regulations, as well as the adopting ordinance; and
(2) A copy of each adopted code of technical regulations, as well as the adopting ordinance, shall be authenticated and recorded by the clerk pursuant to Section 2.26 of this charter.
(b) Copies of any adopted code of technical regulations shall be made available by the city clerk or building inspector for inspection by the public.

SECTION 2.26.
Signing; authenticating; recording; codification; printing.

(a) The city clerk shall authenticate all ordinances adopted by the mayor and council by his or her signature and record in full in a properly indexed book kept for that purpose.

(b) The mayor and council shall provide for the preparation of a general codification of all the ordinances of the city having the force and effect of law. The general codification shall be adopted by the mayor and council by ordinance and shall be published, together with all amendments thereto and such codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations as the mayor and council may specify. This codification shall be known and may be cited officially as "The Code of the City of Dalton, Georgia." Copies of the code shall be furnished to all officers, departments, and agencies of the city and made available for purchase by the public at a reasonable price as fixed by the mayor and council.
(c) The mayor and council shall cause each ordinance and each amendment to this charter to be printed promptly following its adoption, and the printed ordinances and charter amendments shall be made available for purchase by the public at reasonable prices to be fixed by the mayor and council. Following publication of the first code under this charter and at all times thereafter, the ordinances and charter amendments shall be printed in substantially the same style as the code currently in effect and shall be suitable in form for incorporation therein. The mayor and council shall make such further arrangements as deemed desirable with reproduction and distribution of any current changes in or additions to codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations included in the code.

SECTION 2.27.
City administrator; appointment; qualifications; compensation.

The mayor and council shall appoint a city administrator for an indefinite term and shall fix the city administrator's compensation. The city administrator shall be appointed solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications.

SECTION 2.28.
Removal of city administrator.

The city administrator is employed at will and may be summarily removed from office at any time by the mayor and council at a meeting held in accordance with this charter. In this matter the mayor shall be entitled to cast a vote without regard to a tie vote among the councilmembers.

SECTION 2.29.
Powers and duties of the city administrator.

The city administrator shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the city. The city administrator shall be responsible to the city council for the administration of all city affairs placed in the city administrator's charge by or under this charter. As the chief executive and administrative officer, the city administrator shall:

(1) Supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the city, except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law;
(2) To act as budget officer for the City of Dalton pursuant to the powers set forth in

Code Section 36-81-1of the O.C.G.A., et seq. To further set the budgetary calendar to meet the requirements of law and prescribe the form for presentation of any budgetary request to the City of Dalton. Budget requests shall be initially filed with the city administrator. The city administrator shall annually, or more often as may be required by the mayor and council, prepare and propose a balanced budget for the City of Dalton;

(3) Care and be responsible for all buildings and all real and personal property of the city;

(4) In the event there is not an acting department head, appoint, suspend, or remove all city employees in such department, except as otherwise provided by law or this charter;

(5) Advise the mayor and council on the hiring or termination of department heads over whom the city administrator has management and supervision responsibility;

(6) Attend meetings of the mayor and council and its committees and assist all of the standing or special committees of the city and make available to them such information as may be needed;

(7) Advise and assist the mayor and councilmembers in the performance of their duties;

(8) Review and advise the mayor and council regarding the activities of the various departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, authorities, of the city under the direct authority of the mayor and council;

(9) Serve ex officio as a nonvoting member of all boards, commissions, authorities, or agencies of the city under the direct authority of the mayor and council, except for those boards, commissions, authorities, or agencies created under local act or for which authority is provided by general statute of the General Assembly of Georgia; and

(10) Perform all other duties as may be lawfully delegated to him or her by the mayor and council.

SECTION 2.30.
Mayor and council interference with administration.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter and except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations under Section 2.15 of this charter, the mayor and council or its members shall provide orders or direction to city officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the city administrator through the city administrator, and neither the mayor and council nor its members shall give orders to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately.

SECTION 2.31.
Powers and duties of mayor.

The mayor shall:

(1) Preside at all meetings of the city council;

(2) Present first draft of agenda at all meetings of the city council;

(3) Be the head of the city for the purpose of service of process and for ceremonial purposes, and be the official spokesperson for the city and the chief advocate of policy;

(4) Be the deciding vote on matters before the city council in the event of a tied vote of the councilmembers;
(5) Have power to administer oaths and to take affidavits; and
(6) Sign as a matter of course on behalf of the city all written and approved contracts, ordinances and other instruments executed by the city which by law are required to be in writing.

SECTION 2.32.
Selection of mayor pro tempore.

By a majority vote of the mayor and council, a councilmember shall be elected to serve as mayor pro tempore who shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and council for same term as the mayor. The mayor pro tempore shall continue to vote and otherwise participate as a councilmember.

SECTION 2.33.
Mayor pro tempore.

During the absence or physical or mental disability of the mayor for any cause, the mayor pro tempore, or in the mayor pro tempore's absence or disability for any reason, any one of the councilmembers chosen by a majority vote of councilmembers, shall be clothed with all the rights and privileges of the mayor and shall perform the duties of the office of the mayor so long as such absence or disability shall continue. Any such absence or disability shall be declared by majority vote of all councilmembers. The mayor pro tempore or selected councilmember shall sign all contracts and ordinances in which the mayor has a disqualifying financial interest as provided in Section 2.14 of this charter.

ARTICLE III
ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

SECTION 3.10.
Chief financial officer.

(a) The office of chief financial officer is created and established for the city with the powers, duties, method of appointment, qualifications, term of office, and compensation as hereinafter provided.
(b) The mayor and council by a majority vote shall appoint a chief financial officer for an indefinite term by motion recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the mayor and council. In this matter the mayor may cast a vote without regard to a tie vote among the councilmembers.
(c) The compensation of the chief financial officer shall be fixed by the city administrator.
(d) The chief financial officer shall be the director of the department of finance and shall report to the city administrator.

(e) The chief financial officer shall perform such financial duties as may be assigned by the city administrator or as may be required by law.
(f) The chief financial officer may be suspended and or removed by a majority vote of the mayor and council. In this matter the mayor may cast a vote without regard to a tie vote among the councilmembers.

SECTION 3.11.
City clerk.

(a) The mayor and council shall appoint a city clerk for an indefinite term by motion recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the mayor and council who shall not be an elected officer or the head of any other department of the city. The city clerk shall report to the city administrator. The city clerk may be suspended and or removed by a majority vote of the mayor and council. In this matter the mayor may cast a vote without regard to a tie vote among the councilmembers.
(b) The city clerk shall be the custodian of the official city seal and city records; attend all meetings of the mayor and council and keep accurate minutes of all its proceedings; maintain all oaths taken by officers and employees of the city; supervise and keep a record of all elections; maintain a record of all appointments to office; be the custodian of all city contracts, deeds to city real estate, and leases of city property; authenticate and certify city documents; and undertake such additional tasks as may be assigned by the city administrator from time to time.
(c) The compensation of the city clerk shall be fixed by the city administrator.

SECTION 3.12.
City auditor.

(a) The mayor and council shall appoint a city auditor for an indefinite term who shall be a certified public accountant or a certified public accountant firm. The city auditor shall be responsible for providing an annual independent audit of all city accounts, funds, and financial transactions in accordance with generally accepted auditing principles.
(b) The city auditor is not a public official of the city and does not take an oath of office. The city auditor shall at all times be an independent contractor.
(c) The city auditor shall be removed at any time upon majority vote of the mayor and council. In this matter the mayor may cast a vote without regard to a tie vote among the councilmembers.

SECTION 3.13.
City attorney.

The mayor and council shall appoint a city attorney who has been recommended by the city administrator for an indefinite term who shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia, and shall have practiced law for at least five years at the time of his

or her appointment, together with such assistant city attorneys as may be authorized, and shall provide for the payment of such attorney or attorneys for services rendered to the city. The city attorney may be removed by the majority vote of the mayor and council. In this matter the mayor may cast a vote without regard to a tie vote among the councilmembers. The city attorney shall be responsible for providing for the representation and defense of the city in all litigation in which the city is a party; may be the prosecuting attorney in the municipal court; shall attend the meetings of the mayor and council and its commissions and authorities; shall advise the mayor, councilmembers, and other officers and employees of the city concerning legal aspects of the city's affairs; and shall perform such other duties as may be required by virtue of the position as city attorney. The city attorney shall review all contracts of the city but shall not have the power to bind the city.

SECTION 3.14.
Administrative and service departments.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the mayor and council, by ordinance or resolution, shall prescribe the functions or duties of, and establish, abolish, alter, consolidate, or leave vacant, all nonelective offices, positions of employment, departments, and agencies of the city as necessary for the proper administration of the affairs and government of the city.
(b) Except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, the directors of departments and other appointed officers of the city shall be appointed solely on the basis of their respective administrative and professional qualifications.
(c) All appointive officers and directors of departments shall receive such compensation as prescribed by the city administrator.
(d) There shall be a director of each department or agency who shall be its principal officer. Each director shall, subject to the direction and supervision of the city administrator, be responsible for the administration and direction of the affairs and operations of that director´s department or agency.
(e) The director of each department or agency may be removed by the majority vote of the mayor and council. In this matter the mayor may cast a vote without regard to a tie vote among the councilmembers.

SECTION 3.15.
Boards, commissions, and authorities.

General Authority.
(1) The mayor and council shall create by ordinance such boards, commissions, and authorities to fulfill any investigative, advisory, quasi-judicial, or quasi-legislative function as the mayor and council deems necessary and shall by ordinance establish the composition, period of existence, duties, and powers thereof;
(2) All members of boards, commissions, and authorities of the city shall be appointed by the mayor and council for such terms of office and in such manner as shall be provided

by ordinance, except where other appointing authority, terms of office, or manner of appointment is prescribed by this charter or by law. Except as otherwise prescribed by this charter or by law, members of boards, commissions, and authorities of the city shall serve at will and may be removed by the majority vote of the mayor and council. In this matter the mayor may cast a vote without regard to a tie vote among the councilmembers;
(3) The mayor and council, by ordinance, may provide for the compensation and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses of the members of any board, commission, or authority;
(4) Except as otherwise provided by charter or by law, no member of any board, commission, or authority shall hold any elective office in the city;
(5) Any vacancy on a board, commission, or authority of the city shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner prescribed in this section for original appointment, except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law;
(6) No member of a board, commission, or authority shall assume office until that person has taken an oath obligating himself or herself to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that member's office, such oath to be prescribed by ordinance or resolution;
(7) Except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, each board, commission, or authority of the city shall elect one of its members as chair and one member as vice chair, and may elect as its secretary one of its own members or may appoint as secretary an employee of the city. Each board, commission, or authority of the city government may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this charter, ordinances of the city, or law, as it deems appropriate and necessary for the fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs. Copies of such bylaws, rules, and regulations shall be filed with the city clerk; and
(8) All meetings of boards, commissions, and authorities shall be public to the extent required by law, and notice to the public of special meetings shall be made as fully as is reasonably possible as provided by Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A., or other such applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.

SECTION 3.16.
Personnel policies.

(a) All employees of the city shall serve at will and may be terminated at any time unless otherwise provided by this charter, ordinance, or by law.
(b) Subject to subsection (a) of this section, the rights, status, salaries, wages, rank, and conditions of employment of all employees of the city shall be and remain as they existed at the time this charter becomes effective, and shall so remain until and unless changed or terminated under some provision of this charter, by ordinance or resolution of the mayor and council, or by the exercise of such authority delegated by mayor and council.
(c) No appointed officer and no employee of the city shall continue in such employment upon qualifying as a candidate for nomination or election to any public office.

ARTICLE IV
JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION 4.10.
Creation; name.

There shall be a court to be known as the Municipal Court of the City of Dalton, Georgia.

SECTION 4.11.
Chief judge; associate judge; prosecuting attorney.

(a) The municipal court shall be presided over by a chief judge and such part-time, full-time, or stand-by judges as shall be provided by ordinance.
(b) No person shall be qualified or eligible to serve as a judge on the municipal court unless that person shall have attained the age of 21 years, shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia, and shall possess all qualifications required by law. All judges shall be appointed by the mayor and council.
(c) Compensation of the judges shall be fixed by the mayor and council.
(d) Judges shall serve terms and be removed as provided by general law.
(e) Before assuming office, each judge shall take the oath provided in Section 2.18 of this charter. The oath shall be entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the mayor and council.
(f) The mayor and council may employ a qualified attorney to prosecute violations of city ordinances and other offenses over which the municipal court has jurisdiction upon such terms as the mayor and council may determine.
(g) The municipal court shall have a court administrator appointed by the mayor and council.

SECTION 4.12.
Convening.

The municipal court shall be convened at regular intervals as determined by the court administrator.

SECTION 4.13.
Jurisdiction; powers.

(a) The municipal court shall try and punish violations of this charter, all city ordinances, and such other violations as provided by law.
(b) The municipal court shall have authority to punish those in its presence for contempt, provided that such punishment shall not exceed $200.00 or ten days in jail.
(c) The municipal court may fix punishment for offenses within its jurisdiction not exceeding a fine of $1,000.00 or imprisonment for 180 days, or both such fine and

imprisonment, or may fix punishment by fine, imprisonment, or alternative sentencing, as now or hereafter provided by law.
(d) The city administrator shall have authority to establish a schedule of fees to defray the cost of operation and shall be entitled to reimbursement of the cost of meals, transportation, and caretaking of prisoners bound over to superior courts for violations of state law.
(e) The municipal court shall have authority to establish bail and recognizances to ensure the presence of those charged with violations before said court, and shall have discretionary authority to accept cash or personal or real property as surety for the appearance of persons charged with violations. Whenever any person shall give bail for that person's appearance and shall fail to appear at the time fixed for trial, the bond shall be forfeited, and the judge presiding at such time shall issue an execution thereon by serving the defendant and the defendant's sureties with a rule nisi at least two days before a hearing on the rule nisi. In the event that cash or property is accepted in lieu of bond for security for the appearance of a defendant at trial, and such defendant fails to appear at the time and place fixed for trial, the cash so deposited shall be on order of the judge declared forfeited to the city, or the property so deposited shall have a lien against it for the value forfeited which lien shall be enforceable in the same manner and to the same extent as a lien for city property taxes.
(f) The municipal court shall have the same authority as superior courts to compel the production of evidence in the possession of any party; to enforce obedience to its orders, judgments, and sentences; and to administer such oaths as are necessary.
(g) The municipal court may compel the presence of all parties necessary to a proper disposal of each case by the issuance of summonses, subpoenas, and warrants which may be served as executed by any officer as authorized by this charter or by law.
(h) Each judge of the municipal court shall be authorized to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with offenses against any ordinance of the city, and each judge of the municipal court shall have the same authority as a magistrate of the state to issue warrants for offenses against state laws committed within the city.

SECTION 4.14.
Appeal.

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the municipal court shall have the right to appeal as provided by law.

SECTION 4.15.
Rules for court.

With the approval of the mayor and council, the court administrator shall have full power and authority to make reasonable rules and regulations necessary and proper to secure the efficient and successful administration of the municipal court; provided, however, that the mayor and council may adopt in part or in total the rules and regulations applicable to municipal courts. The rules and regulations made or adopted shall be filed with the city clerk, shall be available for public inspection, and, upon request, a copy shall be furnished

to all defendants in municipal court proceedings at least 48 hours prior to said proceedings.

ARTICLE V
ELECTIONS AND REMOVAL

SECTION 5.10.
Applicability of general law.

All primaries and elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended.

SECTION 5.11.
Nonpartisan elections.

Political parties shall not conduct primaries for city offices and all names of candidates for city offices shall be listed without party designations.

SECTION 5.12.
Election by majority vote.

The candidates for mayor and councilmember who receive a majority of the votes cast in the applicable election shall be elected to a term of office. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in said election, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. Such runoff shall be held at the time specified by state election law, unless such run-off date is postponed by court order.

SECTION 5.13.
Special elections.

The mayor and council shall have the power to call for a special election as provided by this charter or the laws of the State of Georgia. Any special election shall be held and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A. the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended.

SECTION 5.14.
Other provisions.

Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the mayor and council shall, by ordinance, prescribe such rules and regulations it deems appropriate to fulfill any options and duties under the "Georgia Election Code."

SECTION 5.15.
Removal of officers.

(a) The mayor or a councilmember may be removed from office for any one or more of the causes provided in Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.
(b) Removal of an officer pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be accomplished by one of the following methods:
(1) A decision of an impartial panel following a hearing on action taken by the city council. In the event an elected officer is sought to be removed by the action of the city council, such officer shall be entitled to a written notice specifying the ground or grounds for removal and to a public hearing which shall be held not less than ten days after the service of such written notice. The city council shall provide by ordinance for the manner in which such hearings shall be held. Any elected officer sought to be removed from office as herein provided shall have the right of appeal from the decision of the city council to the Superior Court of Whitfield County. Such appeal shall be governed by the same rules as govern appeals to the superior court from the probate court; or
(2) An order of the Superior Court of Whitfield County following a hearing on a complaint seeking such removal brought by any resident of the City of Dalton.

SECTION 5.16.
Registration; conduct of elections.

The mayor and council is authorized and empowered to designate and contract with the Whitfield County Registrar and Board of Elections to receive voter registration of city electors, qualify candidates, and to conduct city elections.

ARTICLE VI
FINANCE

SECTION 6.10.
Property tax.

The mayor and council may assess, levy, and collect an ad valorem tax on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of the city that is subject to such taxation by the state and county. This tax is for the purpose of raising revenues to defray the costs of operating the city government, of providing governmental services, for the repayment of principal and interest on general obligations, and for any other public purpose as determined by the mayor and council in its discretion.

SECTION 6.11.
Millage rate; due dates; payment methods.

The mayor and council, by ordinance, shall establish a millage rate for the city property tax, a due date, and the time period within which these taxes must be paid. The mayor and council, by ordinance, may provide for the payment of these taxes by installments or in one lump sum, as well as authorize the voluntary payment of taxes prior to the time when due. The mayor and council may contract with the Whitfield County Tax Commissioner to collect taxes.

SECTION 6.12.
Occupation and business taxes.

The mayor and council by ordinance shall have the power to levy such occupation or business taxes as are not denied by law. The mayor and council may classify businesses, occupations, or professions for the purpose of such taxation in any way which may be lawful and may compel the payment of such taxes as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

SECTION 6.13.
Administration fees; regulatory fees; permits.

The mayor and council by ordinance shall have the power to require businesses or practitioners doing business within the city to obtain a permit for such activity from the city and pay a reasonable administration fee or regulatory fee for such permit as provided by general law. Such fees shall reflect the total cost to the city of regulating the activity, and, if unpaid, shall be collected as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

SECTION 6.14.
Franchises.

(a) The mayor and council shall have the power to grant franchises for the use of the city's streets and alleys for the purposes of railroads, street railways, telephone companies, electric companies, electric membership corporations, cable television and other telecommunications companies, gas companies, transportation companies, and other similar organizations. The mayor and council shall determine the duration, terms, whether the same shall be exclusive or nonexclusive, and the consideration for such franchises; provided, however, no franchise shall be granted for a period in excess of 35 years and no franchise shall be granted unless the city receives just and adequate compensation therefor. The mayor and council shall provide for the registration of all franchises with the city clerk in a registration book kept by the city clerk. The mayor and council may provide by ordinance for the registration within a reasonable time of all franchises previously granted.
(b) If no franchise agreement is in effect, the mayor and council has the authority to impose

a tax on gross receipts for the use of the city's streets and alleys for the purposes of railroads, street railways, telephone companies, electric companies, electric membership corporations, cable television and other telecommunications companies, gas companies, transportation companies, and other similar organizations.

SECTION 6.15.
Service charges.

The mayor and council by ordinance shall have the power to assess and collect fees, charges, and tolls for stormwater, solid waste collection, sanitary and health services, or any other services provided, or made available within and without the corporate limits of the city for the total cost to the city of providing or making available such services. If unpaid, such charges shall be collected as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

SECTION 6.16.
Special assessments.

The mayor and council by ordinance shall have the power to assess and collect the cost of constructing, reconstructing, widening, or improving any public way, street, sidewalk, curbing, gutters, sewers, or other utility mains and appurtenances from the abutting property owners under such terms and conditions as are reasonable. If unpaid, such charges shall be collected as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

SECTION 6.17.
Construction; other taxes and fees.

The city shall be empowered to levy any other tax or fee allowed now or hereafter by law, and the specific mention of any right, power, or authority in this article shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general powers of the city to govern its local affairs.

SECTION 6.18.
Collection of delinquent taxes and fees.

The mayor and council, by ordinance, may provide generally for the collection of delinquent taxes, fees, or other revenue due the city under Sections 6.10 through 6.17 of this charter by whatever reasonable means as are not precluded by law. This shall include providing for the dates when the taxes or fees are due; late penalties or interest; issuance and execution of fi. fas.; creation and priority of liens; making delinquent taxes and fees personal debts of the persons required to pay the taxes or fees imposed; revoking city permits or licenses for failure to pay any city taxes or fees; and providing for the assignment or transfer of tax executions.

SECTION 6.19.
General obligation bonds.

The mayor and council shall have the power to issue bonds for the purpose of raising revenue to carry out any project, program, or venture authorized under this charter or the laws of the state. Such bonding authority shall be exercised in accordance with the laws governing bond issuance by municipalities in effect at the time said issue is undertaken.

SECTION 6.20.
Revenue bonds.

Revenue bonds may be issued by the mayor and council as state law now or hereafter provides. Such bonds are to be paid out of any revenue produced by the project, program, or venture for which they were issued.

SECTION 6.21.
Short-term loans.

The city may obtain short-term loans and must repay such loans not later than December 31 of each year, unless otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 6.22.
Lease-purchase contracts.

The city may enter into multi-year lease, purchase, or lease-purchase contracts for the acquisition of goods, materials, real and personal property, services, and supplies provided the contract terminates without further obligation on the part of the city at the close of the calendar year in which it was executed and at the close of each succeeding calendar year for which it may be renewed. Contracts must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 36-60-13 of the O.C.G.A. or other such applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.

SECTION 6.23.
Fiscal year.

The mayor and council shall set the fiscal year by ordinance. This fiscal year shall constitute the budget year and the year for financial accounting and reporting of each and every office, department, agency, and activity of the city government unless otherwise provided by state or federal law.

SECTION 6.24.
Preparation of budgets.

(a) The mayor and council shall provide a resolution on the procedures and requirements for the preparation and execution of an annual operating budget and a capital budget, including requirements as to the scope, content, and form of such budgets and plans.
(b) Budgets shall be prepared for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and any other fund deemed as necessary by the mayor and council or mandated by state law.

SECTION 6.25.
Submission of operating budget to mayor and council.

On or before a date fixed by the city council but not later than 30 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the city administrator shall submit to the mayor and council a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall be accompanied by a message from the city administrator containing a statement of the general fiscal policies of the city, the important features of the budget, explanations of major changes recommended for the next fiscal year, a general summary of the budget, and such other pertinent comments and information. The operating budget and the capital budget hereinafter provided for, the budget message, and all supporting documents shall be filed in the office of the city clerk and shall be open to public inspection.

SECTION 6.26.
Action by mayor and council on budget.

(a) The mayor and council may amend the operating budget and the capital budget proposed by the city administrator, except that the budget as finally amended and adopted must provide for all expenditures required by state law or by other provisions of this charter and for all debt service requirements for the ensuing fiscal year and the total appropriations from any fund shall not exceed the estimated fund balance, reserves, and revenues.
(b) The mayor and council by voice vote shall adopt the final operating budget and the capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year. If the mayor and council fails to adopt the budget by this date, the amounts appropriated for operation for the current fiscal year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year on a month-to-month basis, with all items prorated accordingly until such time as the mayor and council adopts a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Adoption of the budgets shall take the form of an appropriations ordinance setting out the estimated revenues in detail by sources and making appropriations according to fund and by organizational unit, purpose, or activity as set out in the budget preparation resolution adopted pursuant to Section 6.24 of this charter.
(c) The amount set out in the adopted operating budget and the capital budget for each city department shall constitute the annual appropriation for such, and no expenditure shall be

made or encumbrance created in excess of the otherwise unencumbered balance of the appropriations or allotment thereof to which it is chargeable.

SECTION 6.27.
Tax levies.

The mayor and council shall levy by ordinance such taxes as are necessary and authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia. The taxes and tax rates set by such ordinance shall be such that reasonable estimates of revenues from such levy shall at least be sufficient, together with other anticipated revenues, fund balances, and applicable reserves, to equal the total amount appropriated for each of the several funds set forth in the annual operating budget for defraying the expenses of the general government of the city.

SECTION 6.28.
Changes in appropriations.

The mayor and council by ordinance may make changes in the appropriations contained in the current operating budget at any regular, special, or emergency meeting called for such purpose.

SECTION 6.29.
Capital budget.

(a) On or before the date fixed by the mayor and council, the city administrator shall submit to the mayor and council a proposed capital improvements plan with a recommended capital budget containing the means of financing the improvements proposed for the ensuing fiscal year. The mayor and council shall have power to accept, with or without amendments, or reject the proposed plan and proposed budget. The mayor and council shall not authorize an expenditure for the construction of any building, structure, work, or improvement, unless the appropriations for such project are included in the capital budget, except to meet a public emergency as provided in Section 2.24 of this charter.
(b) The mayor and council shall adopt by ordinance the final capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The city administrator may submit amendments to the capital budget to the mayor and council at any time during the fiscal year, accompanied by recommendations. Any such amendments to the capital budget shall become effective only upon adoption by ordinance.

SECTION 6.30.
Unexpended appropriations and capital budgets.

All unexpended appropriations and capital budgets shall lapse at the fiscal year-end without any action of the mayor and council.

SECTION 6.31.
Independent audit.

There shall be an annual independent audit of all city accounts, funds, and financial transactions by the city auditor. The audit shall be conducted according to generally accepted auditing principles. Any audit of any funds by the state or federal governments may be accepted as satisfying the requirements of this charter. Copies of annual audit reports shall be available at printing costs to the public.

SECTION 6.32.
Contracting procedures.

No contract with the city shall be binding on the city unless:
(a) It is in writing;
(b) It is drawn by or submitted to and reviewed by the city attorney;
(c) It is made or authorized by the mayor and council and such approval is entered in the minutes kept by the mayor and council pursuant to Section 2.20 of this charter; and
(d) It is signed by the mayor or a department head specifically authorized by the mayor and council by ordinance or resolution.

SECTION 6.33.
Purchasing.

The mayor and council shall by resolution prescribe procedures for a system of purchasing for the city.

SECTION 6.34.
Sale and lease of city property.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the mayor and council may sell and convey or lease any real or personal property owned or held by the city for governmental or other purposes as now or hereafter provided by law.
(b) The mayor and council may quitclaim any rights it may have in property not needed for public purposes upon report by the city administrator and adoption of a resolution, both finding that the property is not needed for public or other purposes and that the interest of the city has no readily ascertainable monetary value.
(c) Whenever in opening, extending, or widening any street, avenue, alley, or public place of the city, a small parcel or tract of land is cut off or separated by such work from a larger tract or boundary of land owned by the city, the mayor and council may authorize the city administrator to sell and convey said cut off or separated parcel or tract of land to an abutting or adjoining property owner or owners where such sale and conveyance facilitates the enjoyment of the highest and best use of the abutting owner's property. Included in the sales contract shall be a provision for the rights of way of said street, avenue, alley, or

public place. Each abutting property owner shall be notified of the availability of the property and given the opportunity to purchase said property under such terms and conditions as set out by ordinance. All deeds and conveyances heretofore and hereafter so executed and delivered shall convey all title and interest the city has in such property, notwithstanding the fact that no public sale after advertisement was or is hereafter made.

SECTION 6.35.
Insurance.

The city shall maintain sufficient casualty and liability insurance coverage on all property owned or operated by city personnel to adequately indemnify the city on claims of loss by injured or aggrieved parties. The amounts of insurance coverage shall be set from time to time by the city council in the form of a resolution as the need arises.

ARTICLE VII
INDEPENDENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION 7.10.
Acknowledgment of establishment of Dalton City Public School District and authority to continue and maintain the Dalton City Public School District.

(a) Be it acknowledged that the City of Dalton has established an independent public school district for the City of Dalton and organized a school board for the governance of said school district, known as the Dalton City Public School District, pursuant to an Act consolidating, amending, and codifying the various Acts incorporating the City of Dalton, approved February 24, 1874 (Ga. L. 1874, p. 181), as amended, which school district and school board are hereby affirmed.
(b) Be it further acknowledged that Article VIII, Section V, Paragraph I of the Constitution of this state provides that "[e]xisting county and independent school systems shall be continued" and the city does authorize and recognize that Dalton City Public School District shall continue to exist as an independent school district whose borders are coterminous with the City of Dalton as now or in the future may exist.
(c) Be it further acknowledged that the independent school district known as the Dalton City Public School District has continued to operate and has not ceased in its functions and duties since its creation.
(d) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Board of Education of the Dalton City Public School District is hereby authorized and empowered, and authority is granted to the board of education to continue to maintain and control the Dalton City Public School District, as an independent public school district in the city, through local taxation and other means of support as permitted by Georgia law and in conformity with and as permitted by Article VIII, Section V, Paragraph I of the Constitution of this state.

SECTION 7.11.
Election of board of education.

The board of education and the election of the members of the Board of Education of the Dalton City Public School District shall be governed by all applicable local Acts and any applicable state law.

SECTION 7.12.
Organization of board of education.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the officers of said board of education shall be as provided by law and the policies of the board of education.

SECTION 7.13.
Powers and duties of board of education.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Board of Education of the Dalton City Public School District is hereby vested with all the authority and power provided for in the Georgia Constitution and any applicable local acts and state law applicable to both county and independent school districts, including, but not limited to, incurring debt; however, the board of education shall be required to obtain approval from the mayor and council of the City of Dalton prior to incurring any debt, and such approval shall be evidenced by resolution or ordinance. The board of education shall faithfully perform the duties prescribed under the local Acts and under any applicable state law.

SECTION 7.14.
Superintendent; appointment; qualifications; compensation.

The board of education shall employ a superintendent for a definite term, in accordance with applicable state law and board policy, and shall fix the superintendent's compensation.

SECTION 7.15.
Powers and duties of the superintendent.

The superintendent shall be the chief administrative officer of the Dalton City Public School District. The superintendent shall be responsible to the board for the administration of all school district affairs placed in the superintendent's charge by or under this charter. As the chief administrative officer of the school district, the superintendent shall faithfully perform the duties prescribed by the board, by all applicable state laws, and by contract with the board of education.

SECTION 7.16.
Accounting and payment of school taxes to board of education.

All taxes levied for public education in the City of Dalton, including penalties and interest for delinquent taxes, collected by Whitfield County for or on behalf of the City of Dalton Public School District shall be accounted for and paid over to the board of education on a monthly basis less the cost of collecting said taxes. For each monthly period, the board of education shall request from the Whitfield County Tax Commissioner's Office, or other appropriate tax collecting authority, an accounting of the taxes, penalties, and interest, collected in such period. The board of education shall be responsible for the prorated cost of collecting ad valorem taxes levied for the education of students in the City of Dalton.

SECTION 7.17.
Funds as trust funds.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all assessments of taxes and all funds arising from or collected under this Act may be by the City of Dalton, on all taxable property, necessary for the support, maintenance, and operation of public schools at a rate not to exceed 14 mills, kept separate and distinct from other assessments and collections of the City of Dalton, and are to be used solely for the purposes designated in this section. The Whitfield County Tax Commissioner's Office, or other appropriate tax collecting authority, shall keep a separate, full, and distinct itemized account showing all monies raised, when, how, from whom, and for what purposes and the disposition of the same; and to whom, when, and for what purposes paid out. Such levy and assessment may be made at 100 percent of the taxable property fair market value subject to any limitation by ordinance or other law.

ARTICLE VIII
BOARD OF WATER, LIGHT AND SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS

SECTION 8.10.
Organization of board.

(a) At the first regular meeting in January of each year, the mayor and council of the City of Dalton shall be authorized to elect a Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners that consists of five members.
(b) The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners shall consist of five commissioners appointed by the mayor and council who shall serve five-year terms. The terms shall be staggered as in effect on the date of this charter. Any vacancy in a term of a commissioner shall be filled for the expiration of that term by appointment of the mayor and city council. Upon the expiration of the term of service of any commissioner so appointed, the mayor and city council shall appoint a commissioner for a full term. Existing commissioners as of the date of this charter shall serve out the balance of their terms.

(c) The authority, powers, and duties of said commissioners shall be regulated by such ordinances as the mayor and council may prescribe, and as otherwise set forth in this Article VIII.

SECTION 8.11.
General scope of authority, powers, and duties as to public utilities.

(a) The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Dalton (doing business as "Dalton Utilities") shall have entire control of all public utilities of the City of Dalton, and such control shall extend into the newly annexed area of said city. Said board shall have authority of extending the services of said utilities beyond the city limits of the City of Dalton when in their judgment it is to the best interest of the city to do so.
(b) The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Dalton, doing business as "Dalton Utilities," shall have the power to control and operate any and all public utilities that the convenience and necessity of the citizens of the City of Dalton require, and have the right and power to operate any such public utilities within the City of Dalton when the convenience and necessity of the citizens of the city are affected.
(c) The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Dalton, doing business as "Dalton Utilities," shall have entire control of the public utilities of the City of Dalton and as a part of said control, the board shall have authority to make all contracts necessary for the operation of said utilities; to buy all supplies and material needed, and to make all necessary improvements and extensions, to employ all help necessary in the operation of said utilities and all utility sectors thereof; to make all rates, rules, and regulations for furnishing utility services to the inhabitants of said city and to enforce the same; and to deal in every way with said utilities as a separate and distinct part of the city government. Said board shall fix rates for utility services sufficiently high so as to bring in sufficient revenue to maintain said public utilities and to provide for needed repairs, extensions, and improvements. Said board shall collect all monies due to said utilities and shall pay all debts of said public utilities. No contract made by said board shall bind said city but shall be binding upon said board which shall operate as a separate and distinct part of the City of Dalton with the authority set forth in this section and pursuant to law and ordinances. No monies shall be appropriated by the mayor and council of the City of Dalton to the operation and improvement of said utilities, except that the board shall collect and receive the principal and interest on the public debt as now provided by law. As used in this section, the term "utility services" shall mean any and all services provided by the board through various utility sectors as set forth in Section 8.12 of this charter, and otherwise as authorized by law or ordinance, and is not intended to limit the board from providing utility services in the future that are not set forth in Section 8.12 of this charter and that may be later authorized by law or ordinance.

SECTION 8.12.
Utility sectors.

(a) Public sewer system. The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Dalton shall have power and authority to control and operate the public sewer system in said city in such way and manner as the board deems appropriate, and for such purpose they may employ competent engineers and superintendents, at such times and at such salaries as may be agreed upon by the board. The board shall have entire control of the public sewer system of the City of Dalton, and such control shall extend into all newly annexed areas of said city. Said board shall have the power and authority to make all contracts necessary for the operation of said public sewer system; to buy all supplies and materials needed, and to make all necessary improvements and extensions, to employ all clerical and other help necessary in the operation of said system; to make rates, rules, and regulations for the furnishing of sewer service to residential, commercial, and industrial users of said system, and to enforce the same; and the power to control and operate such system as the convenience and necessity of the citizens of the City of Dalton shall require. Said board shall make no contracts for the price of using the public sewer system for a longer period than two years, and at the expiration of any term or lease the price paid for the use thereof shall be adjusted according to the regulations then established.

(b) Communications and information services and facilities. The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Dalton shall have the authority to construct, acquire, control, operate, and provide as public utilities:

(1) Communications services and facilities, and

(2) Information services and facilities; of all kinds, without limitation, over or through all media, including wireline and wireless, whether such services and facilities are now known or are developed in the future, within or without the City of Dalton and within or without Whitfield County, Georgia. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the specification of any such services and facilities as public utilities is not intended to confer any additional power or be in any way in derogation of the power and authority of the Georgia Public Service Commission or any other regulatory body with respect to any such services and facilities, or subject any such services or facilities to common carrier or public utility regulation. The board shall have power and authority to control and operate the communications services and facilities and the information services and facilities in said city in such way and manner as the board deems appropriate, and for such purpose they may employ competent engineers and superintendents, at such times and at such salaries as may be agreed upon by the board. The board shall have entire control of the communications services and facilities and the information services and facilities of the City of Dalton, wherever located, and such control shall extend into all newly annexed areas of said city. Said board shall have the power and authority to make all contracts necessary for the operation of said communications services and facilities and the information services and facilities; to buy all supplies and materials needed, and to make all necessary improvements and extensions, to employ all clerical and other help necessary in the operation of said facilities; to make rates, rules, and regulations for the

furnishing of communications services and facilities and the information services and facilities to residential and industrial users of said facilities, and to enforce the same; and the power to control and operate such communications services and facilities and the information services and facilities as the convenience and necessity of the citizens of the City of Dalton shall require.

(c) Water system. The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Dalton shall have power and authority to control and operate the water system in said city in such way and manner as the board deems appropriate, and for such purpose they may employ competent engineers and superintendents, at such times and at such salaries as may be agreed upon by the board. The board shall have entire control of the public water system of the City of Dalton, and such control shall extend into all newly annexed areas of said city. Said board shall have the power and authority to make all contracts necessary for the operation of said public water system; to buy all supplies and materials needed, and to make all necessary improvements and extensions, to employ all clerical and other help necessary in the operation of said system; to make rates, rules, and regulations for the furnishing of water service to residential, commercial, and industrial users of said system, and to enforce the same; and the power to control and operate such system as the convenience and necessity of the citizens of the City of Dalton shall require. The board shall regulate the distribution and use of the water in all places and for all purposes, where the same may be required, and from time to time shall fix the price thereof, and the time of payment; and they shall erect such number of public hydrants in such places as they may see fit, and direct in what manner and for what purposes the same may be used, all of which they may change at their discretion. Said board shall make no contracts for the price of using water for a longer period than two years, and at the expiration of any term or lease the price paid for the use thereof shall be adjusted according to the regulations then established. Said board shall have full power and authority to require the payment, in advance, for the use or rent of water furnished by the utility in or upon any building, place, or premises, and in case prompt payment shall not be made, they may shut off the water from such building, place, or premises, and shall not be compelled to supply said building, place, or premises with water until such arrears, with accrued interest thereon, shall be fully paid.

(d) Electric system. The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Dalton shall have power and authority to control and operate the electrical transmission, distribution, and generation systems in said city in such way and manner as the board deems appropriate, and for such purpose they may employ competent engineers and superintendents, at such times and at such salaries as may be agreed upon by the board. The board shall have entire control of the public electric generation and transmission systems of the City of Dalton, and such control shall extend into all newly annexed areas of said city. Said board shall have the power and authority to make all contracts necessary for the operation of said electric generation, distribution, and transmission systems; to buy all supplies and materials needed, and to make all necessary improvements and extensions, to employ all clerical and other help necessary in the operation of said systems; to make rates, rules, and regulations for the furnishing of electric service to residential, commercial,

and industrial users of said system, and to enforce the same; and the power to control and operate such system as the convenience and necessity of the citizens of the City of Dalton shall require. The board may acquire additional sources of supply of electric power within or without the City of Dalton and within or without Whitfield County, Georgia. Said additional sources of supply may include the whole of or any lesser interest in any electric generating or distribution facilities within or without the State of Georgia and the whole of or any lesser interest in any transmission lines running from any additional source of supply to and within the City of Dalton. Any such additional source of supply may include the whole of or any interest in a nuclear generating facility, including any or all nuclear fuel necessary for the operation thereof. Said board shall make no contracts for the price of electricity for a longer period than two years, and at the expiration of any term or lease the price paid for the use thereof shall be adjusted according to the regulations then established. The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners may enter agreements for the sale of surplus electricity to others if and when there shall be any excess over and above the city's requirements from time to time and may enter all contracts necessary or useful to assure efficient and economical management of any such additional source of supply, including transmission lines.

(e) Natural gas system. The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Dalton shall have power and authority to control and operate the natural gas system in said city in such way and manner as the board deems appropriate, and for such purpose they may employ competent engineers and superintendents, at such times and at such salaries as may be agreed upon by the board. The board shall have entire control of the public natural gas system of the City of Dalton, and such control shall extend into all newly annexed areas of said city. Said board shall have the power and authority to make all contracts necessary for the operation of said natural gas system; to buy all supplies and materials needed, and to make all necessary improvements and extensions, to employ all clerical and other help necessary in the operation of said systems; to make rates, rules, and regulations for the furnishing of natural gas service to residential, commercial, and industrial users of said system, and to enforce the same; and the power to control and operate such system as the convenience and necessity of the citizens of the City of Dalton shall require. Said board shall make no contracts for the price of natural gas for a longer period than two years, and at the expiration of any term or lease the price paid for the use thereof shall be adjusted according to the regulations then established. The board may acquire additional sources of supply of natural gas within or without the City of Dalton and within or without Whitfield County, Georgia.

SECTION 8.13.
Chief executive officer.

(a) The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners shall appoint and employ a president and chief executive officer who shall be qualified by training, education, and experience for the overall management of the utility. He or she shall serve at the pleasure of said board, which shall fix salary, and shall have such authority as delegated by said

board and as set forth in this section.

(b) The president and chief executive officer of the utility shall report to the Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners at its monthly meetings and at special meetings, and shall carry out and execute all policies and directives of said board.

(c) The president and chief executive officer of the utility shall, in consultation with the board, determine the number of employees necessary for the operation of the utility, and fix their duties and compensation. The prior consent of the Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners shall be required with respect to expenditures and contracts in excess of certain limits set by said board by resolution from time to time. The president and chief executive officer shall, in consultation with the board, have control of all actual construction and repairs, the immediate management of operation of the utility, and the enforcement and execution of all policies, programs, plans, and decisions made or adopted by the said board. The president and chief executive officer shall maintain permanent records regarding actions taken. The president and chief executive officer shall prepare plans and specifications, take bids, and let contracts, subject to the approval of said board. The president and chief executive officer shall prepare and submit to said board periodic reports on the utility's compliance with local, state and federal laws in the areas of safety, environmental matters, and civil rights. There shall be such other officers, executives, and employees of the utility as may be required. The officers, executives, and employees shall be appointed and removed by the president and chief executive officer subject to the provisions of applicable local, state, and federal laws or binding contracts entered into between employees and the Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners. The president and chief executive officer shall have such further power, duties, and responsibilities as may be assigned to him by said board from time to time.

(d) The president and chief executive officer shall enter into contracts and shall have the authority to enter into contracts with vendors, customers, lenders, depositories, utilities, engineering firms, consultants, and government agencies as may be necessary to effect proper operations of the utility. The prior consent of the Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners shall be required with respect to contracts in excess of certain limits set by the board by resolution from time to time.

(e) All checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the utility shall be signed by the chief financial officer and countersigned by the president and chief executive officer, and may be signed by such other officer or officers, agent or agents, of the utility and in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the president and chief executive officer.

(f) All funds of the utility shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the utility in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the president and chief executive officer may select in consultation with the Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners.

SECTION 8.14.
Control over public utilities; rates, charges to comply with councilmanic proceedings for issuance of revenue bonds or certificates.

As by law and this charter, the Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Dalton shall have entire control over all public utilities owned or operated by said city, within or without its limits, with authority to make all contracts necessary to operate such utilities, to make all improvements and extensions thereto and to fix, impose, and collect the rates and charges made for services and commodities supplied by such public utilities; provided, however, that such rates and charges shall always be such as to comply with the provisions of any proceedings adopted by the mayor and council of said city authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds or certificates payable from the revenues of such public utilities, or any part thereof.

SECTION 8.15.
Right of eminent domain for public utilities.

The City of Dalton shall have the right and power to condemn lands, rights of way for public utilities, easements, or right to use property of any kind, whether or not the same is already in use for such purpose, using the method of procedure provided under the general laws of the State of Georgia, and said City of Dalton is hereby vested with the power of eminent domain over private property for such purposes, whenever the Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners shall deem it necessary to the proper management and control of such public utilities that they exercise said power.

SECTION 8.16.
Investment of sinking funds.

The Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners shall be authorized to control the sinking funds collected by the city related to operation of the utility, to invest the same in such manner, and in such securities, and upon such terms as the Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners may deem to be to the best interest of said city.

SECTION 8.17.
Disposition of surplus funds and financial reporting.

If said utility has funds in excess of what is reasonably necessary for the operation of said utility and for contemplated improvements, the Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners shall pay a sum to the city treasury on an annual basis in an amount that is determined by the mayor and council in consultation with the board, subject to any ordinance, resolution, or other law now or hereinafter in effect which may limit, alter, or otherwise determine said payment. The board, through the president and chief executive officer, shall, at the request of the mayor and council of the city, provide to the mayor and

council such regular and routine reports agreed upon by the mayor, council, and the board as may be necessary for the mayor and council to determine the financial status of the utility. The board shall act in a fiscally responsible manner so as to ensure to the greatest extent possible that excess funds will be available to be transferred to the city treasury.

SECTION 8.18.
Penalties for diversion of water, adulteration, injury to supply.

If any person or persons shall willfully or maliciously divert the water, or any portion thereof, from the water system of the city, or shall corrupt or render the same impure, or shall injure or destroy any canal, aqueduct, pipe, hydrant, conduit, machinery, or other property used or required for procuring or distributing water, such person or persons, their aiders and abettors, shall forfeit to the mayor and council, to be recovered in an action of trespass, treble the amount of damages, besides cost of said suit, which shall appear on trial to have been sustained; all such acts are declared to be misdemeanors under the laws of this state, and the parties found guilty thereof may be punished as prescribed in Code Section 17-10-3 of the O.C.G.A.

ARTICLE IX
POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

SECTION 9.10.
Creation; composition.

The City of Dalton shall have a police department consisting of a chief of police, to be appointed by the mayor and council, and such other police officers as may be determined by the chief of police. The City of Dalton shall have a fire department consisting of a fire chief, to be appointed by the mayor and council, and such other firefighters as may be determined by the fire chief.

SECTION 9.11.
Age requirements for employment.

No person shall be employed by the City of Dalton for work as a mandate peace officer or mandate peace officer in training or certified firefighter or certified firefighter in training unless such person has reached the age of 18 years, which shall be established by a birth certificate or other proper proof of age acceptable to the mayor and council.

SECTION 9.12.
Authority of chief of police to remove nuisances.

The chief of police shall also be empowered to remove all nuisances within the corporate limits of the city.

SECTION 9.13.
Duties of chief of police and authority to account for fines and fi. fas.

The duties of the chief of police shall be those duties as are now imposed on the police chief of the City of Dalton by law, and he or she shall be responsible for other duties and responsibilities as may from time to time be placed upon the chief of police by mayor and council. The city council may in their discretion require the chief of police to collect and account for all fines and fi. fas.

SECTION 9.14.
Duties of fire chief.

The duties of the fire chief shall be those duties as are now imposed on the fire chief of the City of Dalton by law, and he or she shall be responsible for other duties and responsibilities as may from time to time be placed upon the fire chief by mayor and council.

SECTION 9.15.
Chiefs constituted heads of departments; status; removal.

The chief of police and the chief of the fire department of the City of Dalton shall be the head of their respective departments, and shall hold office until removed by the mayor and council. Such chiefs shall be appointed by the mayor and council of the City of Dalton. The chief of police and the chief of the fire department may be removed, demoted, or discharged at any time by the mayor and council of the City of Dalton.

SECTION 9.16.
Supervision and control of police officers and firefighters.

All police officers shall be subject to the direction and control of the chief of police, and all firefighters shall be subject to the direction and control of the chief of the fire department, and each respective chief shall have the right to discharge or suspend any officer or firefighter for incompetency, insubordination, or misconduct, and report such suspension or discharge to the city administrator.

SECTION 9.17.
Salaries.

The salaries of the chief of police, the chief of the fire department, and all officers and firefighters shall be fixed by the city administrator from time to time.

ARTICLE X
ZONING AND PLANNING

SECTION 10.10.
Adoption of plan for districting city, regulating districts.

The mayor and council may, in the interest of the public health, safety, order, convenience, comfort, prosperity, or general welfare, adopt by ordinance a plan or plans for the districting or zoning of the city for the purpose of regulating the location of trades, industries, apartment houses, dwellings, or other uses of property, or for the purpose of regulating the height of the buildings or other structures, or for the area or dimensions of the lots, or of the yards used in connection with buildings or other structures, or for the purposes of regulating the alignment of buildings or other structures near street frontages. The zoning regulations may be based upon any one or more of the purposes above described. The city may be divided into such number of districts and zones, and such districts may be of such shape and area, as the mayor and council shall deem best situated to accomplish the purposes of the zoning regulations, including, but not limited to, unified zoning with Whitfield County. In the determination and establishment of districts and regulations, classifications may be used based on the nature or character of the trade, industry, profession, or other activity conducted or to be conducted upon the premises, the number of persons, families or other group units to reside in or use buildings, the public, quasi-public, or private nature of the use of premises, or upon any other basis or bases relevant to the promotion of the public health, safety, order, morals, conveniences, prosperity, or welfare.

SECTION 10.11.
Classification, regulation of residential districts.

For the reasons above stated, said mayor and council shall have the further right and power, in any districts proposed to be set aside primarily for residence purposes, to further classify the use thereof, and to provide therein the class or classes of residents to be housed therein, and to provide therein such other and similar regulations and restrictions as shall secure the peace and good order of the city and residents thereof.

SECTION 10.12.
Amendment of zoning regulations.

The City of Dalton, by and through its mayor and council, may from time to time amend or change the regulations or districts established by the zoning ordinance.

SECTION 10.13.
Vote required to adopt, amend zoning regulations.

No such ordinance or amendment thereto, authorized by any section of this article, shall be adopted except by three-fourths vote of the mayor and council.

ARTICLE XI
AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS
DIVISION 1. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

SECTION 11.10.
City of Dalton building authority.

(a) The City of Dalton Building Authority, created pursuant to an Act consolidating, amending, and codifying the various Acts incorporating the City of Dalton, approved February 24, 1874 (Ga. L. 1874, p. 181), as amended, and is hereby affirmed, which is deemed to be an instrumentality of the State of Georgia and a public corporation and in that name, style, and title said body may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be interpleaded, and complain and defend in all courts of law and equity. In the event the name of said authority shall ever become the subject of change, the same may be accomplished by an act of the General Assembly.
(b) The said authority was created for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating self-liquidating projects embracing buildings and facilities for use by the City of Dalton, Georgia, for its governmental, proprietary and administrative functions and for the use by such other agencies, authorities, departments, and political subdivisions of the State of Georgia or the government of the United States as may contract with the authority for the use of such facilities. The City of Dalton, Georgia, has the authority to lease or sell lands, buildings, or land and buildings now owned by the City of Dalton, Georgia, to said authority by appropriate resolution of the mayor and council of said city and upon such terms and conditions as said mayor and council shall prescribe; provided, that such sales by the City of Dalton, Georgia, to the authority shall be for cash, and provided that such leases shall not exceed 50 years in duration.
(c) The authority shall consist of five members as follows:
(1) One shall be the mayor of the City of Dalton, Georgia;
(2) One shall be a member of the city council of said city to be appointed by said city council;
(3) One shall be a banker or other person having knowledge of financial matters, who is a resident of the City of Dalton, to be appointed by the mayor and council of said city;
(4) One shall be a businessman, who is a resident of the City of Dalton, to be appointed by the mayor and council of said city; and
(5) One shall be a citizen of the City of Dalton, who is a freeholder and qualified registered voter of said city, to be appointed by the mayor and council of said city.
The terms of office of the members who are the mayor and city councilmember shall be

concurrent with their terms of office as mayor and councilmember. The terms of office of the remaining members of the authority shall be four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Successors to such members and to the member who is a city councilmember shall be appointed as the original members were appointed, as provided herein, and any vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority, as provided herein, for the unexpired term. Immediately after such appointments, the members of such authority shall enter upon their duties. The authority shall elect one of its members as chairperson, and one as vice chairperson, and shall also elect a secretary and treasurer, which secretary and treasurer need not necessarily be a member of the authority. Three members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the authority. The members of the authority shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed by the authority for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The authority shall make rules and regulations for its own government. It shall have perpetual existence. In the event the number of the members of the authority, the qualifications of the membership of the authority, or the manner in which the members of the authority shall be selected shall ever become the subject of change, the same may be accomplished by an act of the General Assembly.

(d) As used in this article, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) The word "authority" shall mean the City of Dalton Building Authority.

(2) The words "the City of Dalton" and "city" shall mean the corporate body created by the General Assembly of Georgia under the name and style of "The City of Dalton."

(3) The word "project" shall be deemed to mean and include one or a combination of two or more of the following: buildings and facilities intended for use as courthouse, jail, police station, fire station, administrative offices and other offices and related uses, and all buildings, structures, electric, gas, steam, and water utilities and facilities of every kind and character deemed by the authority necessary or convenient for the efficient operation of any department, board, office, commission, or agency of the City of Dalton in the performance of its governmental, proprietary and administrative functions, or of such buildings and facilities intended for use by any division, department, institution, agency, or political subdivision of the State of Georgia or the government of the United States.

(4) The term "cost of the project" shall embrace the cost of construction, the cost of all lands, properties, rights and easements, and franchises acquired, the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest prior to and during construction, cost of engineering, architectural and legal expenses, of plans and specifications, and other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of the project, administrative expense, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the financing authorized in this section, the construction of any project, the placing of the same in operation, and the condemnation of property necessary for such construction and operation. Any obligation or expense incurred for any of the foregoing purposes shall be regarded as a part of the cost of the project and may be paid or reimbursed as such out

of the proceeds of revenue bonds issued under the provisions in this section.

(5) The terms "revenue bonds" and "bonds," as used in this section, shall mean revenue bonds under the provisions of the Revenue Bond Law, Code Section 36-82-60 of the O.C.G.A., et seq., and such type of obligations may be issued by the authority as authorized under said Revenue Bond Law, and in addition, shall also mean obligations of the authority, the issuance of which are hereinafter specifically provided for herein.

(6) Any project or combination of projects shall be deemed "self-liquidating" if, in the judgment of the authority, the revenues to be derived by the authority from rentals of said project or projects to the City of Dalton or agencies, authorities, departments, and political subdivisions of the State of Georgia and of the United States will be sufficient to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the project and to pay the principal and interest of revenue bonds which may be issued for the cost of such project, projects, or combination of projects.

(e) The authority shall have the powers:

(1) To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

(2) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and to hold, lease and dispose of real and personal property of every kind and character for its corporate purposes;

(3) To acquire in its own name by purchase, on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper or by condemnation in accordance with the provisions of any and all existing laws applicable to the condemnation of property for public use, real property, or rights of easements therein, or franchises necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes, and to use the same so long as its corporate existence shall continue and to lease or make contracts with respect to the use of or dispose of the same in any manner it deems to the best advantage of the authority, the authority being under no obligation to accept and pay for any property condemned as provided herein except from the funds provided herein, and in any proceedings to condemn, such orders may be made by the court having jurisdiction of the suit, action, or proceedings as may be just to the authority and to the owners of the property to be condemned, and no property shall be acquired as provided herein upon which any lien or other incumbrance exists, unless at the time such property is so acquired a sufficient sum of money be deposited in trust to pay and redeem the fair value of such lien or incumbrance;

(4) To appoint and select officers, agents, and employees, including engineering, architectural and construction experts, fiscal agents and attorneys, and fix their compensation;

(5) To make contracts and leases and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient, including contracts for construction of projects and leases of projects or contracts with respect to the use of projects which it causes to be erected or acquired, and the City of Dalton and any divisions, departments, institutions, agencies, counties, or political subdivisions of the State of Georgia are hereby authorized to enter into contracts, leases, or agreements with the authority upon such terms and for such purposes as they deem advisable; and without limiting the generality of the above, authority is specifically granted to the said city and any division, department, institution, agency, or political subdivision of the State of Georgia to enter into lease contracts and related agreements

for the use of any structure, building, or facility or a combination of any two or more structures, buildings, or facilities of the authority for a term not exceeding 50 years and any division, department, institution, agency, or political subdivision of the State of Georgia may obligate itself to pay an agreed sum for the use of such property and the City of Dalton may enter into lease contracts and related agreements for the use of any structure, building, or facility or a combination of two or more structures, buildings, or facilities of the authority for a term not exceeding 50 years upon a majority vote of its governing body and may obligate itself to pay an agreed sum for the use of such property so leased and also obligate itself as a part of the undertaking to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the property furnished by and leased from the authority;

(6) To construct, erect, acquire, own, repair, remodel, maintain, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate, and manage projects, as hereinabove defined, to be located on property owned by or leased by the authority, the cost of any such project to be paid in whole or in part from the proceeds of revenue bonds of the authority or from such proceeds and any grant from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof;

(7) To accept loans, grants of money, or materials, or property of any kind from the United States of America or any agency, or instrumentality thereof upon such terms and conditions as the United States of America or such agency or instrumentality may impose.

(8) To borrow money for any of its corporate purposes and to issue negotiable revenue bonds payable solely from funds pledged for that purpose, and to provide for the payment of the same and for the rights of the holders thereof;

(9) To exercise any power usually possessed by private corporations performing similar functions, which is not in conflict with this charter, the Constitution, and laws of this state; and

(10) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly given in this charter.

(f) The authority, or any authority or body which has or which may in the future succeed to the powers, duties, and liabilities vested in the authority created hereby, shall have power and is hereby authorized at one time, or from time to time, to provide by resolution for the issuance of negotiable revenue bonds, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost as defined of any one or more projects. The principal and interest of such revenue bonds shall be payable solely from the special fund in this section provided for such payment. The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding the maximum limit prescribed in the Revenue Bond Law, Code Section 36-82-60 of the O.C.G.A. et seq., or any amendment thereto, shall be payable semiannually, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 30 years from their date or dates, shall be payable in such medium of payment as to both principal and interest as may be determined by the authority, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the authority at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the authority in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds. Such revenue bonds or obligations shall be issued pursuant to and in conformity with the Revenue Bond Law, Code Section

36-82-60 of the O.C.G.A. et seq., and all procedures pertaining to such issuance and the conditions thereof shall be the same as those contained in said Revenue Bond Law and any amendments thereto.

(g) The authority shall determine the form of the bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest thereof which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the state. The bonds may be issued in coupon or registered form or both, as the authority may determine, and provision may be made for the registration of any coupon bond as to the principal alone and also as to both the principal and interest.

(h) In case any officer whose signature shall appear on any bonds or whose facsimile signature shall appear on any coupon shall cease to be an officer before the delivery of such bonds, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if or she had remained in office until such delivery. All such bonds shall be signed by the chairperson of the authority and attested by the secretary and treasurer of the authority and the official seal of the authority shall be affixed thereto and any coupons attached thereto shall bear the facsimile signatures of the chairperson and secretary and treasurer of the authority. Any bond may be signed, sealed, and attested on behalf of the authority by such persons as at the actual time of the execution of such bonds shall be duly authorized or hold the proper office, although at the date of delivery and payment of such bonds such persons may not have been so authorized or shall not have held such office.

(i) All revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be fully negotiable for all purposes and shall have and are hereby declared to have all of the qualifications of negotiable instruments under the laws of the state. Such bonds are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and the said bonds and the income thereof shall be exempt from all taxation within the state.

(j) The authority may sell such bonds in such manner and for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the authority.

(k) The proceeds of such bonds shall be used solely for the payment of the cost of the project or projects, and unless otherwise provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture, additional bonds may in like manner be issued to provide the amount of any deficit, which unless otherwise provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture shall be deemed to be of the same issue and shall be entitled to payment from the same fund without preference or priority of the bonds first issued for the same purpose. If the proceeds of the bonds of any issue shall exceed the amount required for the purpose for which such bonds are issued, the surplus shall be paid into such funds as may be provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture.

(l) Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the authority may, under like restrictions, issue interim receipts, interim certificates, or temporary bonds, with or without coupons exchangeable for definitive bonds upon the issuance of the latter.

(m) The authority may also provide for the replacement of any bond which shall become mutilated or be destroyed or lost.

(n) Such revenue bonds may be issued without any other proceedings. In the discretion of the authority, revenue bonds of a single issue may be issued for the purpose of any particular project. Any resolution, providing for the issuance of revenue bonds upon the provisions hereof, shall become effective immediately upon its passage and need not be published or posted, and any such resolution may be passed at any regular or special or adjourned meeting of the authority by a majority of the quorum as provided in this chapter.
(o) Revenue bonds issued by the authority hereunder shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the City of Dalton, Georgia, nor of any municipality, county, authority, or political subdivision of the State of Georgia or instrumentality of the United States government which may contract with such authority. No contracts entered into by the authority with any such municipality, county, authority, or political subdivision of the State of Georgia or instrumentality of the United States government shall create a debt of the respective municipalities, counties, authorities, or political subdivisions of the State of Georgia within the meaning of Article IX, Section V, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, but any such municipality, county, authority, or political subdivision of the State of Georgia may obligate itself to pay the payments required under such contracts from monies received from taxes and from any other source without creating a debt within the meaning of Article IX, Section V, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.
(p) In the discretion of the authority, any issue of such revenue bonds may be secured by a trust indenture by and between the authority and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or outside of the state. Such trust indenture may pledge or assign fees, tolls, revenues, and earnings to be received by the authority, including the proceeds derived from the sale from time to time of any surplus property of the authority, both real and personal. Either the resolution providing for the issuance of revenue bonds or such trust indenture may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondholders as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including covenants setting forth the duties of the authority in relation to the acquisition of property, the construction of the project, the maintenance, operation, repair and insurance of the property, and the custody, safeguarding, and application of all monies, including the proceeds derived from the sale of property of the authority, both real and personal, and may also provide that any project shall be constructed and paid for under the supervision and approval of consulting engineers, architects employed or designated by the authority, and satisfactory to the original purchasers of the bonds issued therefor and may also require that the security given by contractors and by any depository of the proceeds of the bonds, revenues, or other monies be satisfactory to such purchasers, and may also contain provisions concerning the conditions, if any, upon which additional revenue bonds may be issued. It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of this state to act as such depository and to furnish such indemnifying bonds or pledge such securities as may be required by the authority. Such indenture may set forth the rights and remedies of the bondholders and of the trustee, and may restrict the individual right of action of bondholders as is customary in trust indentures securing bonds and debentures of corporations. In addition to the foregoing, such trust indenture may contain such other

provisions as the authority may deem reasonable and proper for the security of the bondholders. All expenses incurred in carrying out such trust indenture may be treated as a part of the cost of maintenance, operation, and repair of the project affected by such indenture.

(q) The authority shall, in the resolution providing for the issuance of revenue bonds or in the trust indenture, provide for the payment of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds to any officer or person who or any agency, bank, or trust company which shall act as trustee of such funds and shall hold and apply the same to the purposes hereof, subject to such regulations as are herein provided and such regulations as may be provided in such resolution or trust indenture.

(r) The revenues, fees, tolls, and earnings derived from any particular project or projects, regardless of whether or not such fees, earnings, and revenues were produced by a particular project for which bonds have been issued and any monies derived from the sale of any properties, both real and personal of the authority, unless otherwise pledged and allocated, may be pledged and allocated by the authority to the payment of the principal and interest on revenue bonds of the authority as the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust instrument may provide, and such funds so pledged from whatever source received, which said pledge may include funds received from one or more or all sources, shall be set aside at regular intervals as may be provided in the resolution or trust indenture, into a sinking fund which said sinking fund shall be pledged to and charged with the payments of:

(1) The interest upon such revenue bonds as such interest shall fall due;

(2) The principal of the bonds as the same shall fall due;

(3) The necessary charges of paying agent or agents for paying principal and interest; and

(4) Any premium upon bonds retired by call or purchase as hereinabove provided.

The use and disposition of such sinking fund shall be subject to such regulations as may be provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the revenue bonds or in the trust indenture, but, except as may otherwise be provided in such resolution or trust indenture, such sinking fund shall be a fund for the benefit of all revenue bonds without distinction or priority of one over another. Subject to the provisions of the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture surplus monies in the sinking fund may be applied to the purchase or redemption of bonds and any such bonds so purchased or redeemed shall forthwith be cancelled and shall not again be issued.

(s) Any holder of revenue bonds issued under the provisions hereof or any of the coupons appertaining thereto, and the trustee under the trust indenture, if any, except to the extent the rights herein given may be restricted by resolution passed before the issuance of the bonds or by the trust indenture, may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceedings, protect, and enforce any and all rights under the laws of the State of Georgia or granted hereunder such resolution or trust indenture, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required herein or by such resolution or trust indenture, to be performed by the authority, or any officer thereof, including the fixing, charging, and collecting of revenues, fees, tolls, and other charges for the use of the facilities and services

furnished.

(t) The authority is hereby authorized to provide by resolution for the issue of revenue bonds of the authority for the purpose of refunding any revenue bonds issued under the provisions hereof and then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon. The issuance of such revenue refunding bonds, the maturities and all other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof, and the duties of the authority in respect to the same, shall be governed by the foregoing provisions hereof insofar as the same may be applicable.

(u) Any action to protect, or enforce any rights under the provisions of this section or any suit or action against such authority shall be brought in the superior court of Whitfield County, Georgia, and any action pertaining to validation of any bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall likewise be brought in said court which shall have exclusive, original jurisdiction of such actions.

(v) Bonds of the authority shall be confirmed and validated in accordance with the procedure of the Revenue Bond Law, Code Section 36-82-60 of the O.C.G.A., et seq. The petition for validation shall also make party defendant to such action any municipality, county, authority, subdivision, or instrumentality of the State of Georgia or the United States government or any department or agency of the United States government, if subject to be sued, which has contracted with the authority for the services and facilities of the project for which bonds are to be issued and sought to be validated and such municipality, county, authority, subdivision, or instrumentality shall be required to show cause, if any, why such contract or contracts and the terms and conditions thereof should not be inquired into by the court and the validity of the terms thereof be determined and the contract or contracts adjudicated as security for the payment of any such bonds of the authority. The bonds when validated and the judgment of validation shall be final and conclusive with respect to such bonds, against the authority issuing the same, and any municipality, county, authority, subdivision, or instrumentality of the United States government, if a party to the validation proceedings, contracting with the said The City of Dalton Building Authority.

(w) While any of the bonds issued by the authority remain outstanding, the powers, duties, or existence of said authority or of its officers, employees, or agents shall not be diminished or impaired in any manner that will affect adversely the interest and rights of the holders of such bonds, and no other entity, department, agency, or authority will be created which will compete with the authority to such an extent as to affect adversely the interest and rights of the holders of such bonds, nor will the state itself so compete with the authority. The provisions of this section shall be for the benefit of the authority and the holders of any such bonds, and upon the issuance of bonds under the provisions hereof, shall constitute a contract with the holders of such bonds.

(x) All monies received pursuant to the authority hereof, whether as proceeds from the sale of revenue bonds, as grants, or other contributions, or as revenues, income, fees, and earnings shall be deemed to be trust funds to be held and applied solely as provided for herein.

(y) It is hereby declared that the authority will be performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the power conferred upon it hereunder and that the authority shall be required to pay no taxes or assessments upon any of the property acquired by it or

under its jurisdiction, control, possession, or supervision, or upon its activities in the operation and maintenance of the buildings erected or acquired by it or any fees, rentals, or other charges for the use of such buildings, or other income received by the authority.
(z) The authority shall have the same immunity and exemption from liability for torts and negligence as the State of Georgia has and the officers, agents, and employees of the authority when in performance of the work of the authority shall have the same immunity and exemption from liability for torts and negligence as the officers, agents, and employees of the State of Georgia. The authority may be sued in the same manner as private corporations may be sued on any contractual obligation of the authority.
(aa) The property of the authority shall not be subject to levy and sale under legal process except such property, revenue, income, or funds as may be pledged, assigned, mortgaged, or conveyed to secure an obligation of the authority, and any such property, revenue, funds, or income may be sold under legal process or under any power granted by the authority to enforce payment of the obligation.

SECTION 11.11.
Downtown Dalton development authority.

The General Assembly created in and for the City of Dalton, the downtown Dalton development authority for the purpose of the redevelopment of the downtown Dalton area. Said authority shall have the power to employ engineers and planners, to contract for the construction of buildings and other facilities, and to contract with the City of Dalton for the construction, reconstruction, altering, changing and closing of streets and alleys. The authority shall have the power to issue bonds and revenue certificates, and to pledge revenues and to levy and collect taxes within said districts for the retirement of said indebtedness. No taxes shall be levied by said authority on property used for residential purposes or used for school or church purposes. The authority shall have the right and power of eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring property in the carrying out of its aims and objectives.

DIVISION 2. AIRPORT AUTHORITY

SECTION 11.12.
Short title.

This section shall be known and may be cited as the "City of Dalton Airport Authority Ordinances."

SECTION 11.13.
Purposes.

The City of Dalton airport authority, was created pursuant to an Act consolidating, amending, and codifying the various Acts incorporating the City of Dalton, approved

February 24, 1874, (Ga. L. 1874, p. 181), as amended, and is hereby affirmed. The City of Dalton airport authority's purposes shall be to oversee the day-to-day operation and general management of the existing airport and landing field of the City of Dalton for the use of aircraft and related aeronautical activities.

SECTION 11.14.
Membership.

The City of Dalton airport authority shall be composed of five individuals with qualifications as provided in this section, all of whom shall be appointed by the mayor and council of the City of Dalton pursuant to passage of appropriate resolutions. The members of the City of Dalton airport authority shall be designated by the mayor and council to serve terms for terms of five years. The terms of the members of such authority shall be staggered as in effect on the date of this charter. Upon the death, resignation, or other event creating a vacancy in the seat of any member of the authority, the mayor and council shall fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified individual to fill the unexpired term of the vacating member through passage of an appropriate resolution of the mayor and council. For purposes of determining the time of the regular expiration of any term of office of any member of the authority, a year shall be deemed to run from the date of the first regular meeting of the mayor and council in January of any calendar year until the first regular meeting of the mayor and council in the succeeding calendar year. A member of the authority must, at the time of appointment by the mayor and council and at all times thereafter, during the tenure of service on the authority possess the following qualifications:

(1) Maintain a permanent residence within Whitfield County, Georgia; and
(2) Be not less than 18 years of age.

SECTION 11.15.
Ex officio members.

The city administrator or his or her successor in office shall be a nonvoting ex officio member of the authority who shall be entitled to participate in all meetings of the authority.

SECTION 11.16.
Meetings.

The authority shall meet at such times as may be necessary to transact the business and fulfill its public purpose but the authority shall hold an organizational meeting each year within 30 days of the first meeting of the mayor and council in January. At each organizational meeting, the members of the authority shall elect one of its members as its chairperson and another member as secretary. The term of the chairperson and secretary shall be for a period beginning with their election by the authority and expiring with the organizational meeting of the authority in the following year or upon their death, resignation, or vacancy in the position of authority member for whatever reason, whichever

shall earlier occur. In the event of a death, resignation, or vacancy in the position of authority member of the chairperson or secretary of the authority, the members of the authority shall elect one of their members to fill the vacant office for the expiration of the term of office. The chairperson and secretary of the authority may be elected by the authority members for succeeding terms during their tenure. A meeting of the authority may be held upon call of the chairperson, or any two members of the authority, or upon call of the city administrator as a nonvoting ex officio member. A quorum for the transaction of business of the authority shall consist of three voting members of the authority. Each voting member of the authority shall have one vote on all matters and issues to be decided. A vote of the majority of the members of the authority present in person and voting at any meeting of the authority shall carry on any decision to be made.

SECTION 11.17.
Compensation.

No member of the authority shall be paid any salary or compensation for his or her service. However, the mayor and council shall be authorized in its discretion to set by ordinance a mileage allowance and per diem expense for members of the authority traveling or in attendance on official business of the authority. The salary and employment benefits of any staff members of the authority shall be determined by the mayor and council through the budgetary processes of the mayor and council.

SECTION 11.18.
Staff.

The authority shall be authorized to hire, contract with, or appoint an airport manager and such other employees as they deem necessary to carry out the business, affairs, and public purposes of the authority provided compensation and any related benefits to said employees of the authority are included within the budget for the authority set by the mayor and council of the City of Dalton. Further, the authority may employ or retain such expert or consultant services as required to carry on its operations and meet its public purposes subject to the budgetary allowances as set by the mayor and council.

SECTION 11.19.
Budget.

The authority through its chairperson shall submit an annual request for budget to the mayor and council or its designated committee at the times and in the form directed by the mayor and council.

SECTION 11.20.
Legal services.

The city attorney shall serve as counsel and legal adviser to the authority and shall perform such legal services as the authority shall request.

SECTION 11.21.
Powers.

Subject to any general limitations enacted by the mayor and council as well as the budgetary allowances or limitations imposed by the mayor and council and the rights and interests of any holder of bonds or obligations issued by the City of Dalton relating to or affecting property owned, operated, or leased by the city for airport and related aeronautical activities, the authority shall have and exercise the following powers:

(1) To have a seal and alter the same at its pleasure;

(2) To appoint, select, and employ officers, agents and employees including engineering, architectural, and construction experts, and fiscal agents and fix their respective compensation subject to its budgetary limitations;

(3) To oversee the day-to-day operations and general management of the airport and landing field; however, such power shall not include the power to make or terminate contracts or leases with respect to land, which powers are expressly reserved to the mayor and council; and

(4) To promulgate rules and regulations for air and ground operations on the airport and landing field all in conformity with applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations.

SECTION 11.22.
Monies payable to general fund.

All revenues collected by the authority on leases, franchises, hangar rentals, service fees, surplus property sales, and from any other source shall be properly accounted for and paid over to the general fund of the City of Dalton. The mayor and council shall establish accounts and audit procedures for revenues collected by the authority and shall implement same at all times.

ARTICLE XII
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 12.10.
Bonds for officials.

The officers and employees of this city, both elective and appointive, shall execute such surety or fidelity bonds in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the mayor

and council shall from time to time require by ordinance or as may be provided by law.

SECTION 12.11.
Prior ordinances.

All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations now in force in the city not inconsistent with this charter are hereby declared valid and of full effect and force until amended or repealed by the mayor and council.

SECTION 12.12.
Pending matters.

Except as specifically provided otherwise by this charter, all rights, claims, actions, orders, contracts, and legal or administrative proceedings shall continue and any such ongoing work or cases shall be completed by such city agencies, personnel, or offices as may be provided by the mayor and council.

SECTION 12.13.
Construction.

(a) Section captions in this charter are informative only and are not to be considered as a part thereof.
(b) The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.
(c) The singular shall include the plural, the masculine shall include the feminine, and vice versa.

SECTION 12.14.
Severability.

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or part thereof of this charter shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair other parts of this charter unless it clearly appears that such other parts are wholly and necessarily dependent upon the part held to be invalid or unconstitutional, it being the legislative intent in enacting this charter that each article, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or part thereof be enacted separately and independent of each other.

SECTION 12.15.
Specific repealer.

(a) An Act consolidating, amending, and codifying the various Acts incorporating the City of Dalton, approved February 24, 1874 (Ga. L. 1874, p. 181), and all amendatory Acts thereto are hereby repealed in their entirety.
(b) All laws and parts of laws relating to or affecting the City of Dalton in force when this

charter shall take effect are hereby repealed and superseded to the extent that the same are inconsistent with the provisions of this charter and no further.
(c) All other laws and parts of laws shall continue in force until repealed, amended, modified or superseded.
(d) Insofar as the provisions of this charter are the same in terms or in substance and effect as provisions of law in force when this charter shall take effect, relating to or affecting the City of Dalton, the provisions of this charter are intended to be not a new enactment but a continuation of such provisions of law, and this charter shall be so construed and applied.

SECTION 12.16.
Repealer.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bills as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Local Consent Calendar, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	E Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local bills, the yeas were 46, nays 0.

The bills on the Local Consent Calendar, except HB 1229, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

HB 1229, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/29/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the Local Consent Calendar. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Hickman of the 4th

02-29-24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the Local Consent Calendar. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Hatchett of the 50th

The President introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. LaJune Oliver, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross SB 180 and SB 403, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Harrell	Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers

Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 21; the motion prevailed, and SB 180 and SB 403 were engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 479	Secondary Metals Recyclers; applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; provide (Substitute) (RI&U-50th)
SB 507	Special License Plates; "America First" specialty license plate; establish (PUB SAF-51st)
SB 503	Residential and General Contractors; the general contractor license as a commercial general contractor license; rename (ED&T-28th)
SB 505	Hospitals and Related Institutions; required publication by hospital of certain financial documents on its website; provisions; revise (RI&U-19th)
SR 616	Victims of Human Trafficking Fund; allocation of certain additional penalties and assessments; provide -CA (PUB SAF-48th)
SB 512	Victims of Human Trafficking Fund and the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission; create (Substitute) (PUB SAF-48th)
SB 395	Education; the possession of opioid antagonists in schools; authorize (Substitute) (ED&Y-45th)
SB 414	"Personal Privacy Protection Act"; enact (Substitute) (JUDY-18th)
SB 425	Notaries Public; modernization of certain legal, notarial, and court services using electronic means; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-19th)

SB 437 Department of Agriculture; enforce certain criminal laws; authorize (Substitute) (RI&U-29th)

SB 490 Motor Vehicles and Traffic; felony offense of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; provide (Substitute) (PUB SAF-46th)

SB 502 Department of Administrative Services; state agencies from contracting for advertising or marketing services with certain companies or from supporting certain companies; prohibit (Substitute) (RI&U-45th)

SB 543 Bingo; certain provisions relating to bingo games operated by nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations; change (Substitute) (ED&T-28th)

SB 547 Motor Carriers and Commercial Motor Vehicles; the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation; update (ED&T-21st)

SB 542 Water Rights; the public trust doctrine; remove references (Substitute) (NR&E-11th)

SR 542 Colorectal Cancer Screenings; change of the minimum age; encourage (H&HS-55th)

SB 371 "Daniel D. Podsiadly, Jr. Act"; enact (JUDY-17th)

SB 390 To amend Titles 20, 36, 43, and 50, related to libraries, education, governmental entities, professions and business; acceptance and use of funds from the American Library Association prohibit under certain circumstances (Substitute) (GvtO-20th)

SB 460 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants; number that a physician can authorize and supervise at any one time; prov.; revise (H&HS-45th)

SB 454 Alimony and Child Support; guidelines for child support award calculations; provide (JUDY-17th)

SB 396 Economic Development; Georgia State-wide Music Office; create (ED&T-39th)

SB 491 Licensed Pharmacist; Georgia State Board of Pharmacy to increase the maximum ratio of pharmacists; authorize (Substitute) (H&HS-28th)

SB 307 Private Review Agents; health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions; provide (Substitute) (I&L-32nd)

SB 336 Administration of Mental Health; Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to be represented by a delegate or agent; allow for certain officials (Substitute) (RI&U-32nd)

SB 347 Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior courts; provide (JUDY-31st)

SB 363 Georgia Public Safety Training Center law enforcement unit; establishment; provide (Substitute) (PUB SAF-56th)

SB 403 Ad Valorem Taxation of Property; language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; revise (FIN-47th)

SB 407 Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; documenting of certain information in incidents of family violence; require (JUDY-35th)

SB 420 Agriculture; acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; prohibit (Substitute) (RI&U-31st)

SB 422 Public Utilities and Public Transportation; percentage limitation as to the amount of the investments an electric membership corporation may make; modify (Substitute) (RI&U-45th)

SB 457 Public Utilities and Public Transportation; a consumer utility counsel to represent consumers in matters before the Public Service Commission or other agencies; reestablish (RI&U-52nd)

SB 464 School Supplies for Teachers Program; establish (ED&Y-45th)

SB 469 "College Success 529 Expansion Act"; enact (H ED-6th)

SB 472 "Combating Organized Retail Crime Act"; enact (PUB SAF-56th)

SB 474 Unsolicited Inquiries; notices of solicitation including monetary offers; penalty; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-8th)

SB 480 Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce; student loan repayment for mental health and substance use professionals serving in certain capacities; provide (H&HS-3rd)

SB 484 State's Employee Benefit Plan Council; establish health savings accounts and continually provide for education or salary reductions for such accounts; require (I&L-6th)

SB 493 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board; additional penalties for registered sexual offenders; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-50th)

SB 495 Low THC Oil Patient Registry; term of validity of a registration card; provide (Substitute) (H&HS-11th)

SB 496 Ad Valorem Taxation of Property; extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; provide (ED&T-23rd)

SB 499 Coordinated and Comprehensive Planning and Service Delivery by Counties and Municipalities; revise provisions (Substitute) (SLGO(G)-47th)

SB 508 Administrative Office of the Courts; accessibility of certain personal information of state and federal judges, justices, and spouses thereof; provide (PUB SAF-45th)

SB 517 Criminal Prosecutions; immunity from certain criminal prosecutions against law enforcement officers whose threat or use of force is justified or otherwise lawful; provide (JUDY-29th)

SB 532 Education; sex education for public school students in this state before fifth grade; prohibit (Substitute) (ED&Y-45th)

SB 533 Proceedings; jail-based competency restoration programs; provide (JUDY-17th)

SB 534 "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975"; failure of a marketplace innkeeper to provide a consumer with an itemized receipt detailing certain taxes and fees is an unlawful business practice; provide (ED&T-2nd)

SB 554 Georgia State Indemnification Fund; qualification for indemnification benefits based on a public safety officer having COVID-19 at the time of death; create a presumption (Substitute) (PUB SAF-31st)

SB 180 "Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act"; enact (JUDY-37th)

SB 202 Public School Property and Facilities; outdoor learning spaces pilot program; provide (Substitute) (ED&Y-5th)

SB 308 Georgia Legislative Retirement System; retirement benefit amounts payable to former legislators upon retirement and to currently retired legislators (RET-16th)

SB 198 Georgians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Innovation Commission; create (Substitute) (H&HS-40th)

SR 189 General Assembly; development impact fees for educational purposes; provide -CA (ED&Y-27th)

SB 208 'Georgia Development Impact Fee Act'; provide for fees for education (ED&Y-27th)

SB 320 Sentencing and Imposition of Punishment; time frames for HIV testing; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-33rd)

SB 498 Georgia Interagency Council for the Homeless; create (Substitute) (GvtO-41st)

SB 182 Stalking; the offense of doxxing; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-39th)

SB 451 Veteran Benefits; place certain requirement on the Department of Veterans Service (Substitute) (B&FI-7th)

SR 82 Tax Commissioner; waive certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes; procedures and conditions; provide- CA (Substitute) (B&FI-13th)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 479. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make

conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 479:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, is amended by revising Code Section 10-1-350, relating to definitions, by adding a paragraph to read as follows:

"(18.1) 'Used, detached catalytic converter' means motor vehicle exhaust system parts that are used for controlling the exhaust emissions from motor vehicles and that contain a catalyst metal, but shall not include a catalytic converter that has been tested, certified, and labeled for reuse, in accordance with applicable federal Clean Air Act regulations, as may from time to time be amended."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 10-1-351, relating to verifiable documentation required and unlawful activities pertaining to used, detached catalytic converters, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) ~~As used in this subsection, the term 'used, detached catalytic converter' means motor vehicle exhaust system parts that are used for controlling the exhaust emissions from motor vehicles and that contain a catalyst metal, but shall not include a catalytic converter that has been tested, certified, and labeled for reuse, in accordance with applicable federal Clean Air Act regulations, as may from time to time be amended.~~

~~(2)~~ It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase or to solicit or advertise for the purchase of a used, detached catalytic converter, or any nonferrous metal parts of a catalytic converter, unless such person is a registered secondary metals recycler in accordance with Code Section 10-1-359.1 and in full compliance with all requirements

prescribed by this article.

~~(3)~~(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, possess, transport, or sell a used, detached catalytic converter, or any nonferrous metal parts of a catalytic converter, unless such person is authorized to purchase, possess, transport, or sell catalytic converters pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section and is in possession of the licenses, registrations, or other documentation required by subsection (c) of this Code section.

~~(4)~~(3) Each unlawfully possessed or obtained used, detached catalytic converter shall be considered a separate offense."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 10-1-358, relating to purchases of regulated metal property exempted from application of article, as follows:

"10-1-358.

This article shall not apply to purchases of regulated metal property~~, other than used, detached catalytic converters,~~ from:

(1) Organizations, corporations, or associations registered with the state as charitable, philanthropic, religious, fraternal, civic, patriotic, social, or ~~school sponsored~~ school sponsored organizations or associations or from any nonprofit corporations or associations;

(2) A law enforcement officer acting in an official capacity;

(3) A trustee in bankruptcy, executor, administrator, or receiver who has presented proof of such status to the secondary metals recycler;

(4) Any public official acting under judicial process or authority who has presented proof of such status to the secondary metals recycler;

(5) A sale on the execution, or by virtue, of any process issued by a court if proof thereof has been presented to the secondary metals recycler; or

(6) A manufacturing, industrial, or other commercial vendor that generates and sells regulated metal property in the ordinary course of its business, provided that such vendor is not a secondary metals recycler."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 10-1-359.1, relating to registration of secondary metals recycler, electronic data base, authority of sheriff, and penalty for violation, as follows:

"(c) The sheriff shall be authorized to:

(1) Assess and require payment of $200.00 for a new registration and an annual registration renewal for a secondary metals recycler;

(2) If applicable in the jurisdiction where such secondary metals recycler is located, require ~~a~~ the secondary metals recycler to submit a current and valid business license in the county or municipality that is associated with the address on the registration form prior to approving the registration or registration renewal;

(3) Require the registered agent of a secondary metals recycler to submit to a criminal

background check and fingerprinting for a new registration with the costs paid by the secondary metals recycler in an amount not to exceed $75.00;

(4) Deny the new registration or registration renewal of a secondary metals recycler if such person's registration has been revoked in another Georgia county, information submitted on the registration form has been determined to be invalid or false, or it is determined by the criminal background check that such person has been convicted of a felony offense under this article ~~more than three times~~ in the previous five years;

(5) Revoke the registration of a secondary metals recycler's registered agent if the registered agent has been convicted of a felony offense in the previous five years under this article while serving as a registered agent;

(6) Require secondary metals recyclers to provide on the registration form the customer identification number for the current data base contractor maintained by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

(7) Require a secondary metals recycler to submit a signed and sworn statement that such person has not had such secondary metals recycler's registration or business license revoked during the previous year and that the registered agent has not been convicted of a ~~metal theft~~ felony offense ~~in the previous year~~ under this article while serving as a registered agent in the previous five years;

(8) Delegate to personnel in the sheriff's office the registration of secondary metals recyclers and entering into the data base of the records of such registrations; and

(9) ~~Enter into contracts with the governing authority of a county, municipality, or consolidated government for such governing authority~~ Remit to the Georgia Sheriffs' Association $100.00 of each $200.00 registration fee and remit to the general fund of the county treasury the remaining $100.00 of each registration fee to provide for the registration of secondary metals recyclers and the entering into the Georgia Sheriffs' Association Secondary Metals Recycler Registry ~~data base~~ of the records of such registrations for use by other law enforcement agencies ~~or by,~~ staff of the governing authority, or the public. ~~Any such contract shall provide for reimbursement to such governing authority for the registrations or entry of the records of such registrations into the data base.~~"

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 10-1-359.2, relating to penalties for violations, as follows:

"10-1-359.2.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (e) of Code Section 10-1-359.1, any person who buys or sells regulated metal property in violation of any provision of this article:

(1) For a first offense, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor;

(2) For a second offense, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature; and

(3) For a third or subsequent offense or when such regulated metal property is unlawfully obtained and results in property damage exceeding the aggregate amount of $1,500.00, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished

by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years.

Each unlawfully possessed or obtained used, detached catalytic converter~~, as such term is defined in subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351,~~ shall be considered a separate offense under this Code section.

(b) Any person who buys or sells regulated metal property in violation of any provision of this article shall be liable in a civil action to any person who was the victim of a crime involving such regulated metal property for the full value of the regulated metal property, any repairs and related expenses incurred as a result of such crime, litigation expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 10-1-359.3, relating to forfeiture and items declared contraband, as follows:

"(3) Any used, detached catalytic converter~~, as such term is defined in subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351,~~ possessed in violation of subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351 and any vehicle used in the transportation of such used, detached catalytic converter, provided that any civil forfeiture proceedings for any vehicle seized pursuant to this subsection, including the reporting requirements set forth in Code Section 9-16-7, shall be stayed during the pendency of criminal proceedings unless otherwise agreed to by the owner or interest holder of such vehicle."

SECTION 7.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 10-1-359.5, relating to required information from secondary metals recyclers and role of Georgia Bureau of Investigation, as follows:

"(2) ~~Each secondary metals recycler~~ Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 10-1-358 to the contrary, each secondary metals recycler shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, a record, and shall electronically submit to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation ~~a~~ such record, of the receipt of each purchase of a used, detached catalytic converter ~~as defined in subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351,~~ or any nonferrous metal parts of a catalytic converter, from an ~~industrial account~~ a manufacturing, industrial, or other commercial vendor that generates and sells used, detached catalytic converters as defined in Code Section 10-1-351, or any nonferrous metal parts of a catalytic converter in the ordinary course of its business or a secondary metals recycler. Such report shall include:

(A) The name and address of the seller;

(B) The date, time, and place of the transaction; and

(C) The number of used, detached catalytic converters or pounds of catalyst metal purchased."

SECTION 8.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall apply to all transactions occurring on and after such date.

SECTION 9.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 479, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 507. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Kennedy of the 18th, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, so as to establish an "America First" specialty license plate; to provide for

conditions for the production of such license plates; to provide for discontinuing the manufacture of such license plates in certain instances; to provide for the disposition of funds to the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators McLaurin of the 14th and Butler of the 55th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 507 (LC 39 4220) by:

Replacing "America" on line 16 with "Donald Trump"

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Gooch of the 51st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator McLaurin of the 14th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	N Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	N Still
Y Davenport	N Jones, E.	N Strickland
N Dixon	Y Jones, H.	N Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
N Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, S.
N Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 25, nays 29, and the McLaurin amendment #1 was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 19.

SB 507, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 503. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Summers of the 13th, Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to amend Chapter 41, relating to residential and general contractors; to rename the general contractor license as a commercial general contractor license and to make conforming amendments throughout; to change certain provisions relating to the membership, qualifications, terms, and meetings of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne

Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 55, nays 0.

SB 503, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 505. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 1st, Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to revise provisions relating to required publication by hospital of certain financial documents on its website; to provide for uniform reporting requirements; to require hospitals to annually provide the Uniform Resource Locator for the webpage containing the financial documents; to provide for increased penalties for noncompliance; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Jackson of the 41st and Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 505 (LC 33 9619) by inserting after "documents;" *on line 5 the following:*
to provide for community benefits;

By striking lines 15 through 17 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
(1) 'Community benefit' means:
(A) In counties with a population of 100,000 or less, charity care and government

sponsored indigent healthcare at a level that is reasonable in relation to the community needs, as determined through the community needs assessment, the available resources of the hospital or hospital system, and the tax exempt benefits received by the hospital or hospital system; and

(B) In counties with a population of more than 100,000:

(i) Charity care and government sponsored indigent healthcare provided in an amount equal to at least 100 percent of the hospital's or hospital system's tax exempt benefits, excluding federal income tax; or

(ii) Charity care provided in a combined amount equal to at least 5 percent of the hospital's or hospital system's net patient revenue.

(2) 'Hospital' ~~'hospital'~~ means a nonprofit hospital, a hospital owned or operated by a hospital authority, or a nonprofit corporation formed, created, or operated by or on behalf of a hospital authority.

By striking lines 95 and 96 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(f) Any hospital that fails to ~~post the documents required pursuant to subsection (b)~~ provide a community benefit or comply with any provision of this Code section ~~within 30 days of the dates required in this~~

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Jackson amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

SB 505, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

SR 616. By Senators Still of the 48th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Esteves of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly by general law may provide for the allocation of certain additional penalties and assessments to the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund for the purpose of providing care and rehabilitative and social services to individuals in this state who have been or may be sexually exploited; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (o) as follows:

"(o) The General Assembly may provide by general law for additional penalties in any case in any court in this state in which a person is adjudged guilty of keeping a place of prostitution, pimping, pandering, pandering by compulsion, solicitation of sodomy, masturbation for hire, trafficking of persons for sexual servitude, or sexual exploitation of children and may impose assessments on adult entertainment establishments as defined by law; and such appropriated amount shall not lapse as required by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) and shall not be subject to the limitations of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph~~,~~; Article III, Section V, Paragraph II~~,~~; Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II(a)~~,~~; or Article VII, Section III, Paragraph IV. The General Assembly may provide by general law for the allocation of such assessments and additional penalties to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund and the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund for the specified purpose of meeting any and all costs, or any portion of the costs, of providing care and rehabilitative and social services to individuals in this state who have been or may be sexually exploited. The General Assembly may provide by general law for the administration of such fund by such authority as the General Assembly shall determine."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as

provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to allow additional
( ) NO penalties for criminal cases in which a person is adjudged guilty of trafficking an individual for labor servitude or sexual servitude to fund the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund to pay for care and rehabilitative and social services for individuals in this state who have been or may be sexually exploited?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 55, nays 0.

SR 616, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted.

SB 512. By Senators Still of the 48th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Esteves of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, so as to create the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund and the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission; to amend Code Section 16-6-13.3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to civil forfeiture of proceeds and property, so as to provide for the forfeiture of proceeds or money which is used, intended for use, used in any manner to facilitate, or derived from the criminal offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 512:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, so as to create the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund and the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for appointment of members of the commission and personnel; to provide for duties of the commission and allow for expenses; to provide for recommendations of changes in state programs, laws, and policies; to provide for acceptance of federal funds and individual donations; to provide for fines and penalties; to provide for collection of fines and disposition of moneys collected; to provide for a duty to collect; to provide for a cause of action and forfeiture; to amend Code Section 16-6-13.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil forfeiture of proceeds and property, so as to provide for the forfeiture of proceeds or money which is used, intended for use, used in any manner to facilitate, or derived from the criminal offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for hotels; to provide for definitions; to provide for retraining; to provide that the provisions of Code Section 16-6-16, relating to masturbation for hire, shall be applicable only to persons above a certain age; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 12

15-21-220.
This article is enacted pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(o) of the Constitution, which provision authorizes additional penalty assessments for violations relating to certain sexual crimes and provides that the proceeds derived therefrom may be used for the purpose of meeting the costs of care and rehabilitative and social services for certain individuals in this state who have been sexually exploited.

15-21-221.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Commission' means the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission.
(2) 'Fund' means the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund.
(3) 'Safe house' means a licensed residential facility that provides safe and secure shelter.
(4) 'Sexually explicit conduct' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.
(5) 'Sexually exploited victim' means a person who:
(A) Has been the victim of trafficking of persons for sexual servitude in violation of Code Section 16-5-46;
(B) Has engaged in sodomy, prostitution, solicitation of sodomy, or masturbation for hire; or
(C) Has been the victim of sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any print or visual medium.
(6) 'Visual medium' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.

15-21-222.
(a) There is established the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission which is assigned to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3.
(b) There is created the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund as a separate fund in the state treasury. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund all amounts transferred to the fund and shall invest the fund moneys in the same manner as authorized for investing other moneys in the state treasury.
(c) The commission may authorize the disbursement of available money from the fund, after appropriation thereof, for purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services,

residential housing, health services, and social services, including establishing safe houses, to sexually exploited victims and to a person, entity, or program eligible pursuant to criteria to be set by the commission. The commission shall also consider disbursement of available money from the fund to a person, entity, or program devoted to awareness and prevention of becoming a sexually exploited victim. The commission may also authorize the disbursement of fund money for the actual and necessary operating expenses that the commission incurs in performing its duties; provided, however, that such disbursements shall be kept at a minimum in furtherance of the primary purpose of the fund, which is to disburse money to provide care and rehabilitative and social services to sexually exploited victims.

15-21-223.

(a) The commission shall consist of six members. Five of the members shall serve for terms of two years, except that, with respect to the first members appointed, two members shall be appointed for terms of three years, two members for terms of two years, and one member for a term of one year. The director of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services shall be a permanent member of the commission. The chairperson of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities, the director of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member of the commission. The Governor shall establish initial terms of office for all members of the commission within the limitations of this subsection.

(b) In the event of death, resignation, disqualification, or removal for any reason of any member of the commission, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, and the successor shall serve for the unexpired term.

(c) Membership on the commission shall not constitute public office, and no member shall be disqualified from holding public office by reason of his or her membership.

(d) The Governor shall designate a chairperson of the commission from among the members, which chairperson shall serve in that position at the pleasure of the Governor. The commission may elect such other officers and committees as it considers appropriate.

(e) The commission, with the approval of the Governor, may employ such professional, technical, or clerical personnel as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

15-21-224.

Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall receive the same expense allowance per day as that received by a member of the General Assembly for each day such member of the commission is in attendance at a meeting of such commission, plus either reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by public carrier or the same mileage allowance for use of a personal car in connection with such attendance as members of the General Assembly receive. Such expense and travel allowance shall be paid in lieu of any per diem, allowance, or other remuneration now

received by any such member for such attendance. Expense allowances and other costs authorized in this Code section shall be paid from moneys in the fund.

15-21-225.

(a) The commission shall:

(1) Meet at such times and places as it shall determine necessary or convenient to perform its duties on the call of the chairperson or the Governor;

(2) Maintain minutes of its meetings;

(3) Adopt rules and regulations for the transaction of its business;

(4) Accept applications for disbursements of available money from the fund;

(5) Develop a state-wide protocol for helping to coordinate the delivery of services to sexually exploited victims;

(6) Provide oversight and accountability for any program that receives disbursements from the fund;

(7) Maintain records of all its expenditures, funds received as gifts and donations, and disbursements made from the fund; and

(8) Conform to the standards and requirements prescribed by the state accounting officer pursuant to Chapter 5B of Title 50.

(b) The commission shall utilize existing state resources and staff of participating departments whenever practicable.

15-21-226.

The commission may recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly changes in state programs, laws, policies, budgets, and standards relating to the care and rehabilitation of sexually exploited victims, changes to improve coordination among state agencies that provide care and rehabilitative and social services to sexually exploited victims, and changes to improve the condition of sexually exploited victims who are in need of rehabilitative and social services.

15-21-227.

The commission may accept and solicit federal funds granted by Congress or executive order for the purposes of this article as well as gifts and donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations. The acceptance and use of federal funds shall not commit state funds and shall not place an obligation upon the General Assembly to continue the purposes for which the federal funds are made available. All such funds received in the manner described in this Code section shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the fund to be disbursed as other moneys in the fund.

15-21-228.

(a) In every case in which any court in this state imposes a fine, including costs, for trafficking a person for sexual servitude in violation of Code Section 16-5-46 or any violation of Code Section 16-6-10, 16-6-11, 16-6-12, 16-6-15, 16-6-16, or 16-12-100, there shall be imposed an additional penalty of $2,500.00 if the defendant was 18 years

of age or older at the time of the offense.

(b) The penalty provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be in addition to any amount required to be paid into any pension, annuity, or retirement fund under Title 47 or any other law and in addition to any other amounts provided for in this chapter.

(c) The penalty provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be assessed and collected by the clerk or court officer charged with the duty of collecting moneys arising from fines and shall be paid over by the last day of the following month to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority for remittance to the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission, to be deposited into the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund.

(d) Any person whose duty it is to collect and remit the penalty provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section who intentionally refuses to so remit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(e)(1) In addition to the costs and fees assessed in subsections (a) through (c) of this Code section, an individual who is a victim of a violation of Code Section 16-5-46 shall have a cause of action against any perpetrator and may recover damages and reasonable attorney's fees.

(2) Upon a conviction of any of the offenses provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, any real or personal property which is, directly or indirectly, used or intended for use in any manner to facilitate such offense is declared to be contraband and subject to forfeiture in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 16 of Title 9."

SECTION 1-2.

Code Section 16-6-13.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil forfeiture of proceeds and property, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Any property which is, directly or indirectly, used or intended for use in any manner to facilitate a violation of Code Section 16-6-10, 16-6-11, ~~or~~ 16-6-12, or 16-5-46 and any proceeds are declared to be contraband and no person shall have a property right in them."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising Article 3 of Chapter 5, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-5-48.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Employee' means any person employed by a hotel that:

(A) Has frequent or regular interactions with guests, such as front desk staff, hotel porters, hotel concierges, restaurant waiting and bartending staff, room service staff, and temporary employees;

(B) Is in a management position; or

(C) Has access to the guests' rooms, including housekeeping staff.

(2) 'Hotel' shall have the same meaning as defined in Code Section 16-5-47.

(b) Every hotel proprietor shall require its employees to complete a training course on recognizing and reporting instances of suspected human trafficking. Such training course shall be an online course provided by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at no cost to the hotel proprietor nor employees or an alternative online or in-person training course approved by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council shall approve or deny the use of any alternative online or in-person training course within 60 days of the submission of such training course for approval.

(c) Each hotel employee shall complete the required training course described in subsection (b) of this Code section within six months of being employed by a hotel and thereafter at least once during each consecutive period of two calendar years, commencing with the date on which he or she last completed the required training course, for as long as he or she is employed by a hotel."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-6-16, relating to masturbation for hire, as follows:

"16-6-16.

(a) A person 18 years of age or older, including a masseur or masseuse, commits the offense of masturbation for hire when he or she erotically stimulates the genital organs of another, whether resulting in orgasm or not, by manual or other bodily contact exclusive of sexual intercourse or by instrumental manipulation for money or the substantial equivalent thereof.

(b) A person committing the offense of masturbation for hire shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

(b) Section 1-1 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, provided that a constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly and is ratified by the voters in the November, 2024, General Election amending the Constitution of Georgia to authorize the General Assembly to provide specific funding to the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund. If such an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia is not so ratified, Section 1-1 of this Act shall not become effective and shall stand repealed by operation of law on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Esteves of the 6th, Still of the 48th, and Strickland of the 17th offered the

following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to SB 512 (LC 39 4287S) by replacing line 17 with the following:
above a certain age; to amend Code Sections 17-10-21 and 35-3-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants and review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, respectively, so as to authorize certain relief for defendants conditionally discharged for possession of controlled substances or sentenced as a first offender; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date

By inserting between lines 201 and 202 the following:
Code Section 17-10-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants, is amended by revising paragraphs (1) and (4) and subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) A defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced, or a defendant sentenced pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2, as a direct result of the defendant being the victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46 may petition the court imposing the sentence to vacate such conviction and sentence or such sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2. Such court shall maintain the jurisdiction, power, and authority to vacate such conviction and sentence."

"(4) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, consents in writing to the vacatur of such conviction or fails to respond to such petition within 30 days of service, the court imposing the conviction and sentence or sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 shall, without notice or hearing, issue an order vacating the conviction and sentence and shall also issue an order restricting access to criminal history record information for such offense.

(5)(A) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, objects in writing to the petition, the court shall hold a hearing within 90 days of the filing of the petition. The court shall hear evidence and determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the defendant committed such offense as a direct result of being the victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46. If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the defendant committed such offense as a direct result of being the victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46, the court may issue an order vacating the conviction and sentence or sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2. The vacatur of a sentence under this chapter or a sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 shall result in the discharge and dismissal of the action."

SECTION 3-2.

Code Section 35-3-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations,

written application requesting review, and inspection, is amended by revising subparagraphs (A), (C), and (D) of paragraph (6) of subsection (j) as follows:

"(6)(A) A defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced, or a defendant sentenced pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2, while such individual was a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46 may petition the court imposing the sentence to restrict such conviction and sentence or such sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2. Such court shall maintain the jurisdiction, power, and authority to restrict such conviction and sentence."

"(C) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, consents in writing to the restriction of such conviction and sentence or fails to respond to such petition within 30 days of service, the court imposing the conviction and sentence or sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 shall, without notice or hearing, issue an order restricting ~~the conviction and sentence~~ access to the criminal history record of such offense.

(D) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, objects in writing to the petition, the court shall determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the defendant committed such offense while such individual was a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46. If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the defendant committed such offense while such individual was a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46, the court may issue an order restricting ~~the conviction and sentence~~ access to the criminal history record of such offense. The court shall hold a hearing within 90 days of the filing of the petition to hear evidence for purposes of making a determination under this subparagraph or make a determination upon the pleadings or record."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

By replacing "**SECTION 3-2.**" *on line 210 with* "**SECTION 4-2.**".

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Esteves amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent

Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 55, nays 0.

SB 512, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 395. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Watson of the 11th, Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize the possession of opioid antagonists in schools; to define a term; to authorize schools to maintain a stock supply of opioid antagonists; to authorize trained school personnel to administer opioid antagonists and carry opioid antagonists on their person; to provide for immunity; to provide for activation of the emergency medical services system and notification of emergency contacts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 395:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize the possession of opioid antagonists in schools; to define a term; to authorize

schools to maintain a stock supply of opioid antagonists; to authorize trained school personnel to administer opioid antagonists and carry opioid antagonists on their person; to provide for immunity; to provide for activation of the emergency medical services system and notification of emergency contacts; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Wesley's Law."

SECTION 2.

Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-776.5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'opioid antagonist' means a drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effect of opioids acting on those receptors, including, but not limited to, naloxone, hydrochloride, or any other similarly acting drug that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid related overdose.

(b) No student, visitor, or school employee shall be prohibited from possessing an opioid antagonist on school property or at a school sponsored activity.

(c) All local school systems or public schools, including charter schools, shall acquire and maintain a supply of opioid antagonists in any secure location where an individual may have an opioid overdose; provided, however, that, if there occurs a shortage of opioid antagonists, the local school systems or public schools, including charter schools, shall make a reasonable effort to maintain a supply of opioid antagonists. Any such supply shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(d) Any school personnel may administer an opioid antagonist to any person who the school personnel believes in good faith to be experiencing an opioid overdose:

(1) While in school;

(2) While at a school sponsored activity;

(3) While under the supervision of school personnel; or

(4) Before or after normal school activities, such as while in before-school or after-school care on school operated property.

(e) School personnel shall be authorized to carry an opioid antagonist on his or her person while in school, at a school sponsored activity, or on school operated property.

(f) Any school personnel who in good faith administers or chooses not to administer an opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section shall be immune from civil liability or professional discipline for any act or omission to act related to the administration of an opioid antagonist, except that such immunity shall not apply to an act of willful or wanton misconduct.

(g) Upon the administration of any opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section, the local school system or public school, including charter schools, shall immediately activate the emergency medical services system and notify the student's parent, guardian, or emergency contact or notify such other individual's emergency contact, if known.
(h) A local school system or public school, including a charter school, shall be immune from civil liability for an act or omission to act related to the implementation of the provisions of this Code section, except for a willful or wanton failure to comply with such provisions."

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to SB 395 (LC 49 1776S):

by inserting "recklessness, or gross negligence" after "misconduct," on line 43.

By replacing "for a willful or wanton" with "where such" on line 50.

By inserting "is willful or wanton, reckless, or grossly negligent" on line 51.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend Amendment #1 to SB 395 by:
Inserting a comma before "recklessness" on line 1.

On the adoption of amendment #1A, there were no objections, and the McLaurin amendment #1A to amendment #1 was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #1 as amended, there were no objections, and the Dixon amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

SB 395, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 414. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to prohibit the collecting of certain personal information; to prohibit the release of certain personal information; to create exceptions; to exclude certain information from state open records laws; to create the crime of improper collection or disclosure of personal information; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 414:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to prohibit the collecting of certain personal information; to prohibit the release of certain personal information; to create exceptions;

to exclude certain information from state open records laws; to create the crime of improper collection or disclosure of personal information; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Personal Privacy Protection Act."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

50-18-160.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Nonprofit organization' means an entity that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, has submitted an application with the Internal Revenue Service for recognition of an exemption under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, an entity registered as a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' a charitable trust under Code Section 53-12-170, a charitable organization as defined by Code Section 43-17-2, or a religious organization as defined by Code Section 43-17-2.

(2) 'Person' means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company, an association, a joint-stock company, a trust, or any unincorporated organization.

(3) 'Personal information' means any list, record, register, registry, roll, roster, or other compilation of data of any kind that directly or indirectly identifies a person as a member, supporter, volunteer, or donor of financial or nonfinancial support to a nonprofit organization.

(4) 'Public agency' means any department, division, board, bureau, commission, system, or other agency of state government or any state authority; any local board, county, municipal corporation, commission, council, school district, or political subdivision of the state or any local authority; and any office, agency, or court provided for under Title 15.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and subject to the limitations in subsection (d) of this Code section, a public agency shall not:

(1) Require any individual or nonprofit organization to provide the public agency with personal information or otherwise compel the release of personal information;

(2) Release, publicize, or otherwise publicly disclose personal information in possession of the public agency; or

(3) Request or require a current or prospective contractor or grantee with the public

agency to provide a list of nonprofit organizations to which the current or prospective contractor or grantee has provided financial or nonfinancial support.

(c) Subject to the limitations in subsection (d) of this Code section, personal information shall not be subject to Article 4 of this chapter, relating to open records.

(d) Subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) Any report or disclosure required by Chapter 5 of Title 21;

(2) Any lawful warrant for personal information issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(3) A lawful request for discovery of personal information in litigation if both of the following conditions are met:

(A) The requestor demonstrates a compelling need for the personal information by clear and convincing evidence; and

(B) The requestor obtains a protective order barring disclosure of personal information to any person not named in the litigation;

(4) Admission of personal information as evidence before a court of competent jurisdiction. However, such evidence shall be made part of the record under seal, and no court shall unseal such personal information absent a specific finding of good cause;

(5) A public body or agency from collecting or releasing personal information that was voluntarily released by the person or voluntarily released by the nonprofit organization to the public;

(6) A collection of information disclosing the identity of any director, officer, registered agent, or incorporator of a nonprofit organization in any report or disclosure required by statute to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code';

(7) Disclosure of personal information derived from a donation to a nonprofit organization that is affiliated with a public agency and required by statute, if the individual has not previously requested anonymity from the nonprofit organization;

(8) Any lawful request for personal information issued during an investigation pursuant to Chapter 17 of Title 43, the 'Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act of 1988';

(9) A collection of information disclosing the identifying information of any executive officers, directors, trustees, or executive personnel of a charitable organization in any registration statement, report, or disclosure required by statute or rule pursuant to Chapter 17 of Title 43, the 'Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act of 1988';

(10) Collection of information on any return, form, report, statement, or disclosure required for purposes of tax administration authorized by statute and pursuant to the express statutory authority granted to the Department of Revenue, provided that such information shall only be used in connection with the specific return, form, report, statement, or disclosure to which the request relates;

(11) Disclosure of personal information to the Department of Banking and Finance to conduct regulatory oversight of chartered and licensed entities pursuant to express statutory authority under Chapter 1 of Title 7, the 'Financial Institutions Code of Georgia'; and

(12) Collection and use of personal information by the Department of Human Services

for purposes authorized in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49 and as permitted by statute, rule, or regulation for purposes of administration of programs and services, regulatory oversight, and ensuring compliance by prospective and approved contractors.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall apply to a national securities association that is registered pursuant to Section 15A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. Section 78o-3, as amended, or any information such national securities association provides to the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 10, the 'Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008.'

(f) The provisions of this Code section may be enforced through civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief pursuant to Article I, Section II, Paragraph V of the Georgia Constitution.

(g)(1) A person who suffers injury or damages as a result of an individual's malicious or corrupt violation of this Code section may bring a civil action in superior court for damages. A successful claimant shall be awarded the actual damages of any such violation not to exceed $10,000.00. Where it is proven that the violation was willful, the plaintiff shall be entitled to recover treble damages and reasonable attorney's fees.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be construed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the state or any officer or employee thereof.

(h) An employee of a public agency who knowingly violates this Code section commits the crime of improper collection or disclosure of personal information and is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than $1,000.00, or both."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required of public records, by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (50), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (51) with "; or", and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(52) Any information, including, but not limited to, data and records, prohibited from disclosure pursuant to Code Section 50-18-160."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 414.

Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on the Judiciary substitute to SB 414 (LC 49 1810S) by inserting at the end of line 22 the following:

Such term shall not include any public agency.

By deleting line 83.

By deleting the period at the end of line 87 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

; and

(13) Collection and use of personal information by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for purposes authorized in Title 37 and as permitted by statute, rule, or regulation for purposes of administration of programs and services, regulatory oversight, and ensuring compliance by prospective and approved contractors.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Kennedy amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 22.

SB 414, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 425. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the regulation of the practice of law and general provisions regarding notaries public, respectively, so as to provide for the modernization of certain legal, notarial, and court services using electronic means; to provide for criminal penalties and civil liability, including compensatory and other damages; to provide for class action lawsuits; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 425:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of the practice of law and general provisions regarding notaries public, respectively, so as to provide for the modernization of certain legal, notarial, and court services using electronic means; to allow an attorney to conduct a real estate closing for property in this state using electronic means under certain conditions; to clarify the definition of the practice of law; to provide for definitions; to prohibit witness-only closings; to prohibit the unauthorized practice of law; to provide for certain notarial acts to be performed remotely using electronic means when certain requirements are satisfied; to provide for requirements and exemptions; to permit the use of an electronic seal of office; to provide for penalties, liability, remedies, and relief; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
Real estate closing using electronic means
SECTION 1-1.

The General Assembly recognizes that the Supreme Court of Georgia, in the exercise of its authority to govern the practice of law in this state, has issued several opinions addressing real estate closings and the practice of law, including, but not limited to, Formal Advisory Opinion No. 86-5 (86-R9) (May 12, 1989), Formal Advisory Opinion No. 00-3 (February 11, 2000), In re: Formal Advisory Opinion No. 00-3 (November 10, 2003), Formal Advisory Opinion No. 04-1 (August 6, 2004), In re: Formal Advisory Opinion No.

13-1 (September 22, 2014), UPL Advisory Opinion No. 2003-2 (April 22, 2003), and In re: UPL Advisory Opinion No. 2003-2 (November 10, 2003). The General Assembly finds that it is in the public's interest to codify the rulings of such opinions on what constitutes the unauthorized practice of law as it pertains to real estate closings in this state.

SECTION 1-2.

Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of the practice of law, is amended by revising Code Section 15-19-50, relating to "practice of law" defined, as follows:

"15-19-50.

(a) The practice of law in this state is defined as:

(1) Representing litigants in court and preparing pleadings and other papers incident to any action or special proceedings in any court or other judicial body;

(2) Conveyancing, including the transfer of ownership of real property located in this state or any act in a real estate closing that constitutes the practice of law;

(3) The preparation of legal instruments of all kinds whereby a legal right is secured;

(4) The rendering of opinions as to the validity or invalidity of titles to real or personal property;

(5) The giving of any legal advice; and

(6) Any action taken for others in any matter connected with the law.

(b) Nothing in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall prohibit acts taken by an individual or entity representing themselves in the purchase or sale of real estate property located in this state.

(c) In the event of a conflict between the terms of this article and any ruling of the Supreme Court of Georgia as to the practice of law or the unauthorized practice of law, such ruling shall control."

SECTION 1-3.

Said article is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"15-19-50.1.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'In person electronic notarization' means a notarial act in which: the signatory appears in front of and is identified by the notary in the same physical location at the time of notarization; the document is presented in a digital format and signed using an electronic signature; the notary witnesses the act of signing the document; and the notary uses an electronic seal and signature to notarize the document.

(2) 'Real estate closing' refers to the actual settlement of the conveyance of the title to a one-to-four family residential real property located in this state from one party to another party. The actual settlement of the conveyance of title to any property other than a one-to-four family residential real property shall not constitute a real estate closing for purposes of this article.

(3) 'Real estate closing using electronic means' refers to the continuous, interconnected series of events through all acts that are part of a real estate closing that are conducted

in whole or in part using electronic means as provided for in Code Section 15-19-50.2.
(4) 'Security instrument' means any written document presented for recording for the purpose of conveying or creating a lien or encumbrance on real estate for the purpose of securing a promissory note, guaranty, or other instrument.
(5) 'Technology provider' means an individual or entity that offers the services of a tamper-evident technology for electronic notarial acts.
(6) 'Witness-only closing' means a real estate closing in which an attorney presides over the execution of deeds of conveyance and other closing documents but purports to do so merely as a witness and notary and not as someone who is practicing law.

15-19-50.2.
(a) Any witness-only closing shall be unlawful in this state.
(b) An attorney conducting any real estate closing shall:
(1) Be licensed and present in this state at the time of such closing;
(2) Directly supervise and be responsible for the entirety of such closing, including all employees, agents, and contractors who assist the attorney with such closing;
(3) Perform any and all duties otherwise required by law and by the rules and opinions of the Supreme Court of Georgia; and
(4) Comply with subsection (c) of this Code section if conducting a real estate closing using electronic means.
(c) In any real estate closing using electronic means, the participants shall have the following duties:
(1) The attorney shall:
(A) Obtain consent from all participants to such closing, including any mortgage lender, to the use of electronic means to facilitate such closing prior to such closing;
(B) Utilize two-way audio-video communication technology that is sufficiently secure to prevent interference with the authenticity, integrity, and security of all documents for such closing;
(C) Confirm the identity of any signatory through knowledge based authentication or the presentation of a government issued form of identification and credential analysis;
(D) Ensure that two-way audio-video communication technology records such closing and that such recording contains the following:
(i) The date and time of such closing, including any notarial act;
(ii) A description of the documents that are being notarized;
(iii) An attestation that the attorney is physically located in this state at the time of such closing; and
(iv) A clear image of any government issued identification that was used to verify the identity of each participant;
(E) Conduct only one real estate closing using electronic means at a time;
(F) Certify that the copy of the electronic record is an accurate copy of such record; and
(G) Retain possession of all electronic documents, a copy of the audio-video recording, and other records of such closing for at least six years;

(2) The witness shall:

(A)(i) Be in the same physical location as the signatory, able to see, hear, and communicate with the signatory, and able to witness the signature; or

(ii) Be present in this state and able to see, hear, and communicate with the signatory and witness the signature through two-way audio-video communication technology;

(B) Witness the signatory sign the document; and

(C) Immediately sign the document as a witness; and

(3) The notary public shall:

(A) Be the attorney conducting such closing and shall provide his or her bar number on each notarized document;

(B) Be present in this state;

(C) Be able to see, hear, and communicate with the signatory and witness the signature by being in the same physical location for an in person electronic notarization or by using two-way audio-video communication technology for a real estate closing using electronic means;

(D) Witness the signatory sign the document; and

(E) Immediately notarize the document using an electronic seal compliant with the provisions of Code Section 45-17-6.

(d) Any person, including, but not limited to, a notary public, a technology provider, a mortgage lender or its affiliates, employees, agents, and attorneys, or an attorney or the attorney's employee or agent, that willfully and knowingly aids or abets another person in violating the provisions of this Code section shall, upon the first or second conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that, upon a third or subsequent conviction, such person shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine of at least $20,000.00, or both."

SECTION 1-4.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-19-51, relating to unauthorized practice of law forbidden, as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a duly licensed attorney at law:

(1) To practice or appear as an attorney at law for any person other than himself or herself in any court of this state or before any judicial body;

(2) To make it a business to practice as an attorney at law for any person other than himself or herself in any of such courts;

(3) To hold himself or herself out to the public or otherwise to any person as being entitled to practice law;

(4) To render or furnish legal services or advice;

(5) To furnish attorneys or counsel;

(6) To render legal services of any kind in actions or proceedings of any nature;

(7) To assume or use or advertise the title of 'lawyer,' 'attorney,' 'attorney at law,' or equivalent terms in any language in such manner as to convey the impression that he or she is entitled to practice law or is entitled to furnish legal advice, services, or counsel; ~~or~~

(8) To advertise that either alone or together with, by, or through any person, whether a duly and regularly admitted attorney at law or not, he or she has, owns, conducts, or maintains an office for the practice of law or for furnishing legal advice, services, or counsel; or

(9) To perform any act that constitutes the practice of law under the law or under the rules and opinions of the Supreme Court of Georgia."

SECTION 1-5.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 15-19-58, relating to injunctive relief, venue, procedure, and other remedies not curtailed, as follows:

"15-19-58.

(a) The Attorney General, any district attorney, ~~Either~~ the State Bar of Georgia, the Judicial Council of this state, any attorney, or any organized bar association of this state is authorized to institute in the proper superior court of this state an action or actions seeking injunctive relief, civil penalties of at least $20,000.00 per violation, restitution for an ascertainable loss caused by such violation, and investigative costs, reasonable expenses, and attorney and witness fees, against any person, firm, or corporation, ~~when it determines~~ after an investigation determines that such person, firm, or corporation:

(1) Is engaged in the unauthorized or unlawful practice of law;

(2) Reserved;

(3) Is in ~~In~~ violation of Code Section 15-19-55 or rules promulgated by the Supreme Court, ~~is~~ by reason of orally or ~~by~~ in writing, for a consideration then or afterwards to be charged or received by himself or herself or another, offering or tendering to another person, without the solicitation of such other person, the services of an attorney at law, resident or nonresident of this state, in order for the attorney to institute an action or represent the person in the courts of this or any other state or of the United States in the enforcement or collection by law of any claim, debt, or demand of any such person against another or is suggesting or urging the bringing of the action; or

(4) Is engaged in the practice of seeking out and proposing to other persons that they present and urge through any attorney at law the collection of any claim, debt, or demand of such person against another.

(b) The venue of any action authorized by this Code section shall be determined by the constitutional and statutory provisions relating to cases in equity.

(c) The hearing, interlocutory or final, and the trial of actions authorized by this Code section shall be governed by the laws of this state relating to injunctions, as shall appeals from orders or judgments therein.

(d) In any action brought under this Code section, the final judgment, if in favor of the plaintiff, shall perpetually enjoin the defendant or defendants from the commission or continuance of the act or acts complained of. Restraining orders or temporary injunctions may be granted as in other cases in which injunctive relief is sought. Any person who willfully or knowingly violates the terms of an injunction, judgment, or consent order entered under the provisions of this Code section shall forfeit and pay to the state a civil penalty of at least $40,000.00 per violation of such injunction, judgment, or consent

order, and investigative costs, reasonable expenses, and attorney and witness fees.

(e) This Code section and Code Section 15-19-57 shall not repeal or curtail any remedy provided in cases of unauthorized or unlawful practice of law, and nothing contained in these Code sections shall be construed as abridging the powers of the courts in such matters."

SECTION 1-6.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 15-19-60, relating to consumer action for damages for violations, as follows:

"15-19-60.

(a) Any consumer who is a party to a ~~one-to-four family residential~~ real estate ~~transaction~~ closing, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-19-50.1, or a consumer debtor or a trustee of a consumer debtor in a bankruptcy case that involves a ~~one-to-four family residential real property~~ real estate closing who is damaged by a violation of this article or a violation of the Supreme Court's rules or opinions governing the unlicensed practice of law shall be entitled to maintain a civil action to recover damages, treble damages, reasonable ~~attorney's~~ attorney and witness fees, and expenses of litigation. A claim for a violation of this Code section shall be asserted in an individual action only and shall not be the subject of a class action under Code Section 9-11-23. This Code section shall not prevent the activities authorized by Code Section 15-19-52, 15-19-53, 15-19-54, 15-19-59 or 43-40-25.1.

(b) Any buyer, seller, or borrower that is or was a party to a real estate closing in which any person involved in such closing engaged in conduct constituting the unauthorized or unlawful practice of law shall be entitled to maintain a civil action to recover damages. Such damages shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Actual monetary losses incurred by the plaintiff as a result of a violation of the provisions this article, or $1,000.00 in damages for each such violation, whichever is greater;

(2) Any expenses paid by the plaintiff for the services of any person or entity that violated the provisions of this article; and

(3) De minimis or nominal damages incurred by the plaintiff as a result of a violation of the provisions of this article.

(c) In addition to any other penalties provided for by law, if the court finds that the defendant willfully or knowingly violated the provisions of this article in connection with a real estate closing, the court may, in its discretion, increase the award to an amount equal to not more than ten times the amount available under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section. The court shall consider the frequency and persistence of noncompliance by the defendant, the nature of such noncompliance, the extent to which such noncompliance was intentional, the number of persons or sales impacted by the violation, the impact of the judgment, and the resources of the defendant.

(d) Any person, including, but not limited to, a notary public, a technology provider, a mortgage lender or its affiliates, employees, agents, and attorneys, or an attorney or the attorney's employee or agent, that, while participating in a real estate closing, engages in

conduct that constitutes the unauthorized or unlawful practice of law, willfully or knowingly aids and abets another person in committing such conduct, or otherwise violates the provisions of this article regulating real estate closings shall be liable for damages resulting from such conduct.

(e) When the loan agreement utilized in a real estate closing contains an arbitration clause and the mortgage lender or such lender's agent engages in conduct that constitutes the unauthorized or unlawful practice of law or an unlawful notarial act, the arbitration clause shall not be enforceable to the extent it restricts or excludes damages or remedies that would be available to the plaintiff in court.

(f) The court may provide such equitable relief it deems necessary or proper, including enjoining the defendants from further violations of the provisions of this article.

(g) In a successful action to enforce the provisions of this Code section, a court shall award the plaintiff costs, including reasonable attorney and witness fees.

(h) A person shall not be held liable for damages in any action brought under this article if the person shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the violation was not willful or knowing or resulted from a bona fide error notwithstanding the maintenance of procedures implemented to avoid such error.

(i) A cause of action brought under this Code section may be filed in any court of competent jurisdiction within this state without regard to the amount in controversy. Such cause of action shall be filed within one year from the date on which the violation occurred or the date of discovery of the violation, whichever is later."

PART II

Notarization using electronic means

SECTION 2-1.

Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding notaries public, is amended by revising Code Section 45-17-9, relating to where notarial acts may be exercised, as follows:

"45-17-9.

(a) Notarial acts may be exercised in any county in the state, provided that the notary public shall be physically located in this state and the notarial act is performed in the physical presence of the notary public as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section or is performed remotely as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(b) Any notarial act to be performed in the physical presence of the notary public shall take place in the same physical location and at the same time and close enough for the notary public to see, hear, communicate with, and exchange tangible identification credentials with the individual whose act is being notarized.

(c) Any notarial act to be performed remotely shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The notary public shall use real-time two-way audio-video communication technology that allows the parties to see, hear, and communicate with each other and is sufficiently secure to prevent interference with the authenticity, integrity, and security of the transaction, corruption or loss of the recording of the transaction, and

unauthorized use of or tampering with the recording, record, and backup record;

(2) The signatory shall be physically located in the United States or one of its territories or military bases or at a United States embassy, consulate, or diplomatic mission location and present evidence of his or her identity and location;

(3) The notary public shall witness the signature;

(4) The notary public shall document evidence of the acts provided for in paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection; and

(5) The notarial act shall not be performed to:

(A) Create or execute a will, codicil, or testamentary trust; or

(B) Notarize the signature on any security instrument, deed, or other real estate document executed for the conveyance of real property located in this state in connection with a real estate closing, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-19-50.1, whether or not such security instrument, deed, or other real estate document is recorded, except as provided for in Code Section 15-19-50.2.

(d) A notary public may use an electronic seal of office to perform a notarial act as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section or to perform an in-person electronic notarization in a real estate closing using electronic means as provided for in Code Section 15-19-50.2. Such electronic seal of office shall comply with the provisions of Code Section 45-17-6.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall invalidate an in-person notarial act performed in the physical presence of the notary public that occurs in another state that complies with such state's regulations for an in-person notarial act performed in the physical presence of the notary public or a notarial act that occurs outside the limits of the United States that complies with the provisions of Article 2 of this chapter."

SECTION 2-2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-17-20, relating to penalty and prosecution of violations of article, as follows:

"45-17-20.

(a) Any person who violates subsection (d) of Code Section 45-17-8 ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor~~ or performs any notarial act without complying with the provisions of this article shall, upon a first or second conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that, upon a third or subsequent conviction, such person shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine of at least $20,000.00, or both.

(b) Any person ~~who performs any notarial service without complying with the provisions of this article shall, upon the~~, including, but not limited to, a notary public, a technology provider, a mortgage lender or its affiliates, employees, agents, and attorneys, or an attorney or the attorney's employee or agent, that willfully and knowingly aids or abets another person in violating the provisions of this article, including, but not limited to, directing the performance of an unauthorized notarial act, shall, upon a first or second conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor ~~and~~; provided, however, that, upon a third or subsequent conviction, such person shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by

imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine of ~~up to $5,000.00~~ at least $20,000.00, or both."

SECTION 2-3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"45-17-21.

(a) Any person, including, but not limited to, a notary public, a technology provider, a mortgage lender or its affiliates, employees, agents, and attorneys, or an attorney or the attorney's employee or agent, that, while participating in a real estate closing involving property located in this state, engages in conduct that constitutes an unlawful notarial act, knowingly aids and abets another person in committing an unlawful notarial act, or otherwise violates the provisions of this article regulating real estate closings shall be liable for damages resulting from such illegal conduct.

(b) Any buyer, seller, or borrower that is or was party to a real estate closing, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-19-50.1, involving property located in this state in which any person engaged in an unlawful notarial act or other violation of the provisions of this article shall be entitled to maintain a civil action to recover damages. Such damages shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Actual monetary losses incurred by the plaintiff as a result of a violation of the provisions of this article, or $1,000.00 in damages for each such violation, whichever is greater;

(2) Any expenses paid by the plaintiff for the services of any person or entity that violated the provisions of this article; and

(3) De minimis or nominal damages incurred by the plaintiff as a result of a violation of the provisions of this article.

(c) In addition to penalties provided for in this article, if the court finds that the defendant willfully or knowingly violated the provisions of this article, the court may, in its discretion, increase the award to any amount equal to not more than ten times the amount available under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) When the loan agreement utilized in a real estate closing contains an arbitration clause and the mortgage lender or such lender's agent engages in conduct that constitutes an unlawful notarial act, the arbitration clause shall not be enforceable to the extent it restricts or excludes damages or remedies that would be available to the plaintiff in court.

(e) The court may provide such equitable relief it deems necessary or proper, including invalidating any security instrument executed in violation of Code Section 45-17-9 in connection with the sale of the real estate property at issue and enjoining the defendants from further violations of the provisions of this article.

(f) In a successful action to enforce the provisions of this Code section, a court shall award the plaintiff costs, including reasonable attorney and witness fees.

(g) A cause of action brought under this Code section may be filed in any court of competent jurisdiction within this state without regard to the amount in controversy. Such cause of action shall be filed within one year from the date on which the violation occurred or the date of discovery of the violation, whichever is later."

PART III

Effective date and repealer

SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 4.

SB 425, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 12:14 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 1:15 p.m.

At 1:38 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1280. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Reese of the 140th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Muscogee County School District, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1086), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 20, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6629), so as to revise how vacancies on said board are filled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1281. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Reese of the 140th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1282. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Reese of the 140th and Buckner of the 137th:

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

HB 1319. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Hong of the 103rd, Mughal of the 105th, McCollum of the 30th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 6, 2005, (Ga. L. 2005 p. 3893), so as to lower the age for the exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1320. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Hong of the 103rd, Mughal of the 105th, McCollum of the 30th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $22,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of the City of Buford, approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3890), so as to increase the exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1347. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

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

SB 345. By Senator Walker III of the 20th:

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

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 589. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, so as to require certain financial disclosures from entities performing work related to fiscal notes; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 839. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hutchinson of the 106th, Cooper of the 45th, Powell of the 33rd and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Social Work Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists to administer the compact in this state; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 846. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to annually notify employees whether social security taxes will be withheld from their pay and whether they are eligible to be included in certain benefits, pension, or retirement plans; to provide for public school employees to receive information regarding pension and retirement plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 924. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Knight of the 134th, Cooper of the 45th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to prohibit insurers from discriminating against certain healthcare facilities and providers in connection with the procurement, delivery, and administration of provider administered drugs; to provide for definitions; to provide for violation; to provide for construction; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 926. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Mainor of the 56th, Greene of the 154th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for issuance of certificates by a court for purposes of demonstrating rehabilitation and good moral character; to amend Code Section 24-4-419 of the O.C.G.A., relating to admissibility of criminal history record information of an employee or former employee; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses; to amend Code Section 44-5-150 of the O.C.G.A., relating to search and notification for information identifying anatomical gift donor status; to amend Code Section 51-1-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to presumption of due care in hiring of person pardoned or who has obtained a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1017. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Reeves of the 99th, Burchett of the 176th, Crowe of the 118th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass, so as to include when a person enters a land or premises for purposes of residing on such land or premises; to provide a short title; to provide for a definition; to provide for a violation and penalty; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to proceedings against intruders, so as to provide for the submission of a property affidavit in magistrate court; to provide that proceedings regarding a writ of possession are not required to be jury trials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1096. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Evans of the 89th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of professions and businesses, so as to establish on behalf of professional licensing boards under the jurisdiction of the office of the Secretary of State a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to require compliance with continuing education requirements prior to the issuance of certain licenses; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal

conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1122. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Ballard of the 147th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary and elementary education, so as to provide for funding requirements to apply to local education agencies; to provide for one superintendent for each state charter school; to provide for funding for local and state charter school principals; to increase opportunities for students to attend and be enrolled in the public schools where their parents or guardians are employed, including charter schools, regardless of school attendance zone or school system residency; to limit the application of certain state charter school conflict of interest provisions to executive-level employees, rather than all employees, of local boards of education or local school systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1223. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Petrea of the 166th, Prince of the 132nd, Jackson of the 128th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the 'Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976,' so as to provide for a new prohibited act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1283. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding the juvenile code, so as to revise a provision relating to the use of a deadly weapon; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 1052. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 145th, Huddleston of the 72nd, McCollum of the 30th, Meeks of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bona fide conservation use property, residential transitional property, application procedures, penalties for breach of covenant, classification on tax digest, and annual report, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1116. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Stephens of the 164th, Houston of the 170th, Blackmon of the 146th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to extend the sunset date for the historic home portion of the tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to extend a provision for an automatic repeal of such tax credits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1190. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Powell of the 33rd, Cheokas of the 151st, Gaines of the 120th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to authorize the division director within the office of the Secretary of State to issue licenses in instances when the requirements for licensure have been met and the professional licensing board fails to act within a certain time period; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1201. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Smith of the 18th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 17-10-21 and 35-3-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants and review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, respectively, so as to provide for the vacating of sentences of victims of trafficking sentenced under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to first offenders; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1231. By Representative Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, to allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to allow academically successful students who commence a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1312. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Hagan of the 156th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023, (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), so as to extend the effective date of provisions relative to regulative authority of the Department of Agriculture and revenue and taxation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1335. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Gaines of the 120th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to revise staffing requirements for personal care homes, assisted living communities, and memory care centers; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1344. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Anulewicz of the 42nd and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, so as to allow for certain officials on the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to be represented by a delegate or agent; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services relative to children and adolescents with severe emotional problems, so as to repeal a provision relating to the submission of an annual report by the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; to

provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 437. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 11th, Strickland of the 17th and Sims of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enforce certain criminal laws; to regulate consumable hemp products; to provide for definitions; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to prohibit the sale of consumable hemp products to individuals under the age of 21 years; to require the posting of certain signs concerning the legal age to purchase consumable hemp products; to provide penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 437:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enforce certain criminal laws; to regulate consumable hemp products; to provide for definitions; to provide for the registration of laboratories; to require certificates of analysis for such products; to provide for labeling requirements; to provide for the establishment of maximum levels of contaminants in such products; to provide for inspection and testing of such products by the Department of Agriculture; to provide for penalties; to provide for the amendment of regulatory plans submitted to the secretary of agriculture of the United States; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to prohibit the sale of consumable hemp products to individuals under the age of 21 years; to prohibit the purchase or possession of consumable hemp products by individuals under the age of 21 years; to prohibit the misrepresentation of an individual's age or identification in order to purchase consumable hemp products; to require the posting of certain signs concerning the legal age to purchase consumable hemp products; to provide penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended in Code Section 2-2-13, relating to enforcement of laws and rules within jurisdiction of the Commissioner and employment of investigators, by revising subsections (a) and (d) as follows:

"(a) The Commissioner shall be vested with police powers to enforce those laws governing matters within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner or the department as provided by this title ~~and,~~ Titles 4, 10, 26, and 43, and Article 10 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and to prevent, detect, and respond to acts of bioterrorism, other terroristic acts or threats, or natural disasters affecting or potentially affecting plants, animals, products, or facilities that are subject to regulation by the department."

"(d) This Code section shall not repeal, supersede, alter, or affect the power of any other law enforcement officer of this state or of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state. At the request of the Commissioner of Agriculture, it shall be the duty of all state, county, municipal, and other law enforcement officers in this state to enforce and to assist the Commissioner and the employees and agents of the department in the enforcement of those laws governing matters within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner or the department as provided by this title ~~and,~~ Titles 4, 10, 26, and 43, and Article 10 of Chapter 12 of Title 16."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-3, relating to definitions for the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' as follows:

"2-23-3.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Commercial sale' means the sale of products in the stream of commerce at retail, at wholesale, and online.

(1.2) 'Consumable hemp product' means a hemp product intended to be ingested, absorbed, or inhaled by humans or animals.

(1.3) 'Contaminant' means a foreign substance or compound that may, if ingested, absorbed, or inhaled, have an adverse effect on the health of a human or animal. Such term shall include, without limitation, heavy metals, pesticide residues, residual solvents or processing chemicals, and any other substance or compound that the department determines could, if ingested, absorbed, or inhaled, have an adverse effect on the health of a human or animal.

(2) 'Cultivate' means to plant, water, grow, and harvest a plant or crop.

(3) 'Federally defined THC level for hemp' means a delta-9-THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis, or as defined in 7 U.S.C. Section 1639o, whichever is ~~greater~~ less.

(3.1) 'Full panel certificate of analysis' means a report, produced by a laboratory which is unaffiliated with the processor and which has been accredited pursuant to the standards of the International Organization for Standardization for the competence,

impartiality, and consistent operation of laboratories, attesting to the composition of a product.

(4) 'Handle' means to possess or store hemp plants for any period of time on premises owned, operated, or controlled by a person licensed to cultivate or permitted to process hemp, or to possess or store hemp plants in a vehicle for any period of time other than during the actual transport of such plants from the premises of a person licensed to cultivate or permitted to process hemp or a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4 to the premises of another licensed or permitted person or to a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4; provided, however, that this term shall not include possessing or storing finished hemp products.

(5) 'Hemp' means the Cannabis sativa L. plant and any part of such plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with the federally defined THC level for hemp or a lower level.

(6) 'Hemp products' means all products with the federally defined THC level for hemp derived from, or made by, processing hemp plants or plant parts that are prepared in a form available for legal commercial sale~~, but not including food products infused with THC unless approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration~~.

(7) 'Key participant' means a sole proprietor, a partner in a partnership, or a person with executive managerial control in a corporation when such sole proprietor, partnership, or corporation is an applicant to be a licensee or a permittee. A person with executive managerial control in a corporation includes persons serving as a chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, or any other individual identified in regulations promulgated by the department. This term shall not include nonexecutive managers, such as farm, field, or shift managers.

(8) 'Licensee' means an individual or business entity possessing a hemp grower license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to handle and cultivate hemp in the State of Georgia.

(9) 'Permittee' means an individual or business entity possessing a hemp processor permit issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to handle and process hemp in the State of Georgia.

(10)(A) 'Process' or 'processing,' except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, means converting an agricultural commodity into a legally marketable form.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) Merely placing raw or dried material into another container or packaging raw or dried material for resale; or

(ii) Traditional farming practices such as those commonly known as drying, shucking and bucking, storing, trimming, and curing.

(10.1) 'QR code' means a quick response code that is a type of machine-readable, two-dimensional barcode that stores information about a product.

(10.2) 'Registered laboratory' means an individual or business entity that tests or

analyzes any plant within the genus Cannabis, including but not limited to hemp, and products made from or derived from such plant, including but not limited to hemp products and consumable hemp products, and that has registered with the department under this chapter.

(11) 'Research' or 'researching' means experimental field, greenhouse, or laboratory activity for the ultimate purpose of developing new hemp varieties and products, improving existing hemp products, developing new uses for existing hemp products, or developing or improving methods for producing hemp products.

(12) 'THC' means tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination of tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-6.2.

(a) Any person desiring to perform in this state tests or analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis, including but not limited to hemp, or any product made or derived from such plant, including but not limited to hemp products and consumable hemp products, shall register with the department as a registered laboratory and pay a one-time registration fee of $250.00.

(b) Registration with the department as a registered laboratory shall be made on a form and in a manner as prescribed by the Commissioner. Such registration shall include, together with such other information as the Commissioner may require, the following information:

(1) The name of the registrant;

(2) The business address of the registrant;

(3) The complete telephone number and email address of the registrant;

(4) The location of the laboratory facility where the registrant will perform tests and analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis or any product made or derived from such plant; and

(5) If the registrant is a business entity, the name of the owner, partners, members, or shareholders of such entity.

(c) The department shall not accept a registration under this Code section unless the registrant demonstrates, to the department's satisfaction, that it is not affiliated with any licensee or permittee and has been accredited pursuant to the standards of the International Organization for Standardization for the competence, impartiality, and consistent operation of laboratories.

(d) Registrations made under this Code section shall be in connection with a single laboratory facility. For a person to perform tests or analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis or any product made or derived from such plant at multiple laboratory facilities, such person shall be required to register each such laboratory facility with the department under this Code section.

(e) A registered laboratory, or any person employed by a registered laboratory, shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or any civil penalty for possessing, or having under his

or her control, THC or marijuana, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-13-21, provided that such possession or control occurs in connection with a test or analysis performed in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter.

(f) The department shall provide by rule and regulation a procedure by which registered laboratories shall dispose of plants or products within their possession that do not comply with the provisions of this chapter or are otherwise unlawful under the laws of this state."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-9.1.

(a) No consumable hemp product shall be sold or otherwise distributed in this state unless the manufacturer has, within the last 12 months, contracted for a full panel certificate of analysis to be conducted on such product and such analysis has been conducted and made available to the public. Such full panel certificate of analysis shall, at a minimum:

(1) Attest to the presence and amount, in such product's final packaged form, of the following compounds:

(A) THC;

(B) Cannabidiol (CBD);

(C) Cannabidiolic acid (CBDA);

(D) Cannabigerol (CBG);

(E) Cannabigerolic acid (CBGA);

(F) Cannabinol (CBN);

(G) Hexahydrocannabinol (HHC); and

(H) Any other compound that the department determines is necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers; and

(2) Attest that the product, in its final packaged form, does not contain any contaminants in excess of the maximum levels established by the department. In establishing such maximum levels, the department shall consider the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia monographs or such other scientific resources that the department determines is accurate, reliable, and relevant.

(b) Any consumable hemp product sold or otherwise distributed in this state shall bear:

(1) A sticker, approved by the department, warning potential consumers that such product contains THC; and

(2) A conspicuous label providing the information from the full panel certificate of analysis conducted on such product within the last 12 months pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section or allowing a consumer to access such information using a QR code.

(c) The department shall randomly inspect and test consumable hemp products available for purchase at retail establishments to ensure compliance with this Code section. Such investigations and testing shall be conducted in compliance with this chapter and with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(d) In the event that an inspection or test of a consumable hemp product conducted by

the department pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section reveals that such product:

(1) Does not bear:

(A) The sticker required under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; or

(B) The label required under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section;

(2) Has a delta-9-THC concentration that exceeds the federally defined THC level for hemp;

(3) Contains one or more contaminants in excess of the maximum levels established by the department; or

(4) Has a composition that is materially different from what is shown on the full panel certificate of analysis conducted on such product within the last 12 months pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section,

such product and all related consumable hemp products shall be disposed of in compliance with this chapter and with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(e) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 2-23-11, relating to plan for regulation of hemp production and approval, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) The department may submit an amended plan to the secretary of agriculture of the United States if or when required by any amendment to this chapter, the rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter, or any federal law or regulation."

SECTION 6.

Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 10

16-12-240.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Consumable hemp product' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 2-23-3.

(2) 'Person' means any natural person or any firm, partnership, company, corporation, or other entity.

(3) 'Proper identification' means any document issued by a governmental agency that contains a description of an individual, such individual's photograph, or both; provides such individual's date of birth; and includes, without limitation, a passport, military identification card, driver's license, or an identification card authorized under Code Sections 40-5-100 through 40-5-104; provided, however, that such term shall not

include a birth certificate.

16-12-241.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly sell, furnish, or cause to be furnished, directly or through another person, any consumable hemp product to any individual under the age of 21 years.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any individual under the age of 21 years to knowingly:

(1) Purchase, attempt to purchase, or possess any consumable hemp product; or

(2) Misrepresent his or her identity or age or use any false identification for the purpose of obtaining, or attempting to obtain, any consumable hemp product.

(c)(1) The prohibition contained in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply with respect to the sale of any consumable hemp product by a person when such person has been furnished with proper identification showing that the individual to whom the consumable hemp product is to be sold or furnished is 21 years of age or older.

(2) In any case where a reasonable or prudent person could reasonably be in doubt as to whether or not the individual to whom any consumable hemp product is to be sold or furnished is 21 years of age or older, it shall be the duty of the person selling or furnishing such consumable hemp product to request to see and to be furnished with proper identification in order to verify the age of such individual. The failure to make such request and verification in any case where the individual to whom any consumable hemp product is sold or furnished is under the age of 21 years may be considered by the trier of fact in determining whether the person who sold or furnished such consumable hemp product did so knowingly.

(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit any individual under the age of 21 years from dispensing, serving, selling, or handling any consumable hemp product as part of employment in any place of business that requires such individual to dispense, serve, sell, or handle consumable hemp products.

(e) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that, upon the first conviction of a violation of subsection (b) of this Code section, such person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $500.00 and the court shall, pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of Code Section 17-10-1, allow such person to satisfy such fine through community service as set forth in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 42.

16-12-242.

(a) Any person owning or operating a place of business in which any consumable hemp product is offered for sale shall post in a conspicuous place a sign which shall contain the following statement printed in all capital letters of at least one-half inch in height:

'SALE OF CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCTS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.'

(b) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 7.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

SB 437, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 490. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the felony offense of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 490:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise penalties for the offense of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-395, relating to fleeing or attempting to elude police officer and impersonating law enforcement officer, as follows:

"40-6-395.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any driver of a vehicle willfully to fail or refuse to bring his or her vehicle to a stop or otherwise to flee or attempt to elude a pursuing police vehicle or police officer when given a visual or an audible signal to bring the vehicle to a stop. The signal given by the police officer may be by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren. The officer giving such signal shall be in uniform prominently displaying his or her badge of office, and his or her vehicle shall be appropriately marked showing it to be an official police vehicle.

(b)(1) Any person convicted of violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section ~~upon a first, second, or third conviction thereof shall be guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor and upon a fourth or subsequent conviction thereof shall be guilty of a felony and~~ shall be punished as follows:

(A) Upon the first conviction shall be ~~fined~~ guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than $1,000.00 nor more than $5,000.00, ~~and the fine shall not be subject to suspension, stay, or probation, and imprisoned~~ confinement for not less than 30 days nor more than 12 months, or both. The fine imposed pursuant to this subparagraph shall not be subject to suspension, stay, or probation. Any period of such ~~imprisonment~~ confinement in excess of 30 days may, in the sole discretion of the judge, be suspended, stayed, or probated;

(B) Upon the second conviction within a ten-year period of time, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, shall be ~~fined~~ guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than $2,500.00 nor more than $5,000.00, ~~and the fine shall not be subject to suspension, stay, or probation, and imprisoned~~ confinement for not less than 90 days nor more than 12 months, or both. The fine imposed pursuant to this subparagraph shall not be subject to suspension, stay, or probation. Any period of such ~~imprisonment~~ confinement in excess of 90 days

may, in the sole discretion of the judge, be suspended, stayed, or probated; and for purposes of this paragraph, previous pleas of nolo contendere accepted within such ten-year period shall constitute convictions; and

~~(C) Upon the third conviction within a ten-year period of time, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, shall be fined not less than $4,000.00 nor more than $5,000.00, and the fine shall not be subject to suspension, stay, or probation, and imprisoned for not less than 180 days nor more than 12 months. Any period of such imprisonment in excess of 180 days may, in the sole discretion of the judge, be suspended, stayed, or probated; and for purposes of this paragraph, previous pleas of nolo contendere accepted within such ten-year period shall constitute convictions; and~~

~~(D)~~(C) Upon the ~~fourth~~ third or subsequent conviction within a ten-year period of time, as measured from the ~~dates~~ date of any previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, shall be ~~fined~~ guilty of a felony and punished by a fine of not less than $5,000.00 nor more than $10,000.00 ~~and imprisoned~~, imprisonment for not less than ~~12 months~~ one year nor more than ten years, or both.

(2) For the purpose of imposing a sentence under this subsection, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere shall constitute a conviction.

(3) If the payment of the fine required under ~~subparagraphs~~ subparagraph (A) ~~through (C)~~ or (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection will impose an economic hardship on the defendant, the judge, at his or her sole discretion, may order the defendant to pay such fine in installments and such order may be enforced through a contempt proceeding or a revocation of any probation otherwise authorized by this subsection.

(4) Notwithstanding the limits set forth in any municipal charter, any municipal court of any municipality shall be authorized to impose the punishments provided for in subparagraphs (A) ~~through (C)~~ and B of paragraph (1) of this subsection upon a conviction of violating such subparagraphs or upon conviction of violating any ordinance adopting the provisions of such subparagraphs.

(c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (b)(1)(A) or (b)(1)(B) of this Code section, any ~~Any~~ person violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section who, while fleeing or attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle or police officer:

(1) Operates his or her vehicle in excess of 20 miles ~~an~~ per hour above the posted speed limit;

(2) Strikes or collides with another vehicle or a pedestrian;

(3) Is the proximate cause of an accident;

(4) Flees in traffic conditions which place the general public at risk of receiving serious injuries;

(5) Commits a violation of:

(A) Code Section 40-6-144;

(B) Subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-163;

(C) Subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-251;

(D) Subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-390;
(E) Subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-390.1; or
(F) Subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-391; or
(6) Leaves the state

shall be guilty of a felony ~~punishable~~ and punished by a fine of not less than $5,000.00 nor more than $10,000.00 ~~and~~, imprisonment for not less than ~~12 months~~ one year nor more than ten years, or both.

(d) Following adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence for a violation of subparagraph ~~(b)(1)(D)~~ (b)(1)(C) or subsection (c) of this Code section, the sentence shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld, and the charge shall not be reduced to a lesser offense, merged with any other offense, or served concurrently with any other offense.

(e) It shall be unlawful for a person:
(1) To impersonate a sheriff, deputy sheriff, state trooper, agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, police officer, or any other authorized law enforcement officer by using a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or blue light designed, equipped, or marked so as to resemble a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or blue light belonging to any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency; or
(2) Otherwise to impersonate any such law enforcement officer in order to direct, stop, or otherwise control traffic."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay

Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 490, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 502. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services, so as to prohibit state agencies from contracting for advertising or marketing services with certain companies or from supporting certain companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for certifications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 502:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services, so as to prohibit state agencies from contracting for advertising or marketing services with certain companies or from supporting certain companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for certifications; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-5-86.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agency' means any entity of this state, including any department, agency, division, council, bureau, board, commission, public corporation, or authority; provided, however, that such term shall not mean a political subdivision of this state.

(2) 'Company' means any sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations that exist for the purpose of making a profit or are nonprofit entities.

(3) 'Media ratings organization' means any company the function of which is to:

(A) Rate or rank news and information sources for the factual accuracy of their content; or

(B) Provide opinion on news sources regarding misinformation, bias, adherence to journalistic standards, or ethics, including, but not limited to, organizations that claim to engage in fact checking;

provided, however, that such term shall not include companies that monitor or aggregate news sources, if such companies do not engage in the activities outlined in subparagraphs (A) or (B) of this paragraph.

(b) No agency shall:

(1) Enter into any contract or other agreement with a media ratings organization or with any advertising or marketing agency that utilizes the services of a media ratings organization; or

(2) Provide support of any form, other than nondiscretionary actions otherwise required by law, to a media ratings organization.

(c)(1) An agency shall require a company that submits a bid or proposal with respect to a contract for advertising services to certify that the company is in compliance with paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(2) An agency, prior to extending, renewing, or otherwise changing or modifying an agreement or contract for advertising or marketing services in effect on the effective date of this Code section, shall obtain from the contractor a certification that the contractor is in compliance with paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent an agency from contracting for services which aggregate news articles and information relevant to the agency or its constituents or prevent a company from providing analytical information on the performance of advertisements placed by an agency."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 502.

Senator Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to SB 502 (LC 36 5798S) by replacing on line 23 "ratings" *with* "monitoring".

By inserting after "content"*on line 25 the following:*
, whether published online, in print, by audio, or digitally, or by broadcasting via radio, television, cable, streaming service, or any other ways news is delivered to the public

By inserting after "Provide" *on line 26* "ratings or an".

By replacing lines 29-31 with the following:
The term 'media monitoring organization' does not include organizations that do not engage in the activities described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph; that rate media outlets for audience size, viewership, and demographic information; or that monitor media outlets for the purposes of compiling press or video clippings or aggregating news sources for the purposes of public relations and public awareness.

By replacing on line 33 "ratings" *with* "monitoring".

By replacing on line 34 "ratings" *with* "monitoring".

By replacing on line 37 "ratings" with "monitoring".

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th, Tillery of the 19th, Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th, and others offered the following amendment #2:

Amend Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to SB 502 (LC 36 5798S) by inserting after "as" *on line 3 the following:*
to expand a prohibition on certain companies bidding on or submitting a proposal for a state contract to include all companies owned or operated by foreign adversaries;

By replacing line 11 with the following:
Services, is amended by revising paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-5-84.2, relating to contracting with companies owned by China, as follows:
"(2) ~~'Government of China' means the People's Republic of China led by the Chinese Communist Party~~ 'Foreign adversary' means:

(A) The People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (China);
(B) Republic of Cuba (Cuba);
(C) Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran);
(D) Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea);
(E) Russian Federation (Russia); and
(F) Venezuelan politician Nicolás Maduro (Maduro Regime).

(3) 'Scrutinized company' means any company owned or operated by ~~the government of China~~ a foreign adversary."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

By renumbering Section 2 as Section 3.

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Dixon amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2, there were no objections, and the Anavitarte amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery

N Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 19.

SB 502, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/29/24

I inadvertently voted yes on SB 502. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote no.

/s/ Islam Parkes of the 7th

2/29/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 502. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Kirkpatrick of the 32nd

SB 543. By Senators Brass of the 28th and Hodges of the 3rd:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bingo, so as to change certain provisions relating to bingo games operated by nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations; to remove certain limitations regarding premises on which such bingo games may be held; to change certain provisions relating to the prizes and proceeds of such bingo games; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to SB 543:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, relating to bingo, so as to provide for the operation of bingo games by certain nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations and local governments, subject to certain requirements and restrictions; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Secretary of State to issue bingo licenses to certain local governments; to provide for prohibited activities and required record keeping related to electronic bingo and electronic bingo machines; to provide for inspections; to provide for removal of defective electronic bingo machines; to provide for a penalty; to provide for rules and regulations; to remove certain limitations regarding premises on which bingo games operated by nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations may be held; to authorize the use of electronic bingo machines and bingo based games by licensed local governments at certain locations; to remove and provide exceptions to certain limitations on bingo based games operated by certain nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations and licensed local governments; to change certain provisions relating to the prizes and proceeds of certain bingo games; to amend Code Section 48-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to counties containing more than 20,000 acres of state owned land not subject to taxation, limit on amount of grants, evaluation and assessment, and procedure for billing State Forestry Commission, so as to revise grant awards to counties licensed to operate bingo games; to provide definitions; to authorize local governments to operate bingo based games to offset reduced tax collections that result from the ownership by the State of Georgia of large amounts of forest lands; to provide that certain bingo proceeds collected by such counties are remitted to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bingo, is amended by revising Code Section 16-12-50, relating to legislative intent, as follows:

"16-12-50.

(a) It is the intention of the General Assembly that, except for recreational bingo, only nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations which are properly licensed pursuant to this part shall be allowed to operate bingo games.

(b) The General Assembly recognizes that in certain counties the State of Georgia owns significant acreage of property that has been taken off of such counties' tax digests. It is the further intention of the General Assembly to provide a process and resource for those counties to mitigate the fiscal impact of not receiving tax revenue from such state owned property while also raising revenue to remove the burden of maintaining such property from the state government by authorizing certain local governments with highly impacted tax digests which are also properly licensed pursuant to this part to operate a bingo game.

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-51, relating to definitions, as

follows:

"16-12-51.

As used in this part, the term:

(.1) 'Adjusted net income' means the income generated by a bingo game operated pursuant to this part by a local government with a highly impacted tax digest less any costs associated with the administration, operation, or marketing of the bingo game.

(1) 'Bingo game' or 'nonprofit bingo game' means a game of chance played on cards or electronic bingo machines with numbered squares in which counters or indicators are placed on numbers chosen by lot and won by covering a previously specified number or order of numbered squares. A bingo game may be played manually or with an electronic ~~or computer device~~ bingo machine that stores the numbers from a player's card or cards, tracks the numbers chosen by lot when such numbers are entered by the player, and notifies the player of a winning combination; provided, however, that, except as provided for in this part, the numbers chosen by lot shall be chosen by a natural person who is physically located on the premises or property described in Code Section 16-12-57 on which the game is operated. Such words, terms, or phrases, as used in this paragraph, shall be strictly construed to include only the series of acts generally defined as bingo and shall exclude all other activity. Such term shall also include a game played on an electronic bingo machine.

(2) 'Bingo session' means a time period during which bingo games are played.

(2.1) 'Electronic bingo machine' means a stand-alone electronic or computer device on which a bingo based game is played, provided that the person playing such game is physically located within three feet of the machine and further provided that the numbers chosen in such game need not be chosen by a natural person who is physically located on the premises or property described in subsection (a) of Code Section 16-12-57 on which the game is operated.

(2.2) 'Local government with a highly impacted tax digest' means a county that meets the requirements established pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-14-1 or any municipal corporation located within such county.

(3) 'Nonprofit, tax-exempt organization' means an organization, association, corporation, or other legal entity which has been determined by the federal Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from taxation under federal tax law and which is exempt from taxation under the income tax laws of this state under Code Section 48-7-25; which is organized or incorporated in this state or authorized to do business in this state; and which uses the proceeds from any bingo games conducted or operated by such organization solely within this state.

(4) 'Operate,' 'operated,' or 'operating' means the direction, supervision, management, operation, control, or guidance of activity.

(5) 'Recreational bingo' means a bingo session operated by any person or entity at no charge to participants in which the prizes for each bingo game during the bingo session shall be noncash prizes and the total of such prizes for each such game shall not exceed the amount established pursuant to regulations established by the Secretary of State. No such noncash prize awarded in recreational bingo shall be exchanged or redeemed for

money or for any other prize with a value in excess of the amount established pursuant to regulations established by the Secretary of State. Recreational bingo shall also include a bingo session operated by a nonprofit, tax-exempt licensed operator of bingo games at no charge to participants in which the participants are senior citizens attending a function at a facility of the tax-exempt licensed organization or are residents of nursing homes, retirement homes, senior centers, or hospitals and in which the prizes for each bingo game during the bingo session shall be nominal cash prizes not to exceed $5.00 for any single prize and the total of such prizes for each such game shall not exceed the amount established pursuant to regulations established by the Secretary of State. Recreational bingo shall also include a bingo session operated by an employer with ten or more full-time employees for the purposes of providing a safe workplace incentive and in which the prizes are determined by the employer; provided, however, that no monetary consideration is required by any participant other than the employer and the employer expressly prohibits any monetary consideration from any employee. Recreational bingo shall not be considered a lottery as defined in paragraph (4) of Code Section 16-12-20 or a form of gambling as defined in Code Section 16-12-21."

SECTION 3.

Said part is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"16-12-53.1.

(a) Any local government with a highly impacted tax digest desiring to obtain a license to operate bingo games shall make application to the Secretary of State on forms prescribed by the Secretary of State and shall pay an annual fee of $1,000.00. A bingo license issued pursuant to this Code section shall be valid for ten years. Applications for renewal of a bingo license shall be submitted to the Secretary of State not less than 60 days prior to the expiration of the bingo license on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(b) Each application for a bingo license and each application for renewal of a bingo license shall contain the following information:

(1) The name and mailing address of the applicant local government entity;

(2) The names, titles, and contact information of the persons who will be supervising the operation of the bingo games for the local government entity;

(3) A statement affirming that the applicant meets the requirements established pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-14-1 or is a municipal corporation located within a county that meets such requirements;

(4) The location at which the applicant will operate the bingo games and, if the premises on which the games are to be operated are to be leased, a copy of the lease or rental agreement; and

(5) Any other necessary and reasonable information which the Secretary of State may require.

(c) The Secretary of State shall grant a bingo license to any applicant that provides fully the information required by this Code section.

16-12-53.2.

(a) No electronic bingo machine shall be sold, leased, or otherwise furnished in the State of Georgia without the Secretary of State first inspecting and testing the model of machine that is being proposed for use in order to ensure that such machine is designed and shall function for no purpose other than the game of bingo.

(b) The Secretary of State may examine and inspect any portion of an electronic bingo machine at any time. Such examination and inspection includes immediate access to any portion of the electronic bingo machine the Secretary of State determines needs to be inspected or any system that is related to such machine.

(c) If the Secretary of State detects or discovers any problem with an electronic bingo machine or its associated system that affects the security or integrity of the bingo game or the system, the Secretary of State may direct the bingo location to cease the use of the device or system as applicable. The Secretary of State may require the facility utilizing such electronic bingo machine to correct the problem or recall the device or system immediately upon notification by the Secretary of State to the licensee that is responsible for the electronic bingo game. If the bingo location detects or discovers any defect, malfunction, or problem with any component of the system, the bingo location shall immediately remove the component from use or play and immediately notify the Secretary of State of such action.

(d) A licensee utilizing electronic bingo machines and the associated system must maintain a log showing the date, model, and serial number of every machine that is in use at its facility. This information is required to be reported monthly to the Secretary of State.

(e) Each manufacturer or distributor selling electronic bingo machines and the associated system must maintain a log showing the date, model, serial number, and to whom they were sold. This information is required to be reported monthly to the Secretary of State.

(f) Each licensee utilizing electronic bingo machines must maintain a record showing the date, model number, and serial number for each machine it is utilizing. Additionally, all records, reports, and receipts relating to an electronic bingo machine or its associated system's sales, maintenance, and repairs must be retained by the entity licensed to operate an electronic bingo game.

(g) No electronic bingo location may display, use, or otherwise furnish an electronic bingo device having been marked, defaced, tampered with, or altered in any manner which may deceive the public or affect a participant's chances of winning.

(h) The participant in any electronic bingo machine shall be physically present at the electronic bingo location where the game is actually conducted and when the game is called.

(i) An electronic bingo machine shall not be capable of dispensing currency by any means or any other form of automatic payout.

(j) A licensee shall maintain a record of each payout that is made from any electronic bingo machine at its facility. The Secretary of State shall inspect such records not less than once per year. The Secretary of State may inspect the payout records required pursuant to this subsection at any time he or she deems necessary.

(k) The Secretary of State shall develop a process to maintain records and receipts for all payments made out to participants in electronic bingo. Such process shall contain, but not be limited to, receipts that include:

(1) Name of the licensee;

(2) Session number;

(3) Time and date of purchase. The circuitry and programs that maintain and control the time and date must be of the type that can only be reset by service personnel and must retain the last transaction number issued even throughout adverse conditions or power interruptions;

(4) Amount paid for the opportunity to play each game or game pack;

(5) Total amount paid; and

(6) A record of all voided transactions.

(l) In addition to any rules or regulations the Secretary of State adopts pursuant to Code Section 16-12-61, the Secretary of State shall establish rules and regulations regarding the minimum standards for electronic bingo machines.

(m) Any violation of this Code section shall be punished by a fine of no more than $5,000.00."

SECTION 4.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-57, relating to restrictions as to ownership of premises utilized, as follows:

"16-12-57.

(a) Bingo games shall be operated only on premises owned by the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization operating the bingo game, on property leased by the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization ~~and used regularly by that organization for purposes other than the operation of a bingo game~~, or on property leased by the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization operating the bingo game from another nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section to the contrary, a local government with a highly impacted tax digest licensed pursuant to this part may operate a bingo game pursuant to this part and shall be authorized to contract with a private entity to operate such bingo game. The adjusted net income from a bingo game operated pursuant to this part shall be used for a public purpose. A bingo game operated pursuant to this part may utilize one or more electronic bingo machines."

SECTION 5.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-60, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"16-12-60.

(a) A licensee that conducts or operates a bingo session shall maintain the following records for at least three years from the date on which the bingo session is conducted or operated:

(1) An itemized list of the gross receipts for each session;

(2) An itemized list of all expenses other than prizes that are incurred in the conducting

or operation of the bingo session as well as the name of each person to whom the expenses are paid and a receipt for all of the expenses;

(3) A list of all prizes awarded during the bingo session and the name and address of all persons who are winners of prizes of $50.00 or more in value;

(4) An itemized list of the recipients other than the licensee of the proceeds of the bingo game, including the name and address of each recipient to whom such funds are distributed; and

(5) A record of the number of persons who participate in any bingo session conducted or operated by the licensee.

(b) A licensee shall:

(1) Own all the equipment used to conduct or operate a bingo game or lease such equipment;

(2) Display its bingo license conspicuously at the location where the bingo game is conducted or operated;

(3) Conduct or operate bingo games only at the ~~single~~ location or locations specified in the licensee's application; and

(4) Not conduct or operate more than ~~one~~ three bingo ~~session~~ sessions during any one calendar day, ~~which~~ provided that each session shall not exceed five hours.

(c) ~~No nonprofit, tax-exempt organization shall enter into any contract with any individual, firm, association, or corporation to have such individual, firm, association, or corporation operate bingo games or concessions on behalf of the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.~~

~~(d)~~ A nonprofit, tax-exempt organization shall not lend its name nor allow its identity to be used by any individual, firm, association, or corporation in the operating or advertising of a bingo game in which said nonprofit, tax-exempt organization is not directly and solely operating the bingo game.

~~(e) It shall be unlawful for two or more nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations which are properly licensed pursuant to this part to operate bingo games jointly or to operate bingo games upon the same premises during any 18 hour period.~~

~~(f)~~(d) It shall be unlawful to award prizes in excess of ~~$3,000.00~~ $6,000.00 in cash or gifts of equivalent value during any calendar week. It shall be unlawful to exceed such limitation at any combination of locations operated by a single licensee or such licensee's agents or employees. It shall be unlawful for two or more licensees to pyramid the valuation of prizes in such manner as to exceed the limitation contained in this Code section. The term 'equivalent value' shall mean the fair market value of the gift on the date the gift is given as the prize in a bingo game.

~~(g)~~(e) No person or organization by whatever name or composition thereof shall ~~take any salary, expense money, or fees for the operation of any bingo game, except that not more than $30.00 per day may be paid to one or more individuals for assisting in the conduct of such games on such day~~ receive any of the proceeds of a bingo game; provided, however, that a commercially reasonable amount may be paid for the skill and tasks required for conducting or operating a bingo game; provided, further, that such amount is a fixed sum or fixed hourly rate agreed upon in advance and not determined as

a percentage of the proceeds.

~~(h)~~(f) No person shall pay consulting fees to any person for any services performed in relation to the ~~operation or conduct~~ conduct or operation of a bingo game.

~~(i)~~(g) A person who is a member of more than one nonprofit, tax-exempt organization shall be permitted to participate in the bingo operations of only two organizations of which such person is a member; provided, however, that such person shall not receive ~~more than $30.00 per day~~ any payment or proceeds in violation of subsection (e) of this Code section for assisting in the conduct or operation of bingo games regardless of whether such person assists both organizations in the same day.

(h) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to a local government with a highly impacted tax digest licensed pursuant to this part."

SECTION 6.

Code Section 48-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to counties containing more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land not subject to taxation, limit on amount of grants, evaluation and assessment, and procedure for billing State Forestry Commission, is amended as follows:

"48-14-1.

(a)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Bingo license' means a license granted to a qualified county pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16.

(B) 'Grant' means funds granted to a county by the State Forestry Commission for state owned land.

(C) 'Qualified county' means a county which consists of at least 50,000 acres of state owned land on which such county is not lawfully able to collect tax revenue.

(D) 'State owned land' means land in a qualified county that the State of Georgia owns from which the county receives no tax revenue.

(2) The governing authority of a qualified county may receive a grant for state owned land. The amount of funds to be granted pursuant to such grant shall not exceed the amount the qualified county would have received were the land subject to taxation during the applicable time period based on property evaluation and millage assessment.

(3) A qualified county that has a bingo license and is operating one or more bingo games shall not receive a grant pursuant to this subsection. After a qualified county has collected proceeds from its bingo game or games in an amount greater than the amount it otherwise would have been qualified to receive from a grant pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection for that fiscal year, the qualified county shall remit to the State of Georgia 5 percent of its adjusted net income from bingo games for that fiscal year.

~~Each county in which is located land belonging to the state which consists of 20,000 acres and from which the county receives no tax revenue may receive from the State Forestry Commission a grant of funds for such land. The amount of funds to be granted may not exceed the amount the county would have received were the land subject to taxation during the applicable time period based on property evaluation and millage assessment.~~

(b) Immediately upon an evaluation of the property involved and a determination of the

millage assessment for the property, the county tax official for the county involved shall bill the State Forestry Commission for the proper amount as determined under this Code section. The county tax official shall send the bill to the State Forestry Commission at the same time as the county tax bills are sent to the property owners of the county who are subject to county taxation."

SECTION 7.

For purposes of proposing rules and regulations, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. For all other purposes, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 4.

SB 543, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 547. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Still of the 48th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 547, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 542. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 44 of the Official Code

of Georgia Annotated, relating to water rights, so as to remove references to the public trust doctrine; to provide legislative findings relative to the public's right to use navigable streams; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment offered the following substitute to SB 542:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 8 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water rights, so as to remove references to the public trust doctrine; to provide that members of the public have the right to use all navigable streams for passage and for hunting and fishing; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 8 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water rights, is amended in Code Section 44-8-5, relating to rights of adjoining landowners in navigable streams, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) The General Assembly finds that the state procured ownership of all navigable stream beds within its jurisdiction upon statehood and~~, as sovereign, is trustee of its peoples' rights to use and enjoy all navigable streams capable of use for fishing, hunting, passage, navigation, commerce, and transportation, pursuant to the common law public trust doctrine. The state~~ continues to hold title to all such stream beds, except where title in a private party originates from a valid Crown or state grant before 1863. The General Assembly further finds that, by the common law, the citizens of this state have a right to use for passage and for hunting and fishing all navigable streams from low-water mark to low-water mark. The General Assembly further finds that the public retained the aforementioned ~~rights under such doctrine~~ right even where private title to beds of navigable streams originates from a valid grant, but, in such cases, the public's right is limited to entering upon such stream beds held by valid grant only when incidental to passage and when actively hunting and fishing.

(2) Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to permit entry upon privately owned land adjacent to navigable streams."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Watson of the 11th and Kennedy of the 18th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment substitute to SB 542 (LC 55 0258S) by replacing "hunting and fishing" *on line 23 with* "hunting or fishing".

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Watson amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
E Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 542, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SR 542. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the changing of the minimum age of colorectal cancer screenings; and for other purposes.

Senator Orrock of the 36th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
E Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SR 542, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

SB 371. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jones of the 10th, Robertson of the 29th, Butler of the 55th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of workers'

compensation; to provide for definitions; to amend Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers, firemen, prison guards, and publicly employed emergency medical technicians, so as to provide compensation to eligible peace officers from the State Indemnification Fund; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
E Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 371, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 390. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Dolezal of the 27th, Setzler of the 37th, Watson of the 1st, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to libraries; to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 24, relating to librarians; to amend Part

1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight offered the following substitute to SB 390:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to libraries, so as to prohibit the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and city, county, and regional public library trustees from using any taxpayer or privately donated funds, with limited exception, on any materials, services, or operations offered by the American Library Association or any of its affiliates; to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to prohibit taxpayer or privately donated funds, with limited exception, from going to the American Library Association or any of its affiliates; to amend Chapter 24 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to librarians, so as to dissolve the State Board for the Certification of Librarians and, in lieu thereof, provide new authorities to the Georgia Council of Public Libraries; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services, so as to prohibit the acceptance of any bid or proposal made by the American Library Association for a state contract; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds the following:

(1) The bureaucracy that has developed around the certification of librarians has become heavily intertwined with and influenced by the American Library Association;

(2) The President of the American Library Association has declared herself to be a Marxist;

(3) The American Library Association has used the librarian certification process to promote its ideology;

(4) The vast majority of residents of this state do not want their tax dollars to directly or indirectly support such an ideology;

(5) Other states have begun reducing the influence of the American Library Association;

(6) The Georgia Library Association is an affiliate of the American Library Association;

(7) The Georgia Library Association should no longer be an affiliate of the American Library Association;
(8) Other states have begun reducing the influence of the American Library Association; and
(9) The Georgia Council of Public Libraries is well suited to assume responsibilities concerning the certification of librarians and related duties.

SECTION 2.

Chapter 5 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to libraries, is amended in Code Section 20-5-2, relating to powers and duties of the board of regents and director of University of Georgia Libraries, abolition of State Library Commission and transfer of functions, reports of state publications, and electronic submission, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) The board of regents shall give aid, advice, and counsel to all libraries and to communities which may propose to establish libraries as to the best means of establishing and administering them, the selection of books, cataloging, and other details of library management and shall exercise supervision over all public libraries and endeavor to improve libraries already established. The board of regents may also conduct a book-lending and information service for the benefit of the citizens of the state, free of cost except postage. The board of regents is also authorized to purchase books, periodicals, and other instructional materials for such purposes. The board of regents may also employ necessary professional and clerical staff to carry on the work as stated in this Code section and may pay their necessary traveling expenses while engaged in such work. The board of regents shall not use any taxpayer or privately donated funds on any materials, services, or operations offered by the American Library Association or any of its affiliates, except that privately donated funds may be provided to such association for the sole purpose of supporting an application for accreditation or re-accreditation of a degree program.

(b) The board of regents shall have authority to accept gifts of books, money, or other property from any public or private source, including the federal government, and shall have authority to perform any and all functions necessary to carry out the intention and purposes of this article. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no such gifts shall be provided to the American Library Association or any of its affiliates."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-5-20, relating to power of city to tax and appropriate and election of trustees to control library funds, as follows:

"20-5-20.

Any city, through its properly constituted municipal authorities, may raise by taxation from year to year and permanently appropriate money for the purpose of establishing, erecting, maintaining, or assisting in maintaining a public library. Any such sum or sums of money so appropriated shall be expended by and under the direction of a board of trustees of such public library elected by the city council of such city. Notwithstanding

any provision of law to the contrary, no such sum or sums of money shall be provided to the American Library Association or any of its affiliates."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-5-44, relating to compensation of trustees, as follows:

"20-5-44.

Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation; provided, however, that such members may be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of library business or if stipulated in terms of any bequest or gift. Dues or fees for membership in local, state, regional, and national library associations may be paid from operating funds in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the library system. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, dues or fees for membership in the American Library Association shall not be paid from such funds or any other public moneys."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-5-45, relating to directors of library systems, duties, and responsibilities, as follows:

"20-5-45.

Every public library system shall have a director. Any person appointed as director of a public library system must hold ~~at least a Grade 5(b)~~ a Librarian's Professional Graduate Certificate, as defined by the Georgia Council of Public Libraries ~~State Board for the Certification of Librarians; provided, however, that any person who was serving as acting director of a public library system as of July 1, 1984, shall be authorized to continue to serve as director. The director shall be appointed by the board of trustees and shall be the administrative head of the library system under the direction and review of the board~~. The director of a library system shall have duties and responsibilities which include but are not limited to the following:

(1) To recommend for employment or termination other staff members, as necessary, in compliance with applicable laws and the availability of funds and to employ or terminate other staff members if so authorized by the library board;

(2) To attend all meetings called by the Office of Public Library Services of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia or send a substitute authorized by the office director;

(3) To prepare any local, state, or federal annual budgets;

(4) To notify the board of trustees and the Office of Public Library Services of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia of any failure to comply with:

(A) Policies of the board;

(B) Criteria for state aid;

(C) State and federal rules and regulations; and

(D) All applicable local, state, or federal laws;

(5) To administer the total library program, including all affiliated libraries, in

accordance with policies adopted by the system board of trustees; and

(6) To attend all meetings of the system board of trustees and affiliated boards of trustees or to designate a person to attend in his or her place."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-5-56, relating to requirement of certification of librarians, as follows:

"20-5-56.

All persons holding professional positions with the title of librarian must be certified by the ~~Board for the Certification of Librarians~~ Georgia Council of Public Libraries."

SECTION 7.

Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-80-32.

No county, municipality, school district, authority, division, instrumentality, political subdivision, or public body corporate created under the Constitution or laws of this state shall be authorized to use any taxpayer or privately donated funds on materials, services, or operations offered by the American Library Association or any of its affiliates, except that privately donated funds may be provided to such association for the sole purpose of supporting an application for accreditation or re-accreditation of a degree program."

SECTION 8.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Chapter 24, relating to librarians, as follows:

"CHAPTER 24

43-24-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

~~(1) 'Board' means the State Board for the Certification of Librarians.~~

(1) 'Council' means the Georgia Council of Public Libraries.

(2) 'Librarian' means a person with specialized training as identified in this chapter and in the administrative rules and regulations applicable to this chapter and possessing the necessary training and qualifications to plan, organize, communicate, and administer successfully the use of the library's materials and services.

(3) 'Library' means an organization providing services and informational materials in a variety of formatting, including, but not limited to, books, films, tapes, microforms, and periodicals and having no fewer than 3,000 items which have been selected, acquired, and organized for dissemination.

43-24-2.

(a) The State Board for the Certification of Librarians is created, to consist of six persons as follows:

(1) Three librarians certified under this chapter, including one public librarian, one special librarian, and one other currently practicing librarian, and one person who shall be a trustee of a public library;

(2) A member to be appointed from the public at large who shall have no connection whatsoever with the library profession; and

(3) The director of public library services of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

(b) The members referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be confirmed by the Senate.

(c) The terms of the five members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be five years. The term of the director of public library services of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall be coextensive with the term of office of this position.

(d) Members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2.

(e) If there is a vacancy on the board, the Governor shall appoint a member to serve the unexpired term.

(f)(1) The provisions of subsections (a) through (e) of this Code section shall stand repealed and the State Board for the Certification of Librarians shall be dissolved effective July 1, 2025, and all authorities and responsibilities of such board shall become the authorities and responsibilities of the council in accordance with this chapter.

(2) Any contracts entered into by the board shall expire or terminate by such date.

(3) The council shall make such rules and regulations and take such action as may be reasonably necessary to implement this chapter.

43-24-3.

The same jurisdiction, duties, powers, and authority which the division director has with reference to ~~other~~ professional licensing boards is conferred upon that director with respect to the ~~board~~ council.

43-24-4.

Any public library serving a political subdivision or subdivisions having a population of over 5,000 according to the United States decennial census of 1970 or any future such census and every library operated by the state or its authority, including libraries of institutions of higher learning, shall not employ in the position of librarian a person who does not hold a librarian's certificate issued by the ~~board~~ council. No public funds shall be paid to any library failing to comply with this chapter, provided that nothing in this chapter shall apply to law libraries of counties and municipalities, to libraries of public elementary and high schools, or to libraries of the University System of Georgia.

43-24-5.

The ~~board~~ council shall have authority to establish grades of certificates for librarians, to prescribe and hold examinations, to require submission of credentials to establish the qualifications of those seeking certificates as librarians, and to issue certificates of librarianship to qualified persons in accordance with such rules and regulations as it may prescribe. The council shall not, however, require any person to obtain a degree from a program accredited by the American Library Association.

43-24-6.

(a) All applicants for a librarian's certificate shall file an application with the division director, accompanied by a fee which shall be set by the ~~board~~ council.

(b) Each certificate issued shall be renewable biennially.

(c) Any certified librarian requesting a duplicate certificate shall be charged a fee as shall be set by the ~~board~~ council.

43-24-7.

(a) The ~~board~~ council shall be authorized to require persons holding a certificate under this chapter to complete ~~board~~ council approved continuing education of not less than ten hours biennially as a condition of certificate renewal. The ~~board~~ council shall be authorized to approve programs offered by professional associations, educational institutions, government agencies, and bibliographic utilities, and others as it deems appropriate.

(b) The ~~board~~ council shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the ~~board~~ council deems appropriate.

(c) The ~~board~~ council shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

(d) The ~~board~~ council shall have the authority to appoint a committee or committees composed of certified librarians, as it deems appropriate, to administer, implement, and otherwise carry out the provisions of this chapter relating to continuing education."

SECTION 9.

Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-5-84.3.

The Department of Administrative Services shall not accept any bid or proposal made by the American Library Association or any of its affiliates for a state contract."

SECTION 10.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 11.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 390.

Senators Walker III of the 20th, Dolezal of the 27th, and Robertson of the 29th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to SB 390 (LC 46 0835S) by inserting after "Association;" *on line 32* "and"

By deleting "Other states have begun reducing the influence of the American Library Association; and" *on lines 33 and 34*

By replacing "(9)" *on line 35 with* "(8)"

By replacing "~~The director shall be appointed by the board of trustees and shall be the administrative head of the library system under the direction and review of the board~~" *on lines 94 and 95 with* "The director shall be appointed by the board of trustees and shall be the administrative head of the library system under the direction and review of the board"

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Walker III amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland

Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 20.

SB 390, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 460. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, acupuncture, physician assistants, cancer and glaucoma treatment, respiratory care, clinical perfusionists, and orthotics and prosthetics practice, so as to revise provisions relating to the number of advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants that a physician can authorize and supervise at any one time; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Brass of the 28th, Dixon of the 45th, Hatchett of the 50th, and Jackson of the 41st offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 460 (LC 52 0393) by replacing lines 1 through 3 with the following:
To amend Chapters 26 and 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nurses and physicians, acupuncture, physician assistants, cancer and glaucoma treatment, respiratory care, clinical perfusionists, and orthotics and prosthetics practice, respectively, so as to revise provisions relating to the administration of anesthesia by certified registered nurse anesthetists under certain conditions; to revise provisions

By redesignating Sections 2 through 4 as Sections 3 through 5 and inserting between lines 8 and 9 the following:
Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nurses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-26-11.1, relating to administration of anesthesia by certified registered nurse anesthetist, as follows:

"43-26-11.1.

In any case where it is lawful for a duly licensed physician practicing medicine under the laws of this state to administer anesthesia, such anesthesia may be administered by a

certified registered nurse anesthetist, provided that such anesthesia is administered either under the direction and responsibility of a duly licensed physician or pursuant to an order by a duly licensed physician or podiatrist providing services at a hospital that qualifies as a rural hospital organization pursuant to Code Section 31-8-9.1."

SECTION 2.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Watson of the 1st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	N Parent
N Anderson, L.	N Harrell	N Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	Y Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	N Summers
Y Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 30, nays 23, and the Brass amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	N Payne

Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 11.

SB 460, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

Feb. 29, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 460. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

The President recognized Lindsay Perdue Strickland, wife of Senator Strickland of the 17th, and Shannon Gooch, wife of Senator Gooch of the 51st.

SB 454. By Senators Strickland of the 17th and Jones of the 10th:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alimony and child support, so as to provide for guidelines for child support award calculations; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 454, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

Feb. 29, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 454. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that the remaining legislation on the Senate Rules Calendar be placed on the Table. The consent was granted, and SB 180, SB 182, SB 198, SB 202, SB 208, SB 307, SB 308, SB 320, SB 336, SB 347, SB 363, SB 396, SB 403, SB 407, SB 420, SB 422, SB 451, SB 457, SB 464, SB 469, SB 472, SB 474, SB 480, SB 484, SB 491, SB 493, SB 495, SB 496, SB 498, SB 499, SB 508, SB 517, SB 532, SB 533, SB 534, SB 554, SR 82, and SR 189 were placed on the Table.

At 3:48 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 4:18 p.m.

At 4:38 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 1180. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Martin of the 49th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital production, so as to revise a definition; to provide for an application requirement; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1197. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Powell of the 33rd, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th, Pirkle of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to expand the revitalization zone tax credits to include rehabilitation of historic residential structures; to authorize the extension of a designation as a revitalization zone; to authorize areas to be designated as revitalization zones more than once; to provide that no new designations or extensions shall be made after a certain date; to provide for information sharing; to extend a provision for an automatic repeal; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1341. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, DeLoach of the 167th, Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

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

HB 1409. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Newton of the 127th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, so as to limit liability for mental health care providers under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to limit liability for punitive damages; to provide for applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolutions of the House:

HR 854. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Collins of the 71st and Smith of the 18th:

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

HR 1164. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Buckner of the 137th, Reese of the 140th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of the Honorable Richard H. Smith and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

HR 1215. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Chastain of the 7th, Hatchett of the 155th, Burns of the 159th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of the Honorable David E. Ralston and dedicating an interstate connector and bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 420. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Beach of the 21st, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, so as to prohibit the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for civil actions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for

disclosures; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 420 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 420. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Beach of the 21st, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, so as to prohibit the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for civil actions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for disclosures; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 420:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, so as to prohibit the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for civil actions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for disclosures; to provide for penalties; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-1-7.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agricultural land' means any land capable of use in the production of agricultural crops, timber, livestock or livestock products, poultry or poultry products, milk or dairy products, or fruit or other horticultural products, but does not include any land zoned by a local governmental unit for a use other than and nonconforming with agricultural

use.

(2) 'Nonresident alien' means:

(A) Any natural person described in subsection (a) of Code Section 1-2-11 who is not a United States citizen or legal resident, is a subject of a foreign government designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce, and:

(i) Has been physically absent from the United States for more than six months out of any 12 month period; or

(ii) Has been physically absent from Georgia for more than two months out of any 12 month period;

(B) A corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trustee, or other business entity that is:

(i) Domiciled in a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce; or

(ii) Domiciled within the United States, but the ownership of at least 25 percent of which is composed of any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trustee, or other business entity that is domiciled in a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce;

provided, however, that this subparagraph shall not include a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trustee, or other business entity leasing land from its owner and using such land for agricultural research and development or experimental purposes, including testing, developing, or producing crop production inputs, including, but not limited to, seeds, plants, pesticides, soil amendments, biologicals, and fertilizers, for sale or resale to farmers; or

(C) A foreign government designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce.

(3) 'Residential property' means single-family and two-family, three-family, and four-family residential real estate.

(b)(1) Except as provided by subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section, no nonresident alien shall acquire directly or indirectly any possessory interest in agricultural land or land within a 25 mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to residential property.

(c)(1)(A) A nonresident alien may acquire a possessory interest in agricultural land by devise or inheritance, as security for indebtedness, in the collection of debts, or by any procedure for the enforcement of a lien or claim thereon, whether created by mortgage or otherwise.

(B) Any such possessory interest in agricultural land acquired by a nonresident alien in the collection of debts or by any procedure for the enforcement of a lien or claim thereon shall be disposed of within two years after acquiring such possessory interest.

(C) Any such possessory interest in agricultural land acquired by a nonresident alien by devise or inheritance shall be disposed of within two years after acquiring such possessory interest.

(2) A nonresident alien that acquires any possessory interest in agricultural land in

violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall dispose of such possessory interest within two years after acquiring such possessory interest.

(d) A nonresident alien that acquires a possessory interest in agricultural land pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section may avoid disposing of such interest if, within the time required for disposal, such nonresident alien terminates said nonresident alien status.

(e) A broker who is engaged by client who is a prospective buyer or seller of a possessory interest in agricultural land shall timely disclose to said client the requirements and limitations of this Code section. For purposes of this subsection, the terms 'broker,' 'client,' and 'timely' shall have the same meanings as provided in Code Section 10-6A-3.

(f) A nonresident alien that purports to acquire any interest in agricultural land in violation of this Code section shall be barred from making any claim against any party for restitution of the purchase price paid by such nonresident alien in connection with such interest in agricultural land or for any other kind of payment relating to the nonresident alien's loss or lack of title to such interest in agricultural land. The legal counsel of any county, municipality, or consolidated government in which the agricultural land is located, the Attorney General, or any person that is not a nonresident alien that was a party to the void transaction or is a subsequent holder of such interest may file an action.

(g) The Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section.

(h) Any nonresident alien who intentionally violates the provisions of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $15,000.00 or imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than two years, or both.

(i) In the event that the application of any provision of this Code section to a particular transaction is found to be preempted by federal law, any such provision shall not apply to such transaction."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Goodman of the 8th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to SB 420 (LC 55 0253S) by inserting "or land within a 25 mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport" *after* " agricultural land" *each time such phrase appears on lines 47, 51, 54, 57, 60, 64, 67, 70, 71, and 72.*

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Davenport of the 44th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Davenport was excused.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Anavitarte amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
E Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 41, nays 11.

SB 420, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Burns of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 496. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ginn of the 47th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad

valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 496 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 496. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ginn of the 47th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 6.

SB 496, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 508. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to provide for duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts relative to accessibility of certain personal information of state and federal judges, justices, and spouses thereof; to amend Code Section 36-32-40 of the O.C.GA., relating to creation of Council of Municipal Court Judges, membership and organization, purpose, expenses, contracts, assistance to council, and members not ineligible to hold office of judge, so as to require submission of certain information to the Council of Magistrate Court Judges; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 508 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 508. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to provide for duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts relative to accessibility of certain personal information of state and federal judges, justices, and spouses thereof; to amend Code Section 36-32-40 of the O.C.GA., relating to creation of Council of Municipal Court Judges, membership and organization, purpose, expenses, contracts, assistance to council, and members not ineligible to hold office of judge, so as to require submission of certain information to the Council of Magistrate Court Judges; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent

Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 508, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

02/29/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 508. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Hatchett of the 50th

2/29/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 508. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Gooch of the 51st

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 469. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Butler of the 55th, Gooch of the 51st, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, so as to increase the maximum amount of contributions allowed per beneficiary of savings trust accounts for higher education expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 469 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 469. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Butler of the 55th, Gooch of the 51st, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, so as to increase the maximum amount of contributions allowed per beneficiary of savings trust accounts for higher education expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Esteves of the 6th, Brass of the 28th, and Dolezal of the 27th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 469 (LC 50 0728) by replacing "increase" *with* "revise" *on line 2.*

By replacing "$450,000.00" *with* "a reasonable maximum amount as determined by the board based on current and anticipated education expenses" *on line 19.*

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Esteves amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

SB 469, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 493. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sexual offender risk review board, so as to provide for additional penalties for registered sexual offenders convicted of photographing a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian; to provide that such persons are prohibited from possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person without his or her consent; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 493 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 493. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the

Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sexual offender risk review board, so as to provide for additional penalties for registered sexual offenders convicted of photographing a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian; to provide that such persons are prohibited from possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person without his or her consent; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 493:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sexual offender risk review board, so as to provide for additional penalties for registered sexual offenders convicted of photographing a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian; to provide that such persons are prohibited from possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person without his or her consent; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probation, so as to provide for a possible term of probation; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sexual offender risk review board, is amended by revising Code Section 42-1-18, relating to photographing minor without consent of parent or guardian prohibited and penalty, as follows:

"42-1-18.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Minor' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 42-1-12.

(2) 'Photograph' means to create, capture, transmit, or record by electronic or other means a photographic image ~~'photograph' means to take any picture, film or digital photograph, motion picture film, videotape,~~ or similar visual representation or image of a person.

(3) 'Unmanned aircraft system' means a powered, aerial vehicle, not including a satellite, that:

(A) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct

human intervention from within or on the vehicle;
(B) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;
(C) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely;
(D) Can be expendable or recoverable; and
(E) Has the ability to photograph.

(b)(1) No person required to register as a sexual offender pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 shall intentionally photograph a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian.

~~(c)~~(2) Any person who ~~knowingly violates this Code section~~ commits the offense of intentionally photographing a minor without the consent of such minor's parent or guardian in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall, upon the first conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be punished as provided by Code Section 17-10-4; provided, however, that, if a fine is imposed pursuant to Code Section 17-10-4, such fine shall not be less than $1,500.00.

(3) Any person who commits the offense of intentionally photographing a minor without the consent of such minor's parent or guardian in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall, upon a second or subsequent conviction thereof, be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 30 years and a fine of not less than $5,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00.

(4) For the purpose of this subsection, the term 'conviction' shall include a plea of nolo contendere.

(c)(1) No person required to register as a sexual offender pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 shall knowingly possess, own, or operate an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person without his or her consent.

(2) Any person who commits the offense of knowingly possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person without his or her consent in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 30 years and a fine of not less than $20,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probation, is amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 42-8-35, relating to terms and conditions of probation and supervision, by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (3), replacing the period with "; and" at the end of paragraph (4), and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5) Prohibited from possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system as defined in Code Section 42-1-18."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 4.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators McLaurin of the 14th and Hatchett of the 50th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to SB 493 (LC 49 1847S) by:

adding “particular” before “person” on line 50 and “or photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person in a way that violates the person’s reasonable expectation of privacy” after “consent” on line 51,

and by striking “commits” on line 52 through “violation of” on line 54 and replacing it with “violates",

and by replacing “ten” with “five” on line 55 and “30" with “ten” on line 56.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the McLaurin amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker

Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

SB 493, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Watson of the 11th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 495. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Brass of the 28th, Esteves of the 6th, Watson of the 1st and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, so as to provide for the term of validity of a registration card; to provide for delivery of registration cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 495 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 495. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Brass of the 28th, Esteves of the 6th, Watson of the 1st and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, so as to provide for the term of validity of a registration card; to provide for delivery of registration cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 495:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, so as to provide for the term of validity of a registration card; to provide for delivery of registration cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal

conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The department shall issue a registration card to ~~individuals who have~~ any individual who has been certified to the department by his or her physician as being diagnosed with a condition or is an inpatient or outpatient in a hospice program and ~~have~~ has been authorized by such physician to use low THC oil as treatment. The department shall issue a registration card to a caregiver when the circumstances warrant the issuance of such card. The board shall establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations to assist physicians in providing required uniform information relating to certification and any other matter relating to the issuance of certifications. In promulgating such rules and regulations, the board shall require that physicians have a doctor-patient relationship when certifying an individual as needing low THC oil and physicians shall be required to be treating such individual for the specific condition requiring such treatment or be treating such individual in a hospice program. A physician shall seek and review information about a patient from the prescription drug monitoring program data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57 prior to certifying such patient to the department as being diagnosed with a specific condition that requires the use of low THC oil as treatment. A registration card issued pursuant to this Code section shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance so long as the individual or caregiver remains eligible for receipt of such card based on the continued diagnosis of such individual with a condition. The department shall deliver registration cards via certified mail or by secure electronic means, including email, if requested by the individual or caregiver."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 3.

SB 495, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Summers of the 13th asked unanimous consent that the following resolution, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SR 82. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Still of the 48th, Moore of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the tax commissioner, subject to local governing authority approval, to waive certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest for the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back to effective utilization status; to provide for procedures and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SR 82 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SR 82. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Still of the 48th, Moore of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the tax commissioner, subject to local governing authority approval, to waive certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest for the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back to effective utilization status; to provide for procedures and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article IX, Section II of the Constitution is amended adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph X. ***Waiver of local ad valorem taxes.*** For the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back in effective utilization status:

(1) Upon written approval of the county governing authority, the tax commissioner of any county may waive, in whole or in part, the collection of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest, due to the county and county school district on any real or personal property, subject to the requirements of this subparagraph, when such property fails to sell for the minimum bid price at a minimum of two auctions in the manner provided for in Chapter 4 of Title 48. In such cases, and when otherwise authorized pursuant to this subparagraph, the tax commissioner shall advertise such property in the same manner as provided for tax sales, provided, however, that in addition to such other notice as may be required by law, the tax commissioner shall provide notice that the minimum bid price for such property shall be reduced to the amount reasonably necessary to recover the tax commissioner's costs. Any waiver under this subparagraph shall only include the amount of delinquent ad valorem property tax, penalty, and interest due to the county and the county school district which exceeds the sales price of such property generated by a reduced minimum bid tax sale as provided for in this subparagraph. Each waiver of county and county school district taxes, penalty, and interest under this subparagraph shall require a resolution adopted by such county governing authority for a specific parcel or parcels of real property or for personal property.

(2) Upon written approval of the city governing authority, the tax commissioner of any county may waive, in whole or in part, the collection of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest, due to a city located in such county, and independent school district, if applicable, on any real or personal property, subject to the requirements of this Paragraph, when such property fails to sell for the minimum bid price at a minimum of two auctions in the manner provided for in Chapter 4 of Title 48. In such cases, and when otherwise authorized pursuant to this subparagraph, the tax commissioner shall advertise such property in the same manner as provided for tax sales; provided, however, that in addition to such other notice as may be required by

law, the tax commissioner shall provide notice that the minimum bid price for such property shall be reduced to the amount reasonably necessary to recover the tax commissioner's costs. Any waiver under this subparagraph shall only include the amount of delinquent ad valorem property tax, penalty, and interest due to the city. Each waiver of city and, if applicable, independent school district taxes, penalty, and interest under this subparagraph shall require a resolution adopted by such city governing authority for a specific parcel or parcels of real property or for personal property.

(3) With regard to the sale of real or personal property under this Paragraph, if waiver of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest is approved under both subparagraphs (1) and (2), the tax commissioner shall combine the waiver amounts, but if waiver of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest is not approved under both subparagraphs (1) and (2), the tax commissioner shall waive only the amount provided under either subparagraph (1) or (2) as applicable."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the tax commissioner, subject to local governing authority approval, to waive
( ) NO certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest for the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back in effective utilization status?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions offered the following substitute to SR 82:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the tax commissioner, subject to local governing authority approval, to waive certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest for the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back in effective utilization status; to provide for procedures and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article IX, Section II of the Constitution is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph X. ***Waiver of local ad valorem taxes.*** For the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back in effective utilization status:

(1)(A) Upon written approval of the county governing authority, the tax commissioner of any county may waive the collection of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest due to the county and county school district on any real or personal property, subject to the requirements of this subparagraph, in the event such property failed to sell for the minimum bid price at a minimum of two auctions properly conducted in the manner as provided by general law for sales of property by public officials as a result of delinquent taxes without any regard for this Paragraph. In such cases, and when otherwise authorized pursuant to this subparagraph, the tax commissioner shall conduct a sale of such property in the same manner as provided for sales of property by public officials as a result of delinquent taxes, but at a reduced minimum bid tax sale as provided for in this subparagraph. Any waiver under this subparagraph shall not be greater than the amount of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest due to the county and the county school district which exceeds the sales price of such property generated by a reduced minimum bid tax sale as provided for in this subparagraph.

(B) Each waiver of county and county school district taxes, penalty, and interest under this subparagraph shall require a resolution adopted by such county governing authority for a specific parcel or parcels of real property or for personal property.

(2)(A) Upon written approval of the city governing authority, the tax commissioner of any county may waive the collection of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest due to a city located in such county, and independent school district, if applicable, on any real or personal property, subject to the requirements of this Paragraph, in the event such property failed to sell for the minimum bid price at a minimum of two auctions properly conducted in the manner as provided by general law for sales of property by public officials as a result of delinquent taxes without any regard for this Paragraph. In such cases, and when otherwise authorized pursuant to this subparagraph, the tax commissioner shall conduct a sale of such property in the same manner as provided for sales of property by public officials as a result of delinquent taxes, but at a reduced minimum bid tax sale as provided for in this subparagraph. Any waiver under this subparagraph shall not be greater than the amount of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest due to the city.

(B) Each waiver of city and, if applicable, independent school district taxes, penalty, and interest under this subparagraph shall require a resolution adopted by such city governing authority for a specific parcel or parcels of real property or for personal property.

(3)(A) With regard to the sale of real or personal property under this Paragraph, if waiver of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest is approved under both subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Paragraph, the tax commissioner shall

combine the waiver amounts, but if waiver of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest is not approved under both subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Paragraph, the tax commissioner shall waive only the amount provided under either subparagraph (1) or (2) of this Paragraph as applicable.

(B) The owner of record and any person having record title or interest in or lien upon any property to be sold under this Paragraph shall only be authorized to bid on such property in an amount not less than the full amount of all delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, interest, and costs due on such property without regard to any waiver amount under this Paragraph.

(C) The owner of record and any person having record title or interest in or lien upon any property sold under this Paragraph shall be authorized to exercise any general law right of redemption; provided, however, that:

(i) Such owner shall be required to pay to the purchaser under this Paragraph all amounts specified under such general law, including taxes, assessments, and premiums; and

(ii) The exact amount of any taxes waived under this Paragraph on such property shall automatically attach as a tax lien upon such property and be subject to the same provisions of law as for other properties upon which taxes are delinquent."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the tax
( ) NO commissioner, subject to local governing authority approval, to waive certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest for the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back in effective utilization status?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SR 82, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 534. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th, Still of the 48th and Merritt of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as provide that the failure of a marketplace innkeeper to provide a consumer with an itemized receipt detailing certain taxes and fees is an unlawful business practice; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 534 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 534. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th, Still of the 48th and Merritt of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as provide that the failure of a marketplace innkeeper to provide a consumer with an itemized receipt detailing certain taxes and fees is an unlawful business practice; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, and Esteves of the 6th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 534 (LC 50 0766) by:

Inserting on line 20 “This act shall become law on January 1, 2025"

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Mallow amendment #1 was adopted.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker

Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 534, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The President recognized Commissioner of Agriculture and former Senator Tyler Harper.

Senator Setzler of the 37th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 180. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for legislative findings and determinations; to provide for the granting of relief; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 180 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 180. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for legislative findings and determinations; to provide for the granting of relief; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 180.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th moved that consideration of SB 180 be indefinitely postponed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved the previous question.

The motion from Senator Gooch of the 51st to move the previous question took precedence over the motion from Senator McLaurin of the 14th to indefinitely postpone consideration of SB 180.

On the motion to move the previous question, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
E Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 18; the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay

Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
E Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 19.

SB 180, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

Feb. 29, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 180. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that the following resolution, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SR 189. By Senator Dolezal of the 27th:

> A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law authorize local boards of education to impose, levy, and collect development impact fees and use the proceeds to pay for a share of the cost of additional educational facilities; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SR 189 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SR 189. By Senator Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law authorize local boards of education to impose, levy, and collect development impact fees and use the proceeds to pay for a share of the cost of additional educational facilities; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VIII, Section VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph V. ***Development impact fees for educational purposes.*** The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law that each local board of education may by resolution impose, levy, and collect development impact fees within any area of its school system which is experiencing new growth and development. A county or municipality that has received a local board of education resolution imposing a development impact fee shall collect the fee as a condition of development approval by such county or municipality. The proceeds of any development impact fee imposed pursuant to this Paragraph shall be used to pay for a share of the cost of additional educational facilities to serve new growth and development in the same area in which such fee is imposed."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law authorize local boards of education
( ) NO to impose, levy, and collect development impact fees and use the proceeds to pay for a share of the cost of additional educational facilities?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

Senators Dolezal of the 27th and Still of the 48th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SR 189 (LC 49 1327) by inserting ", subject to local referendum," *after* "fees" *on lines 3 and 26.*

By inserting "conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the local taxing jurisdiction voting in a referendum thereon" *after* "development" *on line 13.*

Senators Dolezal of the 27th and Still of the 48th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend SR 189 (LC 49 1327) by inserting ", subject to local referendum," *after* "fees" *on lines 3 and 26.*

By inserting "conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the local school system voting in a referendum thereon" *after* "development" *on line 13.*

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that his amendment #2 be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the amendment was withdrawn.

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Dolezal amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to as amended.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.

Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 49, nays 2.

SR 189, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted as amended.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 208. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Still of the 48th and Dixon of the 45th:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for development impact fees for education; to provide for definitions; to provide for the manner of calculation, imposition, and collection of such fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 208 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 208. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Still of the 48th and Dixon of the 45th:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for development impact fees for education; to provide for definitions; to provide for the manner of calculation, imposition, and collection of such fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Dolezal of the 27th and Still of the 28th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 208 (LC 49 1280) by replacing lines 77 through 80 with the following:

(g) Before adopting a resolution to impose, levy, and collect educational development impact fees as provided in this article, the local board of education shall require a local referendum of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the local school system. Such referendum shall be held at the next regularly scheduled general election or as may otherwise be authorized at an earlier date by the local board of education. Such referendum shall be held for the purpose of deciding whether the local board of education shall be authorized to expend funds from the levy and collection of educational

development impact fees to offset bonded indebtedness, educational special purpose local option sales taxes, millage rates, and other tax burdens on citizens residing in the area served by the school system. The ballot question shall be approved by the local board of education.

(h) Subject to approval of the referendum provided for in subsection (g) of this Code section, the local board of education shall adopt a resolution approving an educational development impact fee schedule. Such fee schedule shall be sent to each local government in the area served by the school system.

(i) Subject to approval of the referendum provided for in subsection (g) of this Code section, each local government in the area served by the school system shall collect

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Dolezal amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 2.

SB 208, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

At 6:28 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 7:30 p.m.

At 7:36 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 499. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th, Stephens of the 164th and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding alimony and child support, so as to authorize child support and insurance policies for disabled children who have reached the age of majority but lack the ability to otherwise support themselves independently; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 617. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Pirkle of the 169th, Wiedower of the 121st, Thomas of the 21st and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to provide for the development and maintenance of a state-wide freight and logistics implementation plan; to provide for a definition; to provide for responsibilities and duties of the Planning Division and director; to provide for standards and considerations for such plan; to require annual reporting to the General Assembly; to provide for legislative intent and declarations; to provide for the creation of a Georgia Freight 2050 Program subject to appropriation by the General Assembly; to provide for purposes of such program; to identify intended funding for such program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1023. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Crowe of the 118th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to match

the rate of the tax imposed on corporations to that imposed on individual taxpayers; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to repeal the corporate net worth tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1105. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Collins of the 71st, Bonner of the 73rd, Dunahoo of the 31st, Barton of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to require the commissioner of corrections to report certain information regarding the immigration status, offenses, and home countries of persons who are confined under the authority of the Department of Corrections; to provide for standard procedures for intake and booking of aliens and foreign nationals; to provide for quarterly reports by jailers regarding foreign born inmates; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1292. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Beverly of the 143rd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to recordation and registration of deeds and other instruments, so as to require that the clerks of the superior courts obtain photographic identification cards of individuals who present deeds or other instruments for recording; to require such clerks retain certain information relating to deeds or other instruments presented for recording; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Titles 23 and 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to equity and torts, respectively, so as to provide remedies for fraudulently recorded deeds or other instruments; to provide for the recovery of costs and attorney's fees in certain quiet title actions; to provide for a civil cause of action for the recording of fraudulent or forged deeds or other instruments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolutions of the House:

HR 302. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th, Lim of the 98th and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the appropriation of funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements; to revise the disposition of excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 901. By Representative Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Darrell Lee Clark; and for other purposes.

HR 902. By Representative Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins; and for other purposes.

HR 1133. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to pass the Kidney Patient Access to Technologically Innovative and Essential Nephrology Treatments Act of 2023 or the "Kidney PATIENT Act of 2023" (H.R. 5074); and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 663. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Smith of the 138th, Pirkle of the 169th, Jones of the 25th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to establish certain rights of minors and adults admitted to hospitals; to provide for definitions; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to limit or restrict visitation in certain circumstances; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to require visitors to wear personal protective equipment; to provide for statutory construction; to provide that certain rights may not be waived or terminated; to require hospitals and long-term care facilities to post certain information on their websites; to prohibit

certain actions by state agencies against hospitals and long-term care facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 844. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Hodges of the 3rd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 480. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for student loan repayment for mental health and substance use professionals serving in certain capacities; to provide for definitions; to authorize the board to approve applications; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 480 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 480. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for student loan repayment for mental health and substance use professionals serving in certain capacities; to provide for definitions; to authorize the board to approve applications; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Cowsert	Y James	Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 1.

SB 480, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

2/29/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 480. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Still of the 48th

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 464. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to establish the School Supplies for Teachers Program, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the availability of other funds for such purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 464 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 464. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to establish the School Supplies for Teachers Program, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the availability of other funds for such purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Tillery of the 19th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th, and others offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 464 (LC 49 1734) by replacing lines 1 through 2 with the following:
To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to revise the "Georgia Early Literacy Act"; to establish the School Supplies for

By inserting "to provide for an effective date;" *after* "matters;" *on line 13.*

By replacing line 17 with the following:
Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a two new paragraphs to subsection (b), revising subparagraphs (c)(3)(B), (c)(4)(A), and (c)(4)(B), and repealing and reserving subparagraph (d)(3)(B) of Code Section 20-2-153.1, relating to Georgia Early Literacy, definitions, uniform grade appropriate metrics to measure literacy, role of school boards, and accommodations, to read as follows:

"(1.1) 'Center' means the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy.

(1.2) 'Council' means the Georgia Council on Literacy."

"(B) By May 15, 2024 ~~As soon as practicable but not later than July 1, 2024~~, the board shall approve the memorandum of agreement between the council and the

department, as provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a free ~~a list of~~ universal reading ~~screeners~~ screener to be used ~~for use~~ by public schools and local school systems as part of their comprehensive literacy programs which meet the following criteria:"

"(4)(A) ~~As soon as practicable but not later than August~~ By June 1, 2024, the department shall publish on its public website ~~a list of board approved providers of universal reading screeners for use by public schools and local school systems, including~~ the free universal reading screener provided by the department that each public school and local school system shall adopt and administer in order to comply with the requirements of subparagraph (d)(3)(C) of this Code section.

(B) The ~~department shall provide~~ council, in collaboration with the center and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall identify a universal reading screener that meets the criteria established by the board as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection. The council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the department to make such ~~Such~~ universal reading screener ~~shall be made~~ available for use free of charge to public schools and local school systems ~~and shall be included on the list provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph~~."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 17, relating to

By replacing line 80 with the following:

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

Senator Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend SB 464 (LC 49 1734) by replacing "Teachers" *with* "Educators" *on line 3.*

By replacing "teachers" *with* "educators" *on lines 6 and 10.*

By replacing "teacher" *with* "educator" *on lines 11 and 13.*

By replacing "Teachers" *with* "Educators" *on lines 21, 33, and 45.*

By replacing lines 29 through 32 with the following:

(3) 'Eligible educator' means a teacher, paraprofessional, or school administrator employed in good standing at a public school in this state.

By replacing "teachers" *with* "educators" *on lines 34, 46, 53, 61, and 69.*

By deleting lines 36 through 38 and by redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) on lines 39 and 42, respectively as paragraphs (5) and (6).

By replacing "teacher" *with* "educator" *on lines 39, 43, and 75.*

By replacing lines 76 through 79 with the following:

school who requests a user account; provided, that to be eligible for a user account an educator shall be employed in good standing at a public school."

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Cowsert of the 46th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Cowsert was excused.

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Hickman amendment #1 was adopted.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Dixon amendment #2 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 464, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 472. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Strickland of the 17th, Esteves of the 6th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 36 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online marketplace requirements, so as to revise certain definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 472 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 472. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Strickland of the 17th, Esteves of the 6th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 36 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online marketplace requirements, so as to revise certain definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers

Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 472, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 517. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse under defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to provide for immunity from certain criminal prosecutions against law enforcement officers whose threat or use of force is justified or otherwise lawful; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding defenses to tort actions, so as to provide for immunity from civil liability against law enforcement officers whose threat or use of force is justified or otherwise lawful; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 517 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 517. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse under defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to provide for immunity from certain criminal prosecutions against law enforcement officers whose threat or use of force is justified or otherwise lawful; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding defenses to tort actions, so as to provide for immunity from civil liability against law enforcement officers whose threat or use of force is justified or otherwise lawful; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective

date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

A Minority Report was filed with SB 517.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
E Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 17.

SB 517, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator James of the 35th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 407. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require the documenting of certain information in incidents of family violence; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 407 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 407. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require the documenting of certain information in incidents of family violence; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 407, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 307. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Walker III of the 20th, Butler of the 55th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 307 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 307. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Walker III of the 20th, Butler of the 55th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to SB 307:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification

of private review agents, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-46-20.1.

(a) Each insurer that utilizes prior authorization requirements shall implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements based on the stratification of healthcare providers' performance and adherence to evidence based medicine. Such program shall promote quality, affordable healthcare and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens for both the insurer and the healthcare provider.

(b) Criteria for participation by healthcare providers and the healthcare services included in the program shall be at the discretion of the insurer; provided, however, that such insurer shall submit to the department a filing concerning such program. Such filing shall include a full narrative description of the program, the criteria for participation in the program, a list of the procedures and services subject to the program, the number of healthcare providers participating in the program, and any other information deemed necessary by the department.

(c) No later than July 1, 2025, each insurer that utilizes prior authorization requirements shall make the filing provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, and such filing shall be submitted annually in a form and manner provided for by rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall apply to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on SB 307 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Brass was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne

Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 307, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 347. By Senator Anavitarte of the 31st:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 347 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 347. By Senator Anavitarte of the 31st:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide

for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 347, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 533. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to proceedings upon plea of mental incompetency to stand trial, so as to provide for jail-based competency restoration programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 533 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 533. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to proceedings upon plea of mental incompetency to stand trial, so as to provide for jail-based competency restoration programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 2.

SB 533, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 198. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Butler of the 55th, Dugan of the 30th, Rahman of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to governing and regulation of mental health, so as to create the Georgians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Innovation Commission; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for members and officers; to provide for meetings, agendas, quorum, and compensation; to provide for the commission's duties and powers; to provide for consultation with subject matter experts designated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Community Health; to provide for subcommittees; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 198 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 198. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Butler of the 55th, Dugan of the 30th, Rahman of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to governing and regulation of mental health, so as to create the Georgians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Innovation Commission; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for members and officers; to provide for meetings, agendas, quorum, and compensation; to provide for the commission's duties and powers; to provide for consultation with subject matter experts designated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Community Health; to provide for subcommittees; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 198:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to governing and regulation of mental health, so as to create the Georgians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Innovation Commission; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for members and officers; to provide for meetings, agendas, quorum, and compensation; to provide for the commission's duties and powers; to provide for consultation with subject matter experts designated by the

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Community Health; to provide for subcommittees; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to governing and regulation of mental health, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

37-1-130.

The General Assembly finds and determines that:

(1) While the State of Georgia has made progress fulfilling the 2010 settlement agreement with the United States Department of Justice to expand support for adults with IDD in their homes and communities, Senate Resolution 770 was passed during the 2021-2022 legislative session to create the Senate Study Committee on People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Waiver Plan Access. The mission of the committee was to evaluate the impact of the growing population in Georgia and the resultant increasing demand for services for Georgians with IDD, understand and address shortfalls in the direct service provider workforce, and develop a flow of capital investment resources targeted at the development of a comprehensive service structure, to include adequately trained workers; and

(2) Based on the research and testimony presented, the committee found the need to establish an IDD innovation commission for long-term strategic planning purposes around such complex issues as managed care, workforce wages and incentives, direct service provider career paths, transportation, housing, employment, systems management, innovation and technology processes, service delivery innovations and technology, planning list management, funds utilization and evaluation, and other topics as needed.

37-1-131.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Commission' means the Georgians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Innovation Commission created pursuant to Code Section 37-1-132.

(2) 'IDD' means intellectual and developmental disability.

37-1-132.

There is created the Georgians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Innovation Commission for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the conditions, issues, and problems related to support for Georgians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

37-1-133.

(a) The commission shall be composed of 22 members as follows:

(1) The following members appointed by the Governor:

(A) A chairperson;

(B) A chief executive officer or agency lead of an IDD direct service provider agency;

(C) An IDD direct service provider;

(D) A family member who is also the caregiver of an adult with IDD with self-directed supports;

(E) A family member who is also the caregiver of an adult with IDD who receives direct services; and

(F) An adult with IDD who receives either direct services or self-directed supports;

(2) The following members appointed by the President of the Senate:

(A) Two members of the Senate;

(B) A family member who is the caregiver of an adult with IDD with self-directed supports;

(C) An adult with IDD who receives either direct services or self-directed supports;

(D) An expert in Medicaid eligibility and service delivery;

(E) An expert in IDD supportive housing;

(F) An employment service provider serving adults with IDD in competitive, integrative environments; and

(G) An academic researcher in the field of IDD; and

(3) The following members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

(A) Two members of the House of Representatives;

(B) A family member who is the caregiver of an adult with IDD who receives direct services;

(C) An adult with IDD who receives either direct services or self-directed supports;

(D) A special education teacher;

(E) An expert in transportation for adults with IDD;

(F) A representative from a private IDD advocacy organization; and

(G) A clinical researcher in the field of IDD.

(b) Each nonlegislative member of the commission shall be appointed to serve for a term of two years or until his or her successor is duly appointed. Legislative members of the commission shall serve until completion of their current terms of office. Any member may be appointed to succeed himself or herself on the commission. If a member of the commission is an elected or appointed official, such member, or his or her designee, shall be removed from the commission if such member no longer serves as such elected or appointed official.

(c) The following officers shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the commission:

(1) The commissioner or his or her designee;

(2) The commissioner of the Department of Community Health or his or her designee;

(3) The special education director of the Department of Education or his or her designee;

(4) The executive director of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency or his or her designee; and

(5) The executive director of the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities or his or her designee.

(d) The commission may elect officers, other than the chairperson, as it deems necessary. The chairperson shall vote only to break a tie.

(e) The commission shall be attached for administrative purposes only to the department. The department shall provide staff support for the commission. The department shall use any funds specifically appropriated to such department to support the work of the commission.

37-1-134.

(a) The commission may conduct meetings at such places and times as it deems necessary or convenient to enable it to fully and effectively exercise its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this article. The commission shall hold meetings at the call of the chairperson. The commission shall meet not less than four times per year.

(b) Until the conclusion of the settlement agreement with the United States Department of Justice, the agenda for any meeting of the commission shall be submitted to the counsel of record for the state in the *United States of America v. State of Georgia* case for prior approval.

(c) A quorum for transacting business shall be a majority of the members of the commission.

(d) Legislative members of the commission shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Nonlegislative members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Members of the commission who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the commission, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the commission in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or state employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective departments. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this article shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

37-1-135.

(a) The commission shall have the following duties:

(1) To review the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to support for Georgians with IDD and to recommend any action, including proposed changes to rules, regulations, policies, and programs, and proposed legislation which the commission deems necessary or appropriate;

(2) To evaluate and consider the best practices, experiences, and results of legislation in other states with regard to both children and adults with IDD; and

(3) To annually report on the work of the commission to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) The commission shall have the following powers:

(1) To evaluate how the laws, rules, regulations, policies, and programs affecting people with IDD in this state are working;

(2) To request and receive data from and review the records of appropriate state agencies and courts to the greatest extent allowed by state and federal law;

(3) To accept public or private grants, devises, and bequests;

(4) To authorize entering into contracts or agreements through the commission's chairperson necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties;

(5) To establish rules and procedures for conducting the business of the commission; and

(6) To conduct studies, hold public meetings, collect data, or take any other action the commission deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.

(c) The commission shall be authorized to retain the services of attorneys, consultants, subject matter experts, economists, budget analysts, data analysts, statisticians, and other individuals or organizations as determined appropriate by the commission. Such services may be obtained through a request for proposal process conducted through the Office of Planning and Budget; provided, however, that any final selection shall be approved by the commission.

(d) The department and the Department of Community Health may arrange for and provide IDD professionals to give consultation and subject matter expert advice to the commission. Such professionals may include, but are not limited to, subject matter experts from the following departments, agencies, divisions, institutions, nonprofit organizations, and private advocacy groups:

(1) The Division of IDD;

(2) The Department of Community Health's Home and Community Based Services program;

(3) The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities;

(4) The Georgia Association of Community Service Boards;

(5) The Georgia Association of Community Care Providers;

(6) The Georgia Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities; and

(7) The University of Georgia's Institute on Human Development and Disability.

37-1-136.

(a) The chairperson of the commission shall appoint members to the following subcommittees from among the membership of the commission and may also appoint up to two other noncommission-member persons as he or she may determine to be necessary as relevant to and consistent with this article:

(1) Managed Care;

(2) Service Delivery Workforce;

(3) Planning List and Departmental Innovation;
(4) Community and Home Services; and
(5) Supportive Employment.
(b) The chairperson, at his or her discretion, may designate and appoint members to other subcommittees from among the membership of the commission and may also appoint up to two other noncommission-member persons as he or she may determine to be necessary as relevant to and consistent with this article.

37-1-137.
The commission shall be abolished and this article shall stand repealed on June 30, 2029."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

SB 198, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The President recognized Commissioner of Agriculture and former Senator, Tyler Harper. Commissioner Harper addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Rahman of the 5th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 202. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Orrock of the 36th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 202 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 202. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Orrock of the 36th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 202:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

20-2-590.

(a) The Department of Education is authorized to establish a pilot program, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, to provide for the development and study of outdoor learning spaces on elementary and secondary school property. The purpose of the pilot program shall be to determine whether and how to implement best practices and design standards for outdoor learning spaces.

(b) The Department of Education is authorized to select elementary or secondary schools with sufficient existing or potential outdoor learning spaces for participation in the pilot program as pilot schools. Private, nonprofit, and local school system funding may be utilized by the pilot schools for community engagement, school grounds design support, and capital construction costs. The local board of education for each pilot school shall agree to implement a program to incorporate outdoor learning spaces into the existing curriculum and to continue to provide such program for a period no shorter than three years.

(c) The Department of Education shall provide for an evaluation regarding the success and impact of the pilot program upon completion of the third year of the pilot program and shall report the results of such evaluation to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay

Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 202, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

Feb. 29, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 202. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

2/29/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 202. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Gooch of the 51st

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 422. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to modify the percentage limitation as to the amount of the investments an electric membership corporation may make and maintain in a gas affiliate; to provide for

related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 422 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 422. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to modify the percentage limitation as to the amount of the investments an electric membership corporation may make and maintain in a gas affiliate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 422:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to require an electric membership corporation to disclose certain acquisitions and other information to its members within a certain time frame; to modify the percentage limitation as to the amount of the investments an electric membership corporation may make and maintain in a gas affiliate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"46-3-402.

(a) An electric membership corporation shall timely disclose to its members the direct acquisition of all or part of another entity via purchasing an ownership interest in such entity or an indirect acquisition through the purchasing of its assets. Timely disclosure shall mean within six months of the acquisition. Such disclosure shall include, at a minimum:

(1) A description of the asset or interest acquired;

(2) The date of acquisition;

(3) The consideration given for such acquisition;

(4) The identification of any assets pledged by the electric membership corporation to

secure a loan or other funding that forms all or a portion of the consideration pledged to secure such loan or other funding;

(5) The total amount of the electric membership corporation's assets, debts, and obligations and those of its gas subsidiaries;

(6) The total amount of the electric membership corporation's electric generation and transmission assets as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Uniform System of Accounts; and

(7) The percentage of the electric membership corporation's net utility plant used for the purposes described in subsection (b) of Code Section 46-4-164.

(b) An electric membership corporation shall disclose to it members the annual cost of gas in aggregate that it sells. Such disclosure shall be made on an annual basis."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 46-4-164, relating to construction of article, electric membership corporations and EMC gas affiliates, and liquefied petroleum gas, as follows:

"(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including, without limitation, Article 4 of Chapter 3 of this title, an electric membership corporation may make and maintain investments in, lend funds to, and guarantee the debts and obligations of an EMC gas affiliate in total not to exceed ~~15~~ 25 percent of such electric membership corporation's net utility plant, excluding electric generation and transmission assets as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Uniform System of Accounts in effect at the time of such investment, loan, or guarantee, provided that any such investments or loans shall not reflect rates which are generally available through the use of any tax exempt financing and may not be tied to any loans from or guaranteed by the federal or state government; and an EMC gas affiliate of an electric membership corporation organized and operating pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 3 of this title may apply for and be granted a certificate of authority to provide any service as authorized under this article. The creation, capitalization, or provision of management for:

(1) An EMC gas affiliate engaged in activities subject to the provisions of this article and the rules and regulations established by the commission; or

(2) Other persons providing customer services

shall be deemed to be among the purposes of an electric membership corporation as specified in paragraphs (2) and (3) of Code Section 46-3-200. Nothing in this article shall be deemed to increase or decrease the authority and jurisdiction of the commission with respect to such electric membership corporation except as to gas activities undertaken by the electric membership corporation or its EMC gas affiliate as authorized under this chapter."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute

was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

SB 422, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 451. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 43rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to veteran benefits, so as to place certain requirement on the Department of Veterans Service; to amend Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance, so as to create a voluntary loan program at certain financial institutions to assist veterans; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48, relating to reimbursement relating to imposition, rate, and computation, and exemptions

from income taxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 451 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 451. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 43rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to veteran benefits, so as to place certain requirement on the Department of Veterans Service; to amend Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance, so as to create a voluntary loan program at certain financial institutions to assist veterans; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48, relating to reimbursement relating to imposition, rate, and computation, and exemptions from income taxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions offered the following substitute to SB 451:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act," so as to provide certain protections for veterans and other eligible persons applying for benefits; to provide for limitations; to provide for violations; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Preserving Lawful Utilization of Services for Veterans Act of 2024."

SECTION 2.

Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act," amended by adding a new Code section to

read as follows:

"10-1-409.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Compensation' means any money, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on, or received by, any person in return for services rendered, or to be rendered, by himself or herself or another.

(2) 'Person' means any natural person, corporation, trust, partnership, incorporated or unincorporated association, or any other legal entity.

(3) 'Veterans' benefits matter' means the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of any claim affecting any person who has filed or expressed an intent to file a claim for any benefit, program, service, commodity, function, status, or entitlement to which is determined to pertain to veterans, their dependents, their survivors, or any other individual eligible for such benefits under the laws and regulations administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Georgia Department of Veterans Service.

(4) 'Veteran' means a former member of the United States armed forces or other eligible person entitled to a benefit from the United States armed forces.

(b) No person shall receive compensation for referring any individual to another person to advise or assist the individual with any veterans' benefits matter.

(c) No person shall receive any compensation for any services rendered to a veteran in connection with any claim filed within a one-year period following active-duty release unless the veteran specifically acknowledges in writing prior to the inception of the services agreement that such veteran is within one-year of such release.

(d) A person seeking to receive compensation for advising, assisting, or consulting with any individual in connection with any veterans' benefits matter shall, before rendering any services, memorialize the specific terms under which the amount to be paid shall be determined in a written agreement signed by both parties. Compensation shall be purely contingent upon an increase in benefits awarded, and if successful, compensation shall not exceed five times the amount of the monthly increase in benefits awarded based on the claim. No initial or nonrefundable fee shall be charged by a person advising, assisting, or consulting an individual on a veterans' benefit matter.

(e) A person seeking to receive compensation for advising, assisting, or consulting with any individual regarding any veterans' benefits matter shall not utilize for a secondary medical exam of the veteran a medical professional with whom such person has an employment or business relationship.

(f) No person shall guarantee, either directly or by implication, a successful outcome or that any individual is certain to receive specific veterans' benefits or that any veteran is certain to receive a specific level, percentage, or amount of veterans' benefit.

(g) No person shall advise, assist, or consult for compensation with any veteran concerning any veterans' benefits matter without clearly providing prior to entering into a services agreement the following disclosure both orally and in writing:

'This business is not sponsored by, or affiliated with, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Veterans Service, or any other federally

chartered veterans' service organization. Other organizations, including, but not limited to, the Department of Veterans Service, a local veterans' service organization, and other federally chartered veterans' service organizations may be able to provide you with this service free of charge. Products or services offered by this business are not necessarily endorsed by any of these organizations. You may qualify for other veterans' benefits beyond the benefits for which you are receiving services here.'

The written disclosure shall appear in at least 12 point font and shall appear in a readily noticeable and identifiable place in the person's agreement with the veteran. The veteran shall verbally acknowledge understanding of the oral disclosure and sign the document in which the written disclosure appears to represent understanding of these provisions. The person offering services shall retain a copy of the written disclosure while providing veterans' benefits services for compensation to the veteran for at least one year after the date on which the agreement entered into by the parties terminates.

(h) Persons engaging in the preparation of an initial claim for a fee shall neither:

(1) Gain direct access to any personal medical, financial, or government benefits log-in, username, or password information as relative to any veteran; nor

(2) Utilize an international call center or data center for processing any veteran's personal information.

(i) A violation of the provisions of this Code section shall constitute a deceptive and unfair act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce under this part."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 451, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 349. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Fleming of the 125th, Townsend of the 179th, Cameron of the 1st, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 10, relating to barbers and cosmetologists, and enact a new chapter that reorganizes, modernizes, and clarifies all aspects of the current regulation of the practice of barbering, esthetics, hair design, cosmetology, and nail care through the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1104. By Representatives Crawford of the 84th, Hugley of the 141st, McClain of the 109th, Douglas of the 78th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to address mental health risks for student athletes; to provide for mental health screenings in addition to or in conjunction with preparticipation physical examinations for student athletes; to provide for guidelines and other relevant materials to

inform and educate public school and participating private school student athletes, their parents or guardians, school personnel, and coaches about screening student athletes for mental health risks and raising awareness of mental health resources available to student athletes; to provide for definitions; to provide for informational meetings; to require annual review by coaches; to provide for limited liability; to encourage additional implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1125. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Daniel of the 117th, Hilton of the 48th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to phase out the payment of subminimum wage to persons with disabilities; to repeal provisions concerning exemptions to the state minimum wage law for persons with disabilities; to provide that no employer shall utilize a certificate issued by the United States Department of Labor pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 214(c) to pay individuals with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage; to provide exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1318. By Representative Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to repeal Chapter 10, relating to the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee, and designate it as reserved; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1326. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Jasperse of the 11th, Hawkins of the 27th and Cooper of the 45th:

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

HB 1363. By Representatives Mathiak of the 74th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Greene of the 154th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration under a state health plan be reimbursed using a transparent, index based price, plus a dispensing fee; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolution of the House:

HR 1021. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Washburn of the 144th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for local governments to have the option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year value of such homestead as provided by general law; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on February 29, 2024, be taken from the Table:

SB 457. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Parent of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th, Williams of the 25th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to reestablish a consumer utility counsel to represent consumers in matters before the Public Service Commission or other agencies concerning public utilities; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 457 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 457. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Parent of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th, Williams of the 25th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to reestablish a consumer utility

counsel to represent consumers in matters before the Public Service Commission or other agencies concerning public utilities; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 457, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand in recess until 11:59 p.m., then adjourn pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 4, 2024.

The President announced that the motion prevailed at 8:59 p.m.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 218. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, Leverett of the 123rd, Silcox of the 53rd and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to admissions and confessions, so as to provide for sexual assault hearsay for disabled adults and 17 year olds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 441. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hatchett of the 155th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Mathis of the 149th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to authorize and regulate teledentistry in this state by licensed dentists pursuant to permits issued by the Georgia Board of Dentistry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1031. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Knight of the 134th, Martin of the 49th, Crowe of the 118th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for mandatory reappraisal of parcels; to require estimated roll-back rate information on annual notices of current assessment; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1149. By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Sainz of the 180th and Thomas of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, so as to require local constitutional officers to annually report audits of discretionary funds to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1233. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Vance of the 133rd and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local fire departments generally, so as to expressly authorize the levy and collection of extraterritorial taxes and fees to support local fire departments; to provide that such powers are in addition to and supplemental of any other authorizations currently provided by law; to establish limits on such extraterritorial taxes and fees; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1253. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th, Corbett of the 174th, Houston of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regional commissions, so as to revise the composition of the governing council for regional commissions; to provide for the training of members thereof; to provide for terms of office, filling of vacancies, and appointment of successors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1371. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding liability of owners and occupiers of land, so as to provide for legislative findings, to clarify liability regarding third-party criminal activity; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tolling of limitations, so as to change provisions relating to tolling of limitations for a civil cause of action arising from criminal activity; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1407. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Anderson of the 10th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, so as to revise provisions for establishing, negotiating, reviewing, revising, and filing local government service delivery strategies; to require the development of state-wide mapping standards; to revise the dispute resolution process; to revise provisions related to sanctions; to require and limit the promulgation of

certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 56. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Collins of the 71st, Cameron of the 1st, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 7 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards, so as to provide for undergraduate full tuition grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards who were killed in the line of duty who attend institutions of the University System of Georgia and who meet certain eligibility requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 583. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to authorize the production and sale of homemade food items with certain exemptions, requirements, and disclosures; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensing and inspections; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit local regulation of homemade food items; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 910. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Cox of the 28th, Chastain of the 7th, Horner of the 3rd, Pirkle of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, so as to create a civil remedy for damages against commercial entities that distribute material harmful to minors without performing age verification; to require that age verification

information not be retained; to provide for standards for liability; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 935. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Cameron of the 1st, Scoggins of the 14th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to use of speed detection devices and red light cameras, so as to provide for standards for a conviction through the use of speed devices; to provide for times when a school zone speed limit may be enforced through the use of an automated traffic enforcement safety device; to authorize a local governing body to apply for a permit to operate such devices; to provide for admissible evidence for refuting a violation of speed limit through the use of speed detection devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1046. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 47th, Powell of the 33rd, Barrett of the 24th, Mathiak of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-72, Code Section 31-6-2, and Article 7 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the sale, distribution, or possession of dangerous drugs, definitions relative to state health planning and development, and home health agencies, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to repeal the prohibition on delegating to advanced practice registered nurses the authority to sign death certificates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1075. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Gullett of the 19th, Persinger of the 119th and New of the 64th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding notaries public, so as to provide that state agencies shall accept certain notarial acts performed in another state; to provide for definitions; to provide that a notarial act may be exercised in any county in this state; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1099. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Burchett of the 176th, Cannon of the 172nd, Camp of the 135th and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to criminal trespass and damage to property, so as to provide for the crime of criminal trespass upon the knowing entry upon land or premises of another that has been marked with purple paint; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1123. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of disabled adults and elder persons, so as to require the establishment of an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team in each judicial circuit; to provide for an exception; to establish the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Coordinator Program within the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia; to provide for dissemination of information created by the coalition to the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1239. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Jasperse of the 11th and Dickey of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; to provide for standards for registration of such vehicles; to provide for issuance of license plates for miniature on-road vehicles; to provide for an annual licensing fee for such vehicles; to provide for issuance of certificates of title by the Department of Revenue for such vehicles; to provide for equipment and operating standards for such vehicles; to provide local authorities with the power to prohibit operation of miniature on-road vehicles; to require posting of notice of such prohibition upon highways; to revise and provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1255. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-42 of the Official

Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for preparation and filing of transcript of evidence and proceedings where appellant designates matter to be omitted from record on appeal and extensions of time for completion of transcript, so as to provide for transcript requests; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1260. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Burchett of the 176th, Dickey of the 145th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to enact the "Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act"; to provide for definitions; to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish and maintain a directory of nicotine vapor products authorized for sale in this state; to prohibit the sale of any nicotine vapor product not listed in the directory; to provide for compliance checks; to provide for civil penalties and enforcement; to provide for rules and regulations; to require the Commissioner to provide an annual report to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1274. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Frye of the 122nd, Dickey of the 145th, Pirkle of the 169th, Thomas of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state veterinary education, so as to provide for limits on the student loan forgiveness program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1294. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Greene of the 154th and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1322. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Pirkle of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to regulate consumable hemp products; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of delta-9-THC concentration; to require such products be packaged in certain containers; to provide restrictions on the sale of consumable hemp products; to provide restrictions on advertisements of such products; to provide for a restriction on the location of retail establishments that sell such products; to provide restrictions on the advertisement or representation of such retail establishments; to conform terminology; to provide effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1361. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Smith of the 18th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cheokas of the 151st, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to prohibit distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for affirmative defenses; to provide for other matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1410. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Frye of the 122nd and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing generally, so as to establish a stable housing accountability program; to provide for an application process and minimum standards; to provide for the use of certain funds; to provide for disbursements; to require contracts and assurances; to revise means of appointment to the commission; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for a performance audit by the state auditor on public spending on homeless programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolution of the House:

HR 1042. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Judicial System

Compensation; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 625. By Representatives Mathis of the 149th, Wade of the 9th, Gullett of the 19th, Stinson of the 150th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to coroners, so as to provide that coroners are full-time county employees; to set salaries of deputy coroners; to provide minimum salaries of coroners; to remove certain death investigation fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1053. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Williams of the 148th, Persinger of the 119th, Clark of the 100th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to prohibit governmental agencies from using central bank digital currency as payment and from participating in testing the use of such currency; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1146. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ground-water use generally, so as to require the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources to issue water permits to private companies in areas where no public service can be provided within a period of 12 months; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1314. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Gunter of the 8th, Au of the 50th, Camp of the 135th and Stoner of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to designate emergency medical services, including ambulance service, as an essential service in this state; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate stood adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Monday, March 4, 2024
Twenty-ninth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 566. By Senators Harbison of the 15th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales to or by certain nonprofit organizations that provide home repair assistance to veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 567. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

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

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 568. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide that in making determinations with respect to probation and suspension of sentences, the court shall inquire into and consider the legality of

a prisoner's presence in the United States; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, so as to provide that the State Board of Pardons and Paroles shall inquire into and consider the legality of a prisoner's presence in the United States when making parole decisions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and to provide for a contingent effective date and for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 569. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Tillery of the 19th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for requirements for bail hearings for illegal aliens and removable or inadmissible aliens charged with a felony punishable by imprisonment for one year or more; to allow certain offenses to be charged by accusation of the district attorney; to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to require sheriffs, jailers, and deputies to honor immigration detainer requests; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 703. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Gooch of the 51st, Dolezal of the 27th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing concerns regarding regulatory overreach impacting the chemical industry and urging the federal government to reevaluate proposed restrictions; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SR 709. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Rental Housing Affordability Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Urban Affairs.

SR 713. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Beacon Hill Black Alliance for Human Rights; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 717. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Merritt of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Patsy Austin-Gatson; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 718. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2024, as Dr. Indran B. Indrakrishnan Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 719. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Goodman of the 8th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION condemning Jew-hatred in all of its forms and resolving to end the persecution and discrimination against the Jewish community; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SR 721. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to prohibit parole for illegal aliens or to prescribe the terms and conditions of parole for illegal aliens by general law; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 56. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Collins of the 71st, Cameron of the 1st, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 7 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards, so as to provide for undergraduate full tuition grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards who were killed in the line of duty who attend institutions of the University System of Georgia and who meet certain eligibility requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 218. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, Leverett of the 123rd, Silcox of the 53rd and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to admissions and confessions, so as to provide for sexual assault hearsay for disabled adults and 17 year olds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 349. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Fleming of the 125th, Townsend of the 179th, Cameron of the 1st, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 10, relating to barbers and cosmetologists, and enact a new chapter that reorganizes, modernizes, and clarifies all aspects of the current regulation of the practice of barbering, esthetics, hair design, cosmetology, and nail care through the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 441. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hatchett of the 155th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Mathis of the 149th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to authorize and regulate teledentistry in this state by licensed dentists pursuant to permits issued by the Georgia Board of Dentistry; to provide for related matters; to provide an

effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 499. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th, Stephens of the 164th and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding alimony and child support, so as to authorize child support and insurance policies for disabled children who have reached the age of majority but lack the ability to otherwise support themselves independently; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

HB 583. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to authorize the production and sale of homemade food items with certain exemptions, requirements, and disclosures; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensing and inspections; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit local regulation of homemade food items; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

HB 589. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, so as to require certain financial disclosures from entities performing work related to fiscal notes; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

HB 617. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Pirkle of the 169th, Wiedower of the 121st, Thomas of the 21st and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to provide for the development and maintenance of a state-wide freight and logistics implementation plan; to provide for a definition; to provide for responsibilities and duties of the Planning Division and director; to provide for standards and considerations for such plan; to require annual reporting to the General Assembly; to provide for legislative intent and declarations; to provide for the creation of a Georgia Freight 2050 Program subject to appropriation by the General Assembly; to provide for purposes of such program; to identify intended funding for such program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 625. By Representatives Mathis of the 149th, Wade of the 9th, Gullett of the 19th, Stinson of the 150th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to coroners, so as to provide that coroners are full-time county employees; to set salaries of deputy coroners; to provide minimum salaries of coroners; to remove certain death investigation fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 663. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Smith of the 138th, Pirkle of the 169th, Jones of the 25th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to establish certain rights of minors and adults admitted to hospitals; to provide for definitions; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to limit or restrict visitation in certain circumstances; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to require visitors to wear personal protective equipment; to provide for statutory construction; to provide that certain rights may not be waived or terminated; to require hospitals and long-term care facilities to post certain information on their websites; to prohibit certain actions by state agencies against hospitals and long-term care facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 839. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hutchinson of the 106th, Cooper of the 45th, Powell of the 33rd and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Social Work Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists to administer the compact in this state; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 844. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 846. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to annually notify employees whether social security taxes will be withheld from their pay and whether they are eligible to be included in certain benefits, pension, or retirement plans; to provide for public school employees to receive information regarding pension and retirement plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 910. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Cox of the 28th, Chastain of the 7th, Horner of the 3rd, Pirkle of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, so as to create a civil remedy for damages against

commercial entities that distribute material harmful to minors without performing age verification; to require that age verification information not be retained; to provide for standards for liability; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 924. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Knight of the 134th, Cooper of the 45th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to prohibit insurers from discriminating against certain healthcare facilities and providers in connection with the procurement, delivery, and administration of provider administered drugs; to provide for definitions; to provide for violation; to provide for construction; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 926. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Mainor of the 56th, Greene of the 154th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for issuance of certificates by a court for purposes of demonstrating rehabilitation and good moral character; to amend Code Section 24-4-419 of the O.C.G.A., relating to admissibility of criminal history record information of an employee or former employee; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses; to amend Code Section 44-5-150 of the O.C.G.A., relating to search and notification for information identifying anatomical gift donor status; to amend Code Section 51-1-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to presumption of due care in hiring of person pardoned or who has obtained a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 935. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Cameron of the 1st, Scoggins of the 14th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official

Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to use of speed detection devices and red light cameras, so as to provide for standards for a conviction through the use of speed devices; to provide for times when a school zone speed limit may be enforced through the use of an automated traffic enforcement safety device; to authorize a local governing body to apply for a permit to operate such devices; to provide for admissible evidence for refuting a violation of speed limit through the use of speed detection devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 1017. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Reeves of the 99th, Burchett of the 176th, Crowe of the 118th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass, so as to include when a person enters a land or premises for purposes of residing on such land or premises; to provide a short title; to provide for a definition; to provide for a violation and penalty; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to proceedings against intruders, so as to provide for the submission of a property affidavit in magistrate court; to provide that proceedings regarding a writ of possession are not required to be jury trials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1023. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Crowe of the 118th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to match the rate of the tax imposed on corporations to that imposed on individual taxpayers; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to repeal the corporate net worth tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1031. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Knight of the 134th, Martin of the 49th, Crowe of the 118th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for mandatory reappraisal of parcels; to require estimated roll-back rate information on annual notices of current assessment; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1046. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 47th, Powell of the 33rd, Barrett of the 24th, Mathiak of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-72, Code Section 31-6-2, and Article 7 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the sale, distribution, or possession of dangerous drugs, definitions relative to state health planning and development, and home health agencies, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to repeal the prohibition on delegating to advanced practice registered nurses the authority to sign death certificates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1052. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 145th, Huddleston of the 72nd, McCollum of the 30th, Meeks of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bona fide conservation use property, residential transitional property, application procedures, penalties for breach of covenant, classification on tax digest, and annual report, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1053. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Williams of the 148th, Persinger of the 119th, Clark of the 100th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, relating to state government, so as to prohibit governmental agencies from using central bank digital currency as payment and from participating in testing the use of such currency; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

HB 1075. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Gullett of the 19th, Persinger of the 119th and New of the 64th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding notaries public, so as to provide that state agencies shall accept certain notarial acts performed in another state; to provide for definitions; to provide that a notarial act may be exercised in any county in this state; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1096. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Evans of the 89th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of professions and businesses, so as to establish on behalf of professional licensing boards under the jurisdiction of the office of the Secretary of State a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to require compliance with continuing education requirements prior to the issuance of certain licenses; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1099. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Burchett of the 176th, Cannon of the 172nd, Camp of the 135th and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to criminal trespass and damage to property, so as to provide for the crime of criminal trespass upon the knowing entry upon land or premises of

another that has been marked with purple paint; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1104. By Representatives Crawford of the 84th, Hugley of the 141st, McClain of the 109th, Douglas of the 78th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to address mental health risks for student athletes; to provide for mental health screenings in addition to or in conjunction with preparticipation physical examinations for student athletes; to provide for guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate public school and participating private school student athletes, their parents or guardians, school personnel, and coaches about screening student athletes for mental health risks and raising awareness of mental health resources available to student athletes; to provide for definitions; to provide for informational meetings; to require annual review by coaches; to provide for limited liability; to encourage additional implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 1105. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Collins of the 71st, Bonner of the 73rd, Dunahoo of the 31st, Barton of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to require the commissioner of corrections to report certain information regarding the immigration status, offenses, and home countries of persons who are confined under the authority of the Department of Corrections; to provide for standard procedures for intake and booking of aliens and foreign nationals; to provide for quarterly reports by jailers regarding foreign born inmates; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1116. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Stephens of the 164th, Houston of the 170th, Blackmon of the 146th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate,

computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to extend the sunset date for the historic home portion of the tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to extend a provision for an automatic repeal of such tax credits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1122. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Ballard of the 147th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary and elementary education, so as to provide for funding requirements to apply to local education agencies; to provide for one superintendent for each state charter school; to provide for funding for local and state charter school principals; to increase opportunities for students to attend and be enrolled in the public schools where their parents or guardians are employed, including charter schools, regardless of school attendance zone or school system residency; to limit the application of certain state charter school conflict of interest provisions to executive-level employees, rather than all employees, of local boards of education or local school systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 1123. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of disabled adults and elder persons, so as to require the establishment of an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team in each judicial circuit; to provide for an exception; to establish the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Coordinator Program within the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia; to provide for dissemination of information created by the coalition to the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1125. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Daniel of the 117th, Hilton of the 48th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to phase out the payment of subminimum wage to persons with disabilities; to repeal provisions concerning exemptions to the state minimum wage law for persons with disabilities; to provide that no employer shall utilize a certificate issued by the United States Department of Labor pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 214(c) to pay individuals with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage; to provide exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 1146. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ground-water use generally, so as to require the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources to issue water permits to private companies in areas where no public service can be provided within a period of 12 months; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

HB 1149. By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Sainz of the 180th and Thomas of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, so as to require local constitutional officers to annually report audits of discretionary funds to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1180. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Martin of the 49th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital production, so as to revise a definition; to provide for an application requirement; to provide for related matters; to provide for an

effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1190. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Powell of the 33rd, Cheokas of the 151st, Gaines of the 120th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to authorize the division director within the office of the Secretary of State to issue licenses in instances when the requirements for licensure have been met and the professional licensing board fails to act within a certain time period; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1197. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Powell of the 33rd, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th, Pirkle of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to expand the revitalization zone tax credits to include rehabilitation of historic residential structures; to authorize the extension of a designation as a revitalization zone; to authorize areas to be designated as revitalization zones more than once; to provide that no new designations or extensions shall be made after a certain date; to provide for information sharing; to extend a provision for an automatic repeal; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1201. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Smith of the 18th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 17-10-21 and 35-3-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants and review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, respectively, so as to provide for the vacating of sentences of victims of trafficking sentenced under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title

42, relating to first offenders; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1223. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Petrea of the 166th, Prince of the 132nd, Jackson of the 128th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the 'Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976,' so as to provide for a new prohibited act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

HB 1231. By Representative Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, to allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to allow academically successful students who commence a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1233. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Vance of the 133rd and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local fire departments generally, so as to expressly authorize the levy and collection of extraterritorial taxes and fees to support local fire departments; to provide that such powers are in addition to and supplemental of any other authorizations currently provided by law; to establish limits on such extraterritorial taxes and fees; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1239. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Jasperse of the 11th and Dickey of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; to provide for standards for registration of such vehicles; to provide for issuance of license plates for miniature on-road vehicles; to provide for an annual licensing fee for such vehicles; to provide for issuance of certificates of title by the Department of Revenue for such vehicles; to provide for equipment and operating standards for such vehicles; to provide local authorities with the power to prohibit operation of miniature on-road vehicles; to require posting of notice of such prohibition upon highways; to revise and provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1253. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th, Corbett of the 174th, Houston of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regional commissions, so as to revise the composition of the governing council for regional commissions; to provide for the training of members thereof; to provide for terms of office, filling of vacancies, and appointment of successors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

HB 1255. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for preparation and filing of transcript of evidence and proceedings where appellant designates matter to be omitted from record on appeal and extensions of time for completion of transcript, so as to provide for transcript requests; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1260. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Burchett of the 176th, Dickey of the 145th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to enact the "Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act"; to provide for definitions; to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish and maintain a directory of nicotine vapor products authorized for sale in this state; to prohibit the sale of any nicotine vapor product not listed in the directory; to provide for compliance checks; to provide for civil penalties and enforcement; to provide for rules and regulations; to require the Commissioner to provide an annual report to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1274. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Frye of the 122nd, Dickey of the 145th, Pirkle of the 169th, Thomas of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state veterinary education, so as to provide for limits on the student loan forgiveness program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1280. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Reese of the 140th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Muscogee County School District, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1086), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 20, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6629), so as to revise how vacancies on said board are filled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1281. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Reese of the 140th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1282. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Reese of the 140th and Buckner of the 137th:

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

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1283. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding the juvenile code, so as to revise a provision relating to the use of a deadly weapon; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1292. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Beverly of the 143rd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to recordation and registration of deeds and other instruments, so as to require that the clerks of the superior courts obtain photographic identification cards of individuals who present deeds or other instruments for recording; to require such clerks retain certain information relating to deeds or other instruments presented for recording; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Titles 23 and 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to equity and torts, respectively, so as to provide remedies for fraudulently recorded deeds or other instruments; to provide for the recovery of costs and attorney's fees in certain quiet title actions; to provide for a civil cause of action for the recording of fraudulent or forged deeds or other instruments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1294. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Greene of the 154th and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1312. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Hagan of the 156th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023, (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), so as to extend the effective date of provisions relative to regulative authority of the Department of Agriculture and revenue and taxation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1314. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Gunter of the 8th, Au of the 50th, Camp of the 135th and Stoner of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to designate emergency medical services, including ambulance service, as an essential service in this state; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1318. By Representative Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to repeal Chapter 10, relating to the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee, and designate it as reserved; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1319. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Hong of the 103rd, Mughal of the 105th, McCollum of the 30th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 6, 2005, (Ga. L. 2005 p. 3893), so as to lower the age for the exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1320. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Hong of the 103rd, Mughal of the 105th, McCollum of the 30th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $22,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of the City of Buford, approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3890), so as to increase the exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1322. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Pirkle of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to regulate consumable hemp products; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of delta-9-THC concentration; to require such products be packaged in certain containers; to provide restrictions on the sale of consumable hemp products; to provide restrictions on advertisements of such products; to provide for a restriction on the location of retail establishments that sell such products; to provide restrictions on the advertisement or representation of such retail establishments; to conform terminology; to provide effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1326. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Jasperse of the 11th, Hawkins of the 27th and Cooper of the 45th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1335. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Gaines of the 120th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to revise staffing requirements for personal care homes, assisted living communities, and memory care centers; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1341. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, DeLoach of the 167th, Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 1344. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Anulewicz of the 42nd and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, so as to allow for certain officials on the Behavioral Health

Coordinating Council to be represented by a delegate or agent; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services relative to children and adolescents with severe emotional problems, so as to repeal a provision relating to the submission of an annual report by the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 1347. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

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

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1361. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Smith of the 18th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cheokas of the 151st, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to prohibit distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for affirmative defenses; to provide for other matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1363. By Representatives Mathiak of the 74th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Greene of the 154th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration under a state health plan be reimbursed using a transparent, index based price, plus a dispensing fee; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1371. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding liability of owners and occupiers of land, so as to provide for legislative findings, to clarify liability regarding third-party criminal activity; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tolling of limitations, so as to change provisions relating to tolling of limitations for a civil cause of action arising from criminal activity; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1407. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Anderson of the 10th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, so as to revise provisions for establishing, negotiating, reviewing, revising, and filing local government service delivery strategies; to require the development of state-wide mapping standards; to revise the dispute resolution process; to revise provisions related to sanctions; to require and limit the promulgation of certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 1409. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Newton of the 127th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, so as to limit liability for mental health care providers under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to limit liability for punitive damages; to provide for applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1410. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Frye of the 122nd and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing generally, so as to establish a stable housing accountability program; to provide for an application process and minimum standards; to provide for the use of certain funds; to provide for disbursements; to require contracts and assurances; to revise means of appointment to the commission; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for a performance audit by the state auditor on public spending on homeless programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HR 302. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th, Lim of the 98th and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the appropriation of funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements; to revise the disposition of excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 854. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Collins of the 71st and Smith of the 18th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 901. By Representative Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Darrell Lee Clark; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 902. By Representative Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 1021. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Washburn of the 144th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for local governments to have the option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year value of such homestead as provided by general law; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HR 1042. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 1133. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to pass the Kidney Patient Access to Technologically Innovative and Essential Nephrology Treatments Act of 2023 or the "Kidney PATIENT Act of 2023" (H.R. 5074); and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HR 1164. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Buckner of the 137th, Reese of the 140th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of the Honorable Richard H. Smith and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1215. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Chastain of the 7th, Hatchett of the 155th, Burns of the 159th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of the Honorable David E. Ralston and

dedicating an interstate connector and bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 531	Do Pass	SB 558	Do Pass
SB 560	Do Pass	SB 562	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Merritt of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Merritt was excused.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Islam Parkes was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Setzler of the 37th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Setzler was excused.

Senator Watson of the 1st asked unanimous consent that Senator Hickman of the 4th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hickman was excused.

Senator Watson of the 1st asked unanimous consent that Senator Williams of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Williams was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	Orrock
Anavitarte	Harbin	Parent
Beach	Harbison	Payne
Bearden	Harrell	Rhett
Brass	Hatchett	Robertson
Burns	Hodges	Seay
Butler	Hufstetler	Sims
Cowsert	Jackson	Still
Davenport	Jones, H.	Strickland
Dixon	Kennedy	Summers
Dolezal	Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Echols	Mallow	Walker
Esteves	McLaurin	Watson, B.
Ginn	Merritt	Watson, S.
Goodman	Moore	

Not answering were Senators:

Hickman (Excused)	Islam Parkes (Excused)	James (Excused)
Jones, E. (Excused)	Rahman (Excused)	Setzler (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Williams (Excused)	Anderson, L.
Anderson, T.	Gooch	Lucas

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present:

Senators: Lucas of the 26th Anderson of the 43rd

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Brass of the 28th introduced the chaplain of the day, Mr. Rob Brass of Newnan, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Jackson of the 41st introduced the CEO of DeKalb County, Michael Thurmond, commended by SR 581, adopted previously. Mr. Thurmond addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Davenport of the 44th introduced representatives from the United Negro College

Fund for its eightieth anniversary, commended by SR 650, adopted previously. Justine Boyd, Assistant Vice President of Regional Development at the UNCF, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Brass of the 28th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Elizabeth Brass Almon, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 704. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 27, 2024, as South Fulton County Legislative Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 705. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Chantaye Carhee for receiving the 2024 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

SR 706. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the achievements and capabilities of young Georgians, and recognizing March 14, 2024, as Georgia Children & Youth Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 707. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 20, 2024, as Morris Brown College Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 708. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 4, 2024, as Podiatry Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 710. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Thierry Konguep; and for other purposes.

SR 711. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Butler of the 55th, Echols of the 49th, Parent of the 42nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 11, 2024, as Pace Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 712. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th, Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 7, 2024, as Monroe County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 714. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Hatchett of the 50th, Echols of the 49th, Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ronald G. White on his outstanding public service to higher education; and for other purposes.

SR 715. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Echols of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Richard Weizenecker; and for other purposes.

SR 716. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Strickland of the 17th, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

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

SR 720. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Anderson of the 24th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Echols of the 49th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dave Cobb; and for other purposes.

SR 722. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Halpern of the 39th, Gooch of the 51st and Hickman of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 7, 2024, as Georgia Airports Association Day; and for other purposes.

SR 723. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending small business advocacy organizations and

recognizing March 5, 2024, as Small Business Advocacy Day; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, March 4, 2024
Twenty-ninth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 531 Jones of the 10th
Harrell of the 40th
Jackson of the 41st
Parent of the 42nd
Anderson of the 43rd
Davenport of the 44th
Butler of the 55th
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4094), so as to change the compensation of the members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 558 Jones of the 10th
Harrell of the 40th
Jackson of the 41st
Parent of the 42nd
Anderson of the 43rd
Davenport of the 44th
Butler of the 55th
CITY OF DORAVILLE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits

of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 560

Jones of the 10th
Harrell of the 40th
Jackson of the 41st
Parent of the 42nd
Anderson of the 43rd
Davenport of the 44th
Butler of the 55th
CITY OF DORAVILLE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 562

Jones of the 10th
Harrell of the 40th
Jackson of the 41st
Parent of the 42nd
Anderson of the 43rd
Davenport of the 44th
Butler of the 55th
CITY OF PINE LAKE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pine Lake, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3935), as amended, so as to restate the city's charter; to change the corporate limits of such city; to transfer powers from the mayor to the city manager and vest additional powers in the city manager; to provide for the mayor to vote in case of a tie; to provide for appointment and removal of department directors; to provide for elections; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	E Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Robertson
Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Moore	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 45, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

March 4th 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the Local Consent Calendar. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

/s/ Moore of the 53rd

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Thirtieth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 570. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to simple assault, so as to articulate the intent required for certain offenses of simple assault; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 946 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1078	Do Pass
HB 1083	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 204	Do Pass	HB 375	Do Pass by substitute
HB 456	Do Pass by substitute	HB 563	Do Pass by substitute
HB 873	Do Pass	HB 884	Do Pass
HB 906	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Goodman	Mallow
Anavitarte	Halpern	McLaurin
Anderson, L.	Harbin	Merritt

Beach	Harbison	Moore
Bearden	Harrell	Payne
Brass	Hickman	Rhett
Burns	Hodges	Robertson
Butler	Hufstetler	Sims
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Still
Davenport	James	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, E.	Summers
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Walker
Echols	Kennedy	Watson, B.
Ginn	Kirkpatrick	Watson, S.
Gooch	Lucas	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Orrock (Excused)	Rahman (Excused)	Tate (Excused)
Anderson, T.	Esteves	Hatchett
Jackson	Parent	Seay
Setzler	Tillery	

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present:

Senators: Anderson of the 43rd Parent of the 42nd Jackson of the 41st

Senator Merritt of the 9th asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

Senator Walker III of the 20th asked unanimous consent that Senator Tillery of the 19th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tillery was excused.

Senator Walker III of the 20th asked unanimous consent that Senator Hatchett of the 50th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hatchett was excused.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Jones of the 10th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Jamal Bryant of Lithonia, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President recognized Congressman Rick Allen. Congressman Allen addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 725. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Mallow of the 2nd and Halpern of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending A.G. Rhodes upon its 120th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Senator Esteves of the 6th introduced representatives from A.G. Rhodes Health and Rehab, commended by SR 725. Deke Cateau, CEO of A.G. Rhodes, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Butler of the 55th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Dhruti Contractor, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 724. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Jackson of the 41st and Harrell of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Psychological Association; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, March 7, 2024
Thirty-first Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
240 STATE CAPITOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 7, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary Cook,

I write to inform you that, pursuant to Senate Rules 2-3.2(a), the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed Senator Tim Bearden of the 30th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Public Safety Committee. Senator Bearden's appointment is effective immediately. As an ex-officio member, he shall count as a voting member for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at any given meeting and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1330. By Representatives Stoner of the 40th, Cummings of the 39th and Anulewicz of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "South Cobb Development Authority Act," approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 3772), as amended, so as to change the name of the authority to the Mableton Development Authority; to revise the short title; to revise provisions related to the selection of membership of the authority; to provide for continuation in office of current board members; to provide for the selection of board officers; to revise the geographical area of operations of the authority; to revise the purposes and objectives of the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Pine Mountain; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of White; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, prohibitions, elections, terms, removal from office, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, and qualifications; to provide for conflict of interest and holding other offices; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1400. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of

Damascus; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1401. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Blakely; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, prohibitions, elections, terms, removal from office, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, and qualifications; to provide for conflict of interest and holding other offices; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act providing a new charter for the City of Chatsworth," approved August 18, 1923 (Ga. L. 1923, p. 529), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4119), so as to provide for the annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Screven, approved March 9, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2203), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964 Ex. Sess., p. 2114), and an Act approved June 30, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3949), so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to revise meeting dates for the city council; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Warner Robins Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for members of the authority; to provide for officers; to provide for personnel; to provide for meetings and a quorum; to provide for duties; to provide for powers; to provide for authority property; to provide for no personal liability of authority members for executing notes or obligations on behalf of the

authority; to provide for a budget; to provide for inspections by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins; to provide that the authority shall not bind the City of Warner Robins; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1414. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Romman of the 97th and Marin of the 96th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts to be wholly located within the City of Peachtree Corners; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of said districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for boards to administer said districts; to provide for the appointment and election of members of said boards; to provide for taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for the boundaries of said districts; to provide for debt of said districts other than bonded indebtedness; to provide for cooperation with local governments; to provide for powers of said boards; to provide for construction; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolutions; to provide the procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1419. By Representative Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Pike County Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by Pike County, the Pike County School District, any municipality or other political subdivision located in Pike County, for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide for members of the authority and their terms, organization, and reimbursement; to provide for vacancies; to provide for definitions; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 332. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hatchett of the 50th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-18-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications

Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 375. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jackson of the 41st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st and Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 37-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, membership, meetings, and obligations, so as to add the commissioner of veterans service as a member of such council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 443. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abatement of nuisances generally, so as to provide for inclusion of claims against promoters and organizers for costs incurred by local governments due to unpermitted events in complaints filed on behalf of the public; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in amending the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 196. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Daniel of the 117th, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to access to medical cannabis, so as to provide that the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission shall be subject to the Administrative Procedure Act and laws governing open meetings and open records; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Efstration of the 104th, and Corbett of the 174th.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 571. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandersville, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4823), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3733), so as to revise the powers of the mayor; to restate provisions related to the mayor pro tempore; to provide for a council-manager form of government; to provide for the selection, qualifications, and duties of the city manager; to update and restate provisions related to the administration of the city government; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 572. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

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

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 573. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

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

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 574. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Cowsert of the 46th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia to be known as the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, approved March 9, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 152), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 1217), so as to authorize the counties that make up said judicial circuit to provide additional investigators to the district attorney; to provide for appointment and qualifications of such investigators; to provide for the powers of such investigators; to provide that such investigators shall serve

at the pleasure of the district attorney; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 575. By Senator Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Milledgeville Public Facilities Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SR 727. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Brass of the 28th, Halpern of the 39th, Summers of the 13th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Georgia's Creative Economy Senate Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 3-3.1 (a) to allow for the reading and assignment of the supplemental Governor's Appointments. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following communication from His Excellency, Governor Brian P. Kemp, was read by the Secretary:

STATE OF GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ATLANTA 30334-0090

Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

March 6, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Cook:

Attached is the list of appointments to various boards, commissions, authorities, and other entities requiring Senate confirmation. This list is submitted pursuant to Senate Rules 3-3.1, *et seq*. If we can provide you with any additional information to assist your office in the confirmation process, please let us know.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Brian P. Kemp

The Honorable Felicia Taylor Wimberly of Gwinnett County, as a member of the State Board of Funeral Service, for the term of office ending 3/5/2030.

The Honorable Christopher Lee Collier of DeKalb County, as a member of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, for the term of office ending 3/5/2028.

The Honorable Cornelius "Neil" Edward Rawls of DeKalb County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office ending 3/5/2028.

The Honorable Laura Valentina Montoya of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office ending 6/30/2025.

The Honorable Pamela Reddick Collins of Screven County, as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy, for the term of office ending 3/5/2028.

The Honorable Shondeana Morris of DeKalb County, as a member of the Division of Family and Children Services State Advisory Board, for the term of office ending 12/31/2026.

The Honorable Nancy White of Bibb County, as a member of the Division of Family and Children Services State Advisory Board, for the term of office ending 12/31/2026.

The Honorable JaNice Van Ness of Rockdale County, as a member of the Division of Family and Children Services State Advisory Board, for the term of office ending 12/31/2026.

The Honorable Joshua Y. Batson of Lowndes County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office ending 12/21/2026.

The Honorable Heather Marie Bohannon of Floyd County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office ending 12/21/2026.

The Honorable Terri Jo Burner of Putnam County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Everett B. Tyler of Muscogee County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Wayne Vernon Bennett of Glynn County, as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, for the term of office ending 1/1/2030.

The Honorable Lance Douglas Barry of Bartow County, as a member of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Brooke Wright of Coweta County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Rakyah Sheneé Washington of Hancock County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Samuel Rocco Verniero, Jr. of Cherokee County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Shelia LaTonya Kitchens of Columbia County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Reshell Nanette Baldini of DeKalb County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Matthew Daniel Dooley of Oconee County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Juan Alberto Maitland of DeKalb County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Danny Hurshel Housley of Fulton County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Steve A. Adegbite of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Technology Authority, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Angie Ann Lewis of Chatham County, as a member of the Career and

Technical Education Advisory Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2026.

The Honorable Terry Lynn Barber of Ware County, as a member of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2026.

The Honorable Lynne J. Wilson of Lowndes County, as a member of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2026.

The Honorable Ryan Blythe of Cobb County, as a member of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Kathleen Meyer Patterson of Oconee County, as a member of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Linda Russell Adkinson of Bibb County, as a member of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Donovan Head of Cherokee County, as a member of the Education Commission of the States, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Honorable Cassius F. Butts of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Tourism Foundation, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Honorable Faye Perdue of Meriwether County, as a member of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

The Honorable Vincent F. Martin of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, all appointments were referred to the Committee on Assignments.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: MARCH 7, 2024

RE: GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, I am notifying the Senate that a supplemental list of various appointments made by the Governor that require Senate confirmation has been received and referred to the Committee on Assignments. Attached for your review is the list of these appointments.

The Committee on Assignments will report its recommendations on the appointments to the Senate after which the Senate may proceed to consider confirmation.

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Children and Families has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 509 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 874 Do Pass
HB 1122 Do Pass by substitute
HB 1183 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dixon of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 808 Do Pass
HB 871 Do Pass
HB 1181 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 589 Do Pass by substitute
HB 1044 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Harbin of the 16th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 982 Do Pass
HB 1124 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hickman of the 4th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 301	Do Pass by substitute	HB 878	Do Pass by substitute
HB 907	Do Pass by substitute	HB 997	Do Pass
HB 1001	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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COMMITTEES:
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March 7, 2024

The Honorable David Cook
Secretary of the Senate

Re: Minority Report on HB 301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of House Bill 301, which Public Safety passed out on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Kim S. Jackson
Senator Kim Jackson
Senate District 41
Member of Senate Committee on Public Safety

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 619 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 456 HB 873 HB 884 HB 906 HB 946 HB 1078

HB 1083

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Strickland of the 17th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Strickland was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbison	Orrock
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Parent
Beach	Hatchett	Payne
Bearden	Hickman	Rahman
Brass	Hodges	Rhett
Burns	Hufstetler	Robertson

Butler	Islam Parkes	Seay
Cowsert	Jackson	Setzler
Davenport	James	Still
Dixon	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Summers
Echols	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Lucas	Watson, B.
Gooch	Mallow	Watson, S.
Goodman	McLaurin	Williams
Halpern	Merritt	

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Sims

Senator Anderson of the 43rd was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator James of the 35th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Shanan Jones of College Park, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President introduced the Mayor of Atlanta, Andre Dickens. Mayor Dickens addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Butler of the 55th introduced Whitney Green, Lithonia High School's 2023 Teacher of the Year, Ashley Thomas, Stephenson High School's 2023 Teacher of the Year, and Nalini Babb, Miller Grove High School's 2023 Teacher of the Year, commended by SR 663, SR 664, and SR 665, all adopted previously.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th introduced the Boy Scouts of America, commended by SR 590, adopted previously. Tracy Techau, Scout Executive of the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and representatives from the Boy Scouts addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. John Cowan, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 726. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lorraine Cochran-Johnson on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 728. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th and Seay of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Shavawn P. Simmons on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 729. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Steve Bradshaw on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 730. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Butler of the 55th, Halpern of the 39th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Jackson of the 41st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Susie Kyle for receiving the 2024 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

SR 731. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th, Echols of the 49th, Williams of the 25th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the McDuffie/Warren County Unit on being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2023 North Georgia Unit of the Year; the Berrien County Unit on being named the 2023 South Georgia Unit of the Year; Forest Protection Area 9 on being named the 2023 Forest Protection Area of the Year; and Jason McMullen on being named the 2023 Forester of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 732. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st and Halpern of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Augusta-Richmond County Branch of the NAACP; and for other purposes.

SR 733. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ambassador Amina Amira Smaila and thanking her for her public service; and for other purposes.

SR 734. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Jakequeline Walls for receiving the Georgia Women's Legislative Caucus' 2024 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

SR 735. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Echols of the 49th, Goodman of the 8th, Parent of the 42nd and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tammie Collins and congratulating her on being a 2024 recipient of the Career Women's Network Women of Achievement Award; and for other purposes.

SR 736. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, Parent of the 42nd and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the DeKalb County School System Cedar Grove High School Saints football team for winning the 2023 Class 3A Boys State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 737. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th and Merritt of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the African Textile Museum; and for other purposes.

SR 738. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th and Merritt of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Phyllis Kitchens Thurmond for receiving the 2024 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

SR 739. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th, Harrell of the 40th and Hickman of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 7, 2024, as Georgia College & State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 740. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending radio station Jazz 91.9 WCLK on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 741. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jones of the 10th, Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Islam Parkes of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of James Coan "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.; and for other purposes.

SR 742. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Esteves of the 6th, Butler of the 55th, Merritt of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the 20th anniversary of Pastor Eric Vincent Thomas' leadership at Saint Peter Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

SR 743. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st and Esteves of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Steven Wertheim, MD; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 196. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Daniel of the 117th, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to access to medical cannabis, so as to provide that the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission shall be subject to the Administrative Procedure Act and laws governing open meetings and open records; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Summers of the 13th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its disagreement to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 196 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Summers of the 13th, Watson of the 11th, and Hatchett of the 50th.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 3-1.2 (c), related to Crossover day, to allow for the receipt and assignment of HB 916. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand in recess pending the receipt of a message from the House of Representatives, and, upon receipt of the message and assignment of HB 916 on said message, that the Senate stand adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024.

The President announced that the motion prevailed at 12:02 p.m., and the Senate stood in recess.

At 2:55 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the House:

HB 916. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 916. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its

departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate stood adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Friday, March 8, 2024
Thirty-second Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
240 STATE CAPITOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 7, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Shawn Still as an ex-officio member of the Senate Retirement Committee for the committee meeting to be held on March 7, 2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1374. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, Ehrhart of the 36th and Seabaugh of the 34th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth, approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4052), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1413. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide homestead exemptions from Putnam County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in certain amounts of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1422. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain senior citizens; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for

related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1423. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide homestead exemptions from Dawson County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1427. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the Board of Education of Dooly County, approved April 6, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2922), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4149), so as to provide for compensation of the members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1436. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

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

HB 1438. By Representative Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Cordele, approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4122), so as to transition the office of chairperson to at large commission member; to provide for a mayor to be selected by and among the commission members; to redesignate the office of vice chairperson to mayor pro tempore; to revise voting and quorum provisions related to the commission; to make conforming changes; to provide that the city manager shall recommend the annual budget to the commission in place of the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 144. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Dugan of the 30th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 38-2-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to adjutant general, duties, records, seal, and effect on documentary evidence, so as to remove the requirement that the adjutant general include a roster of all commissioned officers in the organized militia in the annual report to the Governor; to provide for the removal of the requirement that the laws and regulations of such militia shall be indexed, printed, bound, and distributed to all forces of the militia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 369. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Parent of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, so as to provide for the issuance of license plates commemorating the United States of America's semiquincentennial; to provide for the selection of the design for such license plate; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 377. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Burns of the 23rd, Payne of the 54th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 15 and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the courts and social services, respectively, so as to provide for the licensing of qualified residential treatment programs; to revise the definition of "qualified residential treatment program" to conform with federal law; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 504. By Senator Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Warren County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 337. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 38-2-111 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personal aides-de-camp, appointments, commissions, length of service, and duties, so as to authorize the Governor to appoint honorary Georgia Colonels for life; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 352. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle equipment and inspection, so as to provide for standards for the alteration and operation of motor vehicles with modified suspension systems; to revise definitions; to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle with broken suspension system springs; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 410. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians generally, so as to exempt certain sterilization services performed by out-of-state veterinarians from licensing requirements; to provide for temporary licenses for out-of-state veterinarians; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has disagreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 126. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Evans of the 57th, Reeves of the 99th and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appellate practice, so as to change a provision relating to judgments deemed directly appealable; to provide for a definition; to provide for an out-of-time remedy for certain types of postjudgment relief in criminal cases; to provide for procedure and time frames; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has disagreed to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 73. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to telephone service, so as to provide for class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for actions and damages against persons and entities on whose behalf such provisions were violated; to provide for and prohibit certain defenses in such actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SR 747. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Anderson of the 24th, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the local governments and regional commissions for Regions 5, 7, and 12, the Department of Community Affairs, and the Department of Transportation to collaborate for the establishment of a Historic Rural Church Trail; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 1374. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, Ehrhart of the 36th and Seabaugh of the 34th:

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Children and Families has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1010 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 546	Do Pass	HB 872	Do Pass
HB 1028	Do Pass	HB 1335	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 158	Do Pass	HB 327	Do Pass
HB 827	Do Pass by substitute	HB 896	Do Pass
HB 1033	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1150	Do Pass
HB 1203	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1218	Do Pass
HB 1240	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1100	Do Pass	HB 1188	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1239	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1303	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following

recommendation:

HB 472	Do Pass	HB 481	Do Pass
HB 643	Do Pass	HB 825	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Williams of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10 (b), the Committee on Rules has referred the following legislation from the General Calendar:

HB 348, HB 461, HB 498 to the Committee on Rules

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State Institutions and Property has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HR 1113	Do Pass by substitute
HR 1116	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Harbison of the 15th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 880	Do Pass
HB 995	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Payne of the 54th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 589	HB 808	HB 871	HB 874	HB 878	HB 907
HB 982	HB 997	HB 1001	HB 1044	HB 1122	HB 1124
HB 1181	HB 1183	SR 619			

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Islam Parkes was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator McLaurin of the 14th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator McLaurin was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Robertson of the 29th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Robertson was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Burns of the 23rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Burns was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Goodman	Moore
Anavitarte	Halpern	Orrock
Anderson, L.	Harbin	Payne
Beach	Harbison	Rhett
Brass	Harrell	Seay
Burns	Hatchett	Setzler
Butler	Hickman	Sims
Cowsert	Hodges	Still
Davenport	Hufstetler	Strickland
Dixon	Jackson	Summers
Dolezal	Jones, E.	Tillery
Echols	Kennedy	Walker
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Watson, B.
Ginn	Mallow	Watson, S.
Gooch	Merritt	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Islam Parkes (Excused)	James (Excused)
Jones, H. (Excused)	McLaurin (Excused)	Parent (Excused)
Rahman (Excused)	Robertson (Excused)	Tate (Excused)
Bearden	Lucas	

Senator Bearden of the 30th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Setzler of the 37th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Kim Moore of Kennesaw, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Esteves of the 6th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Charles Wilmer, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 744. By Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th and Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Fraternal Order of Police Inc. Fulton County Lodge No. 64; and for other purposes.

SR 745. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Still of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Lakeview Academy girls basketball team for winning the 2024 GIAA Class 3A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 746. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Still of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Lakeview Academy boys basketball team for winning the 2024 GIAA Class 3A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 748. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Echols of the 49th, Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 10-16, 2024, as National Groundwater Awareness Week in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 749. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Mallow of the 2nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending John Forbes; and for other purposes.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that the following bills be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations and committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General):

HB 1241. By Representatives Stoner of the 40th, Cummings of the 39th and Anulewicz of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Smyrna, approved August 27, 1931 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 955), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3951), so as to revise the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1330. By Representatives Stoner of the 40th, Cummings of the 39th and Anulewicz of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "South Cobb Development Authority Act," approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 3772), as amended, so as to change the name of the authority to the Mableton Development Authority; to revise the short title; to revise provisions related to the selection of membership of the authority; to provide for continuation in office of current board members; to provide for the selection of board officers; to revise the geographical area of operations of the authority; to revise the purposes and objectives of the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HB 1241 and HB 1330 were committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10 (b), Senator Tillery of the 19th served notice to consider House action on the following bill of the Senate:

SB 73. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to telephone service, so as to provide for class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for actions and damages against persons and entities on whose behalf such provisions were violated; to provide for and prohibit certain defenses in such actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent to engross HB 1162, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

On the motion, there was no objection; the motion prevailed, and HB 1162 was engrossed.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, MARCH 08, 2024
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 43 Council on American Indian Concerns; revise membership (NR&E-31st) Lim-98th

HB 876 Banking and finance; update terminology; revise procedures; provisions (B&FI-18th) Williamson-112th

HB 1078 Community Health, Department of; Georgia Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); establish and implement (H&HS-1st) Petrea-166th

HB 1162 Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; revise terms and incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law (FIN-4th) Knight-134th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 43. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Taylor of the 173rd, Mathiak of the 74th, McClain of the 109th and Mainor of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of American Indian human remains and burial objects, so as to revise the membership of the Council on American Indian Concerns; to revise addresses of American Indian Tribes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Anavitarte of the 31st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers

Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 43, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/8/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 43. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Hickman of the 4th

HB 876. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 145th, Wade of the 9th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 7, 10, and 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance, commerce and trade, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates, respectively, so as to update terminology; to revise procedures concerning incorporators of banks and trust companies; to revise requirements of articles of incorporation of banks and trust companies; to revise procedures concerning approval of banks and trust companies; to revise provisions concerning certain loans made by credit unions; to remove a requirement that certain mortgage brokers register with the Department of Banking and Finance; to provide for certain requirements of foreign banks; to provide for refund of installment loan closing fees; to revise requirements of merchant acquirer limited purpose banks; to provide for exceptions; to revise the definition of bona fide discount points; to conform cross-references; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

Senator Bearden of the 30th asked unanimous consent that Senator Brass of the 28th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Brass was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
E Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

HB 876, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1078. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to services for the aging, so as create a new adult day center licensure exclusion; to authorize the Department of Community Health to establish and implement the Georgia Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) as part of the state's medical assistance program; to provide for definitions; to exempt PACE organizations from the requirement to obtain a certificate of authority as a health maintenance organization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

HB 1078, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

March 8, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1078. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Setzler of the 37th

HB 1162. By Representatives Knight of the 134th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Carson of the 46th and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting

laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hickman of the 4th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 1162, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report #2 thereto:

SB 13. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Dugan of the 30th, Payne of the 54th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 9-13-161, 44-14-162, and 48-4-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where and when sales under execution held and change of place of public sales by court order, sales made on foreclosure under power of sale, and procedures for sales under tax levies and executions, respectively, so as to authorize online public sales under tax levies and executions; to provide a time frame for sales of real estate

under foreclosure powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report #2 was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on SB 13 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to SB 13 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
/s/ Senator Albers of the 56th	/s/ Representative Blackmon of the 146th
/s/ Senator Strickland of the 17th	/s/ Representative Martin of the 49th
/s/ Senator Tillery of the 19th	/s/ Representative Smith of the 18th

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE #2 TO SB 13

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Sections 9-13-161 and 44-14-162 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where and when sales under execution held and change of place of public sales by court order, sales made on foreclosure under power of sale, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize online public sales under tax levies and executions; to provide a time frame for sales of real estate under foreclosure powers; to provide for procedures for an appointed levying officer to conduct certain sales; to require registration to participate in sales conducted in a certain manner; to provide for registration requirements; to replace constables with sheriffs as the proper officer for collecting and levying tax executions on behalf of the tax collector or tax commissioner; to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to add hearing officer review for tax assessment of certain business personal property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 9-13-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where and when sales under execution held and change of place of public sales by court order, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a)(1) Unless otherwise provided, sales of property taken under execution shall be

made by the sheriffs ~~or coroners only~~ at the courthouse of the county where the levy was made on the first Tuesday ~~in each~~ of the month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.; at a time and place ordered by the court; or at a time and place within the discretion of the sheriff, and at public outcry; provided, however, that, ~~should~~ if the first Tuesday of the month ~~fall~~ falls on New Year's Day or Independence Day, such sales shall take place on the immediately following Wednesday. A change in the time of such sales from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month as provided in this subsection shall also apply to all public sales within the county required to be conducted at the time of the sheriff's sales.

(2)(A) Sales of property taken under execution, as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, may also, at the discretion of the sheriff, be conducted through internet enabled technology and digital media, including, but not limited to, websites and consumer applications accessible through computers, smartphones, or other electronic devices.

(B) Sales conducted pursuant to this paragraph shall require a bidder to register prior to participation. Such registration shall require submission of:

(i) A completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9; and

(ii) The name, address, and telephone number of the bidder.

(C) Any fee, including, but not limited to, a buyer's premium, charged to any purchaser for a sale conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be applied at the time of the sale and shall not exceed $250.00.

(b) In all cases where any sheriff~~, coroner,~~ or other levying officer shall levy any execution or other legal process upon any corn, lumber, timber of any kind, bricks, machinery, or other articles difficult and expensive to transport, the officer may sell the property without carrying and exposing the same at the courthouse door on the day of sale, but the levying officer shall give a full description of the property and the place where it is located in the advertisement of the sale."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 44-14-162 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales made on foreclosure under power of sale, manner of advertisement and conduct necessary for validity, and filing, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) No sale of real estate under powers contained in mortgages, deeds, or other lien contracts shall be valid unless the sale shall be advertised and conducted at the ~~time and place and in the usual manner of the sheriff's sales~~ courthouse in the county in which such real estate or a part thereof is located ~~and~~ on the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., and at public outcry; provided, however, that, if the first Tuesday of the month falls on New Year's Day or Independence Day, such sale shall take place on the immediately following Wednesday; provided, further, that no such sale shall be valid unless notice of the sale shall have been given as required by Code Section 44-14-162.2. If the advertisement contains the street address, city, and ZIP Code of the property, such information shall be clearly set out in bold type. In addition to any other matter required to be included in the advertisement of the sale, if the property

encumbered by the mortgage, security deed, or lien contract has been transferred or conveyed by the original debtor to a new owner and an assumption by the new owner of the debt secured by said mortgage, security deed, or lien contract has been approved in writing by the secured creditor, then the advertisement should also include a recital of the fact of such transfer or conveyance and the name of the new owner, as long as information regarding any such assumption is readily discernable by the foreclosing creditor. Failure to include such a recital in the advertisement, however, shall not invalidate an otherwise valid foreclosure sale."

SECTION 3.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-4-1, relating to procedures for sales under tax levies and executions, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, when a levy is made upon real or personal property, the property shall be advertised and sold in the same manner as provided for executions and judicial sales. Except as otherwise provided in this title, the sale of real or personal property under a tax execution shall be made in the same manner as provided for judicial sales; provided, however, that, in addition to such other notice as may be required by law, in any sale under a tax execution made pursuant to this chapter, the defendant shall be given ten days' written notice of such sale by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested. The notice required by this Code section shall be sent:

(A) In cases of executions issued by a county officer for ad valorem taxes, to the defendant's last known address as listed in the records of the tax commissioner of the county that issued the tax execution;

(B) In cases of executions issued by a municipal officer for ad valorem taxes, to the defendant's last known address as listed in the records of the municipal officer of the municipality that issued the tax execution; or

(C) In cases of executions issued by a state officer, to the defendant's last known address as listed in the records of the department headed by the issuing officer.

(2) A copy of the notice provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall also be sent by the same tax officer sending the notice to the defendant to the appropriate tax official of the state, county, or municipality which also has issued an execution with respect to such property.

(3)(A) A sale for taxes due may be conducted by the tax commissioner or tax collector or his or her duly authorized officer and may be held in the office of the tax commissioner or tax collector or at such other location as may be identified in the notice required by this Code section. Such notice shall also be posted in a conspicuous location in the appropriate courthouse.

(B) Sales for taxes due pursuant to this subsection may also, at the discretion of the tax commissioner or tax collector, be conducted through internet enabled technology and digital media, including, but not limited to, websites and consumer applications accessible through computers, smartphones, or other electronic devices. Sales

conducted pursuant to this subparagraph shall require a bidder to register prior to participation. Such registration shall require submission of:

(i) A completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9; and

(ii) The name, address, and telephone number of the bidder."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-4-3, relating to duties of levying officers, as follows:

"48-4-3.

The tax collector or tax commissioner may place his or her executions in the hands of ~~any constable~~ the sheriff of the county or a levying officer, who shall be authorized to collect or levy the executions in any part of the county. The ~~constable~~ sheriff or other levying officer to whom the tax collector or tax commissioner delivers the tax executions for collection shall proceed promptly to enforce by levy and sale the collection of the executions. Such sheriff or other levying officer shall be authorized to conduct any sale in the same manner and under the same conditions as set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 48-4-1. The levying or collecting officer shall make prompt settlements with the tax collector or tax commissioner and in no event shall be allowed longer than 90 days from the time the executions are placed in his or her hands within which to make final settlement with the tax collector or tax commissioner and return to the tax collector or tax commissioner the tax collected and the uncollected executions with proper entries on the executions. Any ~~constable~~ sheriff or other levying officer who fails or refuses to make a final return or settlement within the time provided in this Code section shall forfeit all costs due him or her on the executions and shall be subject to be ruled before any court of competent jurisdiction and made to account as required by this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(2)(A) In addition to the items required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the notice shall contain a statement of the taxpayer's right to an appeal and an estimate of the current year's taxes for all levying authorities which shall be in substantially the following form:

'The amount of your ad valorem tax bill for this year will be based on the appraised and assessed values specified in this notice. You have the right to appeal these values to the county board of tax assessors. At the time of filing your appeal, you must select one of the following options:

(i) An appeal to the county board of equalization with appeal to the superior court;

(ii) To arbitration without an appeal to the superior court; or

(iii) To a hearing officer with appeal to the superior court for any:

(I) Parcel ~~For a parcel~~ of nonhomestead property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current

assessment under this Code section~~, or for one~~;

(II) One or more account numbers of wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-311 with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section~~, to a hearing officer with appeal to the superior court~~; or

(III) One or more account numbers of any taxable tangible personal property other than wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-311 with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $200,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section.

If you wish to file an appeal, you must do so in writing no later than 45 days after the date of this notice. If you do not file an appeal by this date, your right to file an appeal will be lost. For further information on the proper method for filing an appeal, you may contact the county board of tax assessors which is located at: (insert address) and which may be contacted by telephone at: (insert telephone number).'

(B) The notice shall also contain the following statements in bold print:

'The estimate of your ad valorem tax bill for the current year is based on the previous or most applicable year's millage rate and the fair market value contained in this notice. The actual tax bill you receive may be more or less than this estimate. This estimate may not include all eligible exemptions.'"

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-311, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, by revising subparagraph (e)(1)(A) and paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e.1) as follows:

"(1)(A) Any taxpayer or property owner as of the last date for filing an appeal may elect to file an appeal from an assessment by the county board of tax assessors to:

(i) The county board of equalization as to matters of taxability, uniformity of assessment, and value, and, for residents, as to denials of homestead exemptions pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(ii) An arbitrator as to matters of value pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section;

(iii) A hearing officer as to matters of value and uniformity of assessment for a parcel of nonhomestead real property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, and any contiguous nonhomestead real property owned by the same taxpayer, pursuant to subsection (e.1) of this Code section; ~~or~~

(iv) A hearing officer as to matters of values or uniformity of assessment of one or more account numbers of wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of this Code section with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, pursuant to subsection (e.1) of this Code section; or

(v) A hearing officer as to matters of values or uniformity of assessment of one or

more account numbers of any taxable tangible personal property other than wireless property as defined in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of this Code section with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $200,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, pursuant to subsection (e.1) of this Code section."

"(1)(A) For any dispute involving the value or uniformity of a parcel of nonhomestead real property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, at the option of the taxpayer, an appeal may be submitted to a hearing officer in accordance with this subsection. If such taxpayer owns nonhomestead real property contiguous to such qualified nonhomestead real property, at the option of the taxpayer, such contiguous property may be consolidated with the qualified property for purposes of the hearing under this subsection.

(B)(i) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'wireless property' means tangible personal property or equipment used directly for the provision of wireless services by a provider of wireless services which is attached to or is located underneath a wireless cell tower or at a network data center location but which is not permanently affixed to such tower or data center so as to constitute a fixture.

(ii) For any dispute involving the values or uniformity of one or more account numbers of wireless property ~~as defined in this subparagraph~~ with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, at the option of the taxpayer, an appeal may be submitted to a hearing officer in accordance with this subsection.

(C) For any dispute involving the values or uniformity of one or more account numbers of any taxable tangible personal property other than wireless property as defined in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $200,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under Code Section 48-5-306, at the option of the taxpayer, an appeal may be submitted to a hearing officer in accordance with this subsection.

(2)(A) Individuals desiring to serve as hearing officers and who are either:

(i) State ~~state~~ certified general real property appraisers or state certified residential real property appraisers as classified by the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board for real property appeals; or ~~are~~

(ii) Designated ~~designated~~ appraisers by a nationally recognized appraiser's organization for wireless property appeals

shall complete and submit an application, a list of counties the hearing officer is willing to serve, disqualification questionnaire, and resume and be approved by the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board to serve as a hearing officer. The Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board ~~Such board~~ shall annually publish a list of qualified and approved hearing officers for Georgia.

(B)(i) Any individual who is a former or current Appraiser IV or chief appraiser and desires to serve as a hearing officer for tangible personal property other than wireless property shall complete and submit an application, a list of counties the

hearing officer is willing to serve, a disqualification questionnaire, and a resume to the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board for review and approval to serve as a hearing officer with respect to tangible personal property appeals provided for in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(ii) The Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board shall annually publish a list of such qualified and approved hearing officers and a list of counties such hearing officers are willing to serve.

(iii) With respect to this subparagraph and subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, no Appraiser IV or chief appraiser shall be eligible to serve as a hearing officer for any county for which such person served as an Appraiser IV or chief appraiser."

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Albers of the 56th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report #2 on SB 13.

Senator Moore of the 53rd asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on SB 13 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Moore was excused.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.

Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	E Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 44, nays 6; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report #2 on SB 13.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/8/24

I inadvertently voted yes on SB 13. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote no.

/s/ Hickman of the 4th

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 12:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Monday, March 11, 2024
Thirty-third Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 12:00 p.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: MARCH 11, 2024

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS

The Committee on Assignments has recommended that the supplemental appointments made by the Governor that require Senate confirmation be confirmed as submitted to the Senate. The appointments are attached for your convenient reference.

Consideration and vote on these supplemental appointments has been set as a special order

of business for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, immediately preceding the Third Reading and Consideration of General Bills and Resolutions.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1373. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County, approved September 8, 1879 (Ga. L. 1879, p. 334), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3619), so as to revise provisions relating to the compensation of the chairperson and commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1441. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Appling County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of 100 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed $10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1442. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Darien, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1444. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, approved February 8, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, so as to provide a code of ethics; to establish a board of ethics; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1446. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act re-creating and establishing a Board of Commissioners of Barrow County, approved April 2, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4033), as amended, particularly by an Act approved September 7, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011 Ex. Sess., p. 260), so as to revise the power of the county manager in regard to employment decisions related to department directors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1447. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th and Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Statham, Georgia; to repeal all prior charters for the City of Statham, Georgia, and enactments, local legislation or home rule amendments relating thereto made prior to the effective date of this enactment; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1448. By Representative Mathis of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Dodge County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for the election supervisor; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for required training; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to provide for

an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 334. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minimum requirements, equipment and clothing, and insurance relative to local fire departments generally, so as to revise qualifications for insurance coverage for firefighters diagnosed with cancer; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 19. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for collection of passport application and processing fees by clerks of superior courts and probate court judges; to provide for written report disclosures; to provide for use of such fees; to provide for local Acts; to provide for applicability to judges of probate courts; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 63. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Taylor of the 173rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Newton of the 127th, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-30-13.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to furnishing claims experience to policyholders, so as to require insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to timely furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder; to allow such insurers that use other methods to apply to the Commissioner for approval of the use of an alternative form of claims experience reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 576. By Senators Bearden of the 30th and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ride share network services and transportation referral services, so as to require the display of a second license plate upon the front of a motor vehicle operated by a ride share driver; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SR 751. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Albers of the 56th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and Bearden of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Disaster Mitigation and Resilience Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SR 754. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Cumulative Impact of Pollution on Economic Development and Growth Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SR 757. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on the Establishment of a Baby Bonds Program; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Families.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 1373. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Crowe of the 118th:

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

March 11, 2024

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Assignments has had under consideration the supplemental appointments made by the Governor that require Senate confirmation submitted to the Senate on March 6, 2024, and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

That the appointments be confirmed as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Burt Jones
Hon. Burt Jones, Chairman

Consideration of the Governor's Appointments is made a special order of business for Wednesday, March 13 immediately preceding Third Reading and Consideration of General bills and Resolutions.

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1041 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1052 Do Pass by substitute
HB 1090 Do Pass by substitute
HB 1192 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1339 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 158	HB 472	HB 481	HB 546	HB 643	HB 825
HB 827	HB 872	HB 880	HB 896	HB 995	HB 1010
HB 1028	HB 1033	HB 1100	HB 1150	HB 1188	HB 1203
HB 1218	HB 1239	HB 1240	HB 1303	HB 1335	HR 1113
HR 1116					

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Butler of the 55th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Butler was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Merritt
Anavitarte	Harbison	Moore
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Orrock
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Parent
Beach	Hickman	Payne
Brass	Hodges	Rhett
Burns	Hufstetler	Robertson
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Seay
Davenport	Jackson	Setzler
Dixon	James	Still
Dolezal	Jones, E.	Strickland
Echols	Jones, H.	Summers
Esteves	Kennedy	Tillery
Ginn	Kirkpatrick	Walker

Gooch	Lucas	Watson, B.
Goodman	Mallow	Watson, S.
Halpern	McLaurin	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Butler (Excused)	Sims (Excused)	Tate (Excused)
Bearden	Rahman	

Senator Bearden of the 30th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

Senator Merritt of the 9th asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Jones of the 10th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Timothy Starks of Fairburn, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Deborah Martin, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hickman of the 4th introduced the Southeast Bulloch Flag Football Team, commended by SR 574, adopted previously. Marci Cochran, Head Coach of the Southeast Bulloch Flag Football Team, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Watson of the 1st introduced Dave Cobb, commended by SR 720, adopted previously. Mr. Cobb addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Brass of the 28th introduced the family of Deputy Eric Anthony Minix to honor his passing, commended by SR 490, adopted previously. Mark Minix, father to Deputy Minix, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Payne of the 54th asked unanimous consent that Senator Brass of the 28th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Brass was excused.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 750. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Goodman of the 8th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION condemning Jew-hatred in all of its forms and resolving to end the persecution and discrimination against the Jewish community; and for other purposes.

SR 752. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and Walker III of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Terry Hollifield for his 53 years of outstanding service as executive director of the Georgia Crop Improvement Association, where he retired on December 31, 2023; and for other purposes.

SR 753. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Minister Peter Burke; and for other purposes.

SR 755. By Senators Sims of the 12th and Summers of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and honoring the Georgia Colorectal Cancer Control program for its impact on increasing screenings in Federal Qualified Health Clinics in Southwest and Southeast Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 756. By Senators Moore of the 53rd, Beach of the 21st, Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Laken Hope Riley; and for other purposes.

SR 758. By Senator Setzler of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the North Cobb High School Lady Warriors volleyball team for winning the 2023 Class 7A GHSA State Championship; and for other purposes.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 759. By Senators Sims of the 12th, Anderson of the 43rd and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Jean Rawlings Sumner for receiving the 2024 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award;

and for other purposes.

SR 760. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Beach of the 21st, Watson of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 13, 2024, as Golf Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that the following resolution be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Higher Education and committed to the Senate Committee on Rules:

SR 687. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION urging the University of North Georgia and the University System of Georgia Board of Regents to name a certain building after former Speaker David Ralston; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SR 687 was committed to the Senate Committee on Rules.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations and committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General):

HB 1337. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Stoner of the 40th, Campbell of the 35th, Adesanya of the 43rd and Anulewicz of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Mableton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HB 1337 was committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross HB 1181, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 21; the motion prevailed, and HB 1181 was engrossed.

Senator Echols of the 49th asked unanimous consent that Senator Payne of the 54th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Payne was excused.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 299	Georgia Code; add appropriate references to United States Space Force; provisions (VM&HS-32nd) Thomas-21st
HB 385	Retirement and pensions; add appropriate references to United States Space Force (Substitute) (RET-54th) Thomas-21st
HB 563	Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978; hearing before an administrative law judge; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-31st) Leverett-123rd
HB 1181	Income tax; limit carry-forward periods of certain income tax credits (FIN-56th) Martin-49th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 299. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Ballard of the 147th, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-9-2.1, Title 16, Title 19, Title 20, and Chapter 2 of Title 38, Chapter 2 of Title 40, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment, compensation, authority, qualifications, training, and other limitations of associate probate court judges, crimes and offenses, domestic relations, education, military affairs, and registration and licensing of motor vehicles, respectively, so as to add appropriate references to the United States Space Force; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.

Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

HB 299, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Goodman of the 8th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Goodman was excused.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Walker III of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Walker III was excused.

HB 385. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Clark of the 100th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to add appropriate references to the United States Space Force; to make conforming changes; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Payne of the 54th.

The following Fiscal Notes were read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 9, 2023

The Honorable Brad Thomas
State Representative
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 401-F
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill (LC 43 2628)

Dear Representative Thomas:

This bill would amend the General Provisions of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Specifically, this bill would expand the definition of "uniformed services" to include the United States Space Force and Space Force Reserves. If this legislation is enacted, persons serving in the Space Force or Space Force Reserves would be eligible to obtain creditable service for any period of time in which their service as a member of a public retirement system or fund was interrupted for service to United States. This benefit is already granted to persons who serve in any capacity with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. Any member wishing to obtain such service would be required to pay the employee/member contributions they would have paid. Employers would be required to pay the requisite employer contribution due for the same period service time. It should be noted that this bill would affect all public retirement systems and funds covered under the provisions of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

This is to certify that this bill is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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October 30, 2023

The Honorable John Carson
Chairman, House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Actuarial Investigation
House Bill 385 (LC 43 2628)
All Retirement Systems Created by Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated

Dear Chairman Carson:

This bill would amend the General Provisions of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and would impact all retirement systems created within this Title. Specifically, this bill would expand the definition of 'uniformed services' to include the Marine Corps Reserve, Space Force, and Space Force Reserve. If this legislation is enacted,

persons serving in these branches of the military would be eligible to obtain creditable service for any period of time in which their service as a member of the public retirement system or fund was interrupted for service to the United States. This benefit is already granted to persons who serve in United States Marine Corps and also to persons who serve in any capacity with the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Any member wishing to obtain such service would be required to pay the employee/member contributions they would have paid during the period of time they were in service for the United States. Employers would be required to pay the requisite employer contributions due for the same period of service.

O.C.G.A. §47-1-60 defines 'public retirement system' to mean a public retirement system or fund created by this Title.' Based on this definition, there are currently 12 state retirement systems that would be impacted if this legislation is enacted.

This bill is not expected to result in a first-year cost to any retirement system impacted by this legislation. Expanding the definition to include the Marine Corps Reserve, Space Force, and Space Force Reserve would not have any significant impact on the number of additional members who may become eligible for creditable service offered to members whose actual service time was interrupted for service to the United States. Therefore, the changes to these provisions would not materially impact any of the assumptions currently used by the actuaries. There would be no increase in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability or the required employer contribution rate for any of the retirement systems affected by this legislation. The cost estimate is based on current member data, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. Changes to any of these variables could affect the cost of this legislation. Any future costs would be paid for in accordance with the provisions outlined for each system.

The following table provides a consolidated summary for House Bill 385 (LC 43 2628) and represents the projected cost for all retirement systems affected by this legislation. The investigations were completed pursuant to a request from the House Retirement Committee. The investigation was to be conducted according to O.C.G.A. §47-20-36, which outlines the factors to be considered in an actuarial investigation.

(1)	The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 0
(2)	The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 0
(3)	The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by the bill would be amortized.	N/A

(4)	The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill.	$ 0
(5)	The employer contribution rate currently in effect for members.	Contribution rates vary by plan
(6)	The employer contribution rate recommended (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in O.C.G.A. §47-20-10).	Contribution rates vary by plan
(9)	The total dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition.	$ 0

It should be noted that these cost estimates are based upon the current provisions of the bill as outlined in House Bill 385 (LC 43 2628). Any subsequent changes in the retirement bill could invalidate the actuarial investigation and the findings included therein.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

The Senate Committee on Retirement offered the following substitute to HB 385:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to add appropriate references to the United States Space Force; to make conforming changes; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, is amended in Code Section 47-1-60, relating to definitions relative to establishing creditable service by veterans, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(5) 'Uniformed services' means the United States Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Navy, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Space Force, Air National Guard, Coast Guard, the commissioned

corps of the Public Health Service, and any other category of persons designated by the President of the United States in time of war or emergency."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in of Code Section 47-7-88, relating to impact of active duty military service upon receipt of creditable service time, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The provisions of this Code section apply solely to any member of the fund who left active employment as a firefighter as a result of being called to active duty as a member of the Army or Air ~~Force~~ National Guard or the Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Navy Reserve, or Marine Corps Reserve and who returned to employment as a firefighter upon being released from such active duty."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 47-24-81, relating to transfer of service credits, as follows:

"47-24-81.

In addition to the creditable service allowed pursuant to Code Section 47-24-80, any member shall receive creditable service for any past service as a member of the United States Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Navy, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Space Force, Air National Guard, or Coast Guard if such service meets the same requirement for creditable time served as set forth for nonregular service retirement under Chapter 67 of Title 10 of the United States Code."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2024, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 2, 2024

The Honorable John Carson
Chairman, House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to House Bill 385 (LC 56 0094S)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This substitute bill would amend the General Provisions of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Specifically, this bill would expand the definition of "uniformed services" to include the United States Space Force and Marine Corps Reserve. If this legislation is enacted, persons serving within units of the military would become eligible to obtain creditable service for any period of time in which their service as a member of a public retirement system or fund was interrupted for service to United States. This benefit is already granted to persons who serve in all capacities with the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guards, as well as those who serve in the Marine Corps. Any member wishing to obtain such service would be required to pay the employee/member contributions they would have paid. Employers would be required to pay the requisite employer contribution due for the same period of service time. It should be noted that this bill would affect all public retirement systems and funds covered under the provisions of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

This is to certify that the changes made in this substitute bill are nonfiscal amendments as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. Therefore, the actuarial investigation prepared for House Bill 385 (LC 43 2628) would apply to LC 56 0094S. A copy of the actuarial investigation and the State Auditor's Summary is attached.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	E Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	E Strickland
Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
E Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 1.

HB 385, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 563. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Martinez of the 111th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., the "Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978," so as to provide for hearing before an administrative law judge; to change provisions relating to the appointment of hearing officers; to provide for a definition; to provide the administrator of the Commission on Equal Opportunity with the power to order discovery; to change certain provisions relating to the filing, amending, and investigation of a complaint regarding an unlawful practice; to change provisions relating to an appeal seeking a review of a final order by a hearing officer and a review of a dismissal of a complaint by the administrator; to provide penalty for willful failure; to provide testimony or discovery; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
Senate Sponsor: Senator Anavitarte of the 31st.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 563:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978," so as to provide for hearing before an administrative law judge; to change provisions relating to the appointment of hearing officers; to provide for a definition; to provide the administrator of the Commission on Equal Opportunity with the power to order discovery; to change certain provisions relating to the filing, amending, and investigation of a complaint regarding an unlawful practice; to change provisions relating to an appeal seeking a review of a final order by a hearing officer and a review of a dismissal of a complaint by the administrator; to provide for a penalty for willful failure to provide testimony or discovery; to provide for a conforming cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978," is amended by revising Code Section 45-19-22, relating to definitions, as follows:

"45-19-22.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Administrator' means the administrator of the Commission on Equal Opportunity provided for by Code Section 45-19-24, which agency is composed of an Equal Employment Division and a Fair Housing Division.

(2) 'Board' means the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity created by Code Section 45-19-23.

(3) 'Disability' means a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities, unless an employer demonstrates that the employer is unable to accommodate reasonably to an employee's or prospective employee's disability without undue hardship on the conduct of the employer's operation.

(4) 'Discrimination' means any direct or indirect act or practice of exclusion, distinction, restriction, segregation, limitation, refusal, denial, or any other act or practice of differentiation or preference in the treatment of a person or persons because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or age or the aiding, abetting, inciting, coercing, or compelling of such an act or practice. ~~This~~ Such term shall not include any direct or indirect act or practice of exclusion, distinction, restriction, segregation, limitation, refusal, denial, or any other act or practice of differentiation or preference in the treatment of a person or persons because of religion if an employer demonstrates that the employer is unable to accommodate reasonably an employee's or prospective employee's religious observance or practice without undue hardship on the conduct of the employer's operation.

(5) 'Hearing officer' or 'administrative law judge' means an administrative law judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings, except where the Office of State Administrative Hearings is a respondent, at which time such term shall mean a special master selected by the Governor pursuant to Code Section 45-19-37.

(6) 'Public employer' or 'employer' means any department, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other agency of the state which employs 15 or more employees within the state for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year. A person elected to public office in this state is a public employer with respect to persons holding positions or individuals applying for positions which are subject to the state system of personnel administration created by Chapter 20 of this title, including the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Personnel Board or any personnel merit system of any agency or authority of this state. A person elected to public office in this state is not a public employer with respect to persons holding positions or individuals applying for positions on such officer's personal staff or on the policy-making level or as immediate advisers with respect to the exercise of the constitutional or legal powers of the office held by such officer.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Public employment' means employment by any department, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other agency of the State of Georgia.

~~(7)~~(8) 'Religion' means all aspects of religious observance and practice as well as belief.

~~(8)~~(9) 'Unlawful practice' means an act or practice declared to be an unlawful practice in Code Sections 45-19-29 through 45-19-31, 45-19-32, or 45-19-45."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 45-19-23, relating to the creation of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, members, terms, officers, meetings, compensation of members, powers and duties of board, annual report to Governor and General Assembly, and special masters' list, as follows:

"(e) The board shall establish and certify to the Governor at the beginning of each fiscal year a list of not less than ~~12~~ eight persons, including females and minorities, licensed to practice law in Georgia, who have experience in labor law, ~~in~~ employment law, or administrative law, from which list the Governor may select, on the basis of rotation in sequential order, special masters as provided for in Code Section 45-19-37. The board may from time to time certify to the Governor additional persons to be added to the aforementioned list."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraphs (3) and (11) of Code Section 45-19-27, relating to additional powers and duties of administrator, as follows:

"(3) Within the limitations provided by law, to appoint clerks and other employees and agents as the administrator may deem necessary, to include employees and agents to represent complainants at ~~special master~~ hearings before the hearing officer as provided in Code Section 45-19-37;"

"(11) To require answers to interrogatories, examine witnesses, ~~and~~ require the production of documents so long as it is relevant to the investigation of a complaint, and order discovery pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 in aid of investigations and hearings under this article to the same extent and subject to the same limitations as would apply if ordered or served in aid of a civil action in the superior court in which the investigation is taking place;"

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-19-32, relating to unlawful practice for a party to violate conciliation agreement, as follows:

"45-19-32.

It is an unlawful practice for a party to a conciliation agreement made pursuant to subsection ~~(e)~~(f) of Code Section 45-19-36 to violate the terms of the agreement."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-19-36, relating to filing complaints of unlawful practice and action by administrator, as follows:

"45-19-36.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'respondent' means an employer charged with an alleged unlawful practice.

(b) An individual claiming to be aggrieved by an unlawful practice or another person on behalf of an individual claiming to be aggrieved by an unlawful practice may file with the administrator a written, sworn complaint stating that an unlawful practice has been committed setting forth the facts upon which the complaint is based and setting forth facts sufficient to enable the administrator to identify the employer charged. The administrator's staff shall promptly investigate the allegations of unlawful practice set forth in the complaint and, within 15 days of filing, shall serve the respondent with a copy of the complaint. The complaint shall be barred unless filed within 180 days after the alleged unlawful practice occurs.

(c) The charges contained within the complaint and answers shall be verified and may be reasonably and fairly amended at any time prior to the administrator rendering a decision as to reasonable cause to believe that the respondent has engaged in an unlawful practice.

(d) Within 90 days ~~after~~ of the filing of the complaint ~~has been filed~~, the administrator shall determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe the respondent has engaged in an unlawful practice, unless it is impracticable to do so or unless the administrator has approved a conciliation agreement with respect to the complaint. If it is determined that there is no reasonable cause to believe that the respondent has engaged in an unlawful practice, the administrator shall issue an order dismissing the complaint. If the administrator is unable to complete the investigation within 90 days of the filing of the complaint, the administrator shall notify the complainant and respondent, in writing, of the reasons for the failure to complete the investigation.

~~(d)~~(e) Within ten days after receiving a copy of the order dismissing the complaint, the

complainant may file with the administrator an application for reconsideration of the order. Upon such application, the administrator shall determine within 15 days whether there is reasonable cause to believe that the respondent has engaged in an unlawful practice. If it is again determined that there is no reasonable cause to believe that the respondent has engaged in an unlawful practice, the administrator shall issue an order dismissing the complaint and notifying the complainant that such complainant has the right to request a right to bring an action letter from the appropriate federal agency or petition for review in the appropriate superior court as provided for in Code Section 45-19-39.

~~(e)~~(f) After investigation or after the review provided for in subsection ~~(d)~~ (e) of this Code section, if the administrator determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that the respondent has engaged in an unlawful practice, then the administrator's staff shall first endeavor to eliminate the alleged unlawful practice by conference, conciliation, and persuasion. The terms of a conciliation agreement reached with a respondent may require the respondent to refrain from the commission of unlawful discriminatory practices in the future and make such further provisions as may be agreed upon between the administrator and the respondent. If a conciliation agreement is entered into, the administrator shall issue and serve on the complainant a final order stating its terms. Except for the terms of the conciliation agreement, neither the administrator nor any agent thereof shall make public without the written consent of the complainant and the respondent information concerning efforts in the particular case to eliminate an unlawful practice by conference, conciliation, or persuasion, whether or not there is a determination of reasonable cause or a conciliation agreement.

~~(f)~~(g) In the event the administrator determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that an agency or authority has engaged in an unlawful practice as defined in this article and the administrator's staff is unable to eliminate the alleged unlawful practice by conference, conciliation, and persuasion, the administrator shall refer the complaint to a ~~special master~~ hearing officer as provided for in Code Section 45-19-37.

~~(g)~~(h) At the expiration of one year from the date of a conciliation agreement and at other times in its reasonable discretion, the administrator's staff may investigate whether the terms of the agreement have been and are being complied with by the respondent. The administrator shall report the findings to the complainant and respondent. If the administrator finds reasonable cause to believe that the agreement has been breached, the complainant may seek enforcement of the agreement in the superior court of the county in which the alleged violation took place or in the county of the respondent's residence.

~~(h) The administrator shall issue to the complainant and the respondent, 90 days from the date the complaint was filed and every 30 days thereafter, a status report summarizing any action taken with respect to the complaint. The status reports required by this subsection shall be issued until final resolution of the complaint.~~"

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-19-37, relating to appointment of special master to conduct hearing on complaint and procedure, as follows:

"45-19-37.

(a) Unless the administrator has issued an order dismissing the complaint or stating the terms of a conciliation agreement ~~within 90 days after a complaint is filed~~, the administrator shall either refer the complaint to an administrative law judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings, or, for complaints identifying the Office of State Administrative Hearings as the respondent, request that the Governor appoint, from the list provided for by subsection (e) of Code Section 45-19-23, a special master to conduct a hearing in accordance with this article. Not more than 15 working days after such request, the Governor shall select and appoint a special master who ~~must~~ shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in this state. The ~~special master~~ hearing officer to whom the complaint is referred shall have all of the power and authority granted to agencies in conducting hearings and rendering final orders under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure ~~Act,' including but not limited to subpoena power.~~ Act.'

(b) Not more than seven days after the ~~appointment of the special master~~ referral to the hearing officer, the administrator shall serve on the respondent and on the complainant or the complainant's attorney by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery a written notice together with a copy of the complaint requiring the respondent to answer the charges contained therein at a hearing before the ~~special master~~ hearing officer at a time and place specified in the notice. Such notice ~~must~~ shall contain all general and specific charges against the respondent.

(c) The respondent shall serve an answer with the ~~special master~~ hearing officer by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery not more than 20 working days after receipt of the notice of hearing, which 20 working days may be extended by the ~~special master~~ hearing officer in the ~~special master's~~ hearing officer's discretion for an additional time not to exceed ten working days. The respondent's answer ~~must~~ shall show by a certificate of service that the respondent has served a copy of the answer on the complainant or the complainant's attorney at the last known address of the complainant or the complainant's attorney where complainant is represented by an attorney. Upon leave of the ~~special master~~ hearing officer, the complainant may amend the charges contained in the notice of hearing. The respondent may amend an answer at any time prior to the hearing or, upon leave of the ~~special master~~ hearing officer, may amend thereafter. No final order shall be issued unless the respondent has had the opportunity of a hearing on the charges contained in the notice of hearing or amendment on which the final order is based. If the respondent fails to answer the complaint, the ~~special master~~ hearing officer may enter the respondent's default. Unless the default is set aside for good cause shown, the hearing may proceed on the evidence in support of the complaint.

(d) ~~At any time after a notice of hearing is served upon a respondent, discovery shall be authorized in the same manner and fashion as discovery is permitted under Code Sections 9-11-26 through 9-11-37. Any order contemplated in Code Sections 9-11-26 through 9-11-37 may be issued by the special master. Judicial enforcement of any such order may be obtained by the complainant or respondent in the same manner as is provided for the enforcement of final orders in Code Section 45-19-40.~~

~~(e)~~ A respondent who has filed an answer or whose default in answering has been set

aside for good cause shown may appear at the hearing, may examine and cross-examine witnesses and the complainant, and may offer evidence. The complainant and, at the discretion of the ~~special master~~ hearing officer, any other person may intervene, examine and cross-examine witnesses, and present evidence.

~~(f)~~(e) Efforts at conference, conciliation, and persuasion shall not be received in evidence.

~~(g) Testimony taken at the hearing shall be under oath and shall be stenographically or otherwise recorded by a certified court reporter. After the hearing, the special master at the special master's discretion may take further evidence or hear arguments upon notice to all parties with an opportunity to be present.~~

~~(h)~~(f) Except as otherwise specifically provided for in this article, all proceedings of the ~~special master~~ hearing officer shall be conducted as provided for with respect to contested cases in Chapter 13 of Title 50~~.~~, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

~~(i)~~(g) A complainant may retain at the complainant's own expense private counsel to represent the complainant in any proceeding provided for under this article; however, the complainant may utilize the services of an individual employed by the administrator pursuant to paragraph (3) of Code Section 45-19-27 in presenting the complainant's case before the ~~special master~~ hearing officer."

SECTION 7.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-19-38, relating to findings, conclusions, and order of special master generally and order to cease and desist from unlawful practice and to take remedial action, as follows:

"45-19-38.

(a) If the ~~special master~~ hearing officer determines that the respondent has not engaged in an unlawful practice, the ~~special master~~ hearing officer shall state the ~~special master's~~ hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall issue a final order, within 30 days after the hearing unless, for good cause shown, such time is extended by the ~~Governor~~ hearing officer, dismissing the complaint.

(b) If the ~~special master~~ hearing officer determines that the respondent has engaged in an unlawful practice, the ~~special master~~ hearing officer shall state the ~~special master's~~ hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall issue a final order, within 30 days after the hearing unless, for good cause shown, such time is extended by the ~~Governor~~ hearing officer, requiring the respondent to cease and desist from the unlawful practice and to take such remedial action as in the judgment of the ~~special master will~~ hearing officer shall carry out the purposes of this article.

(c) Remedial action under this Code section may include but is not limited to:

(1) Hiring, reinstatement, or upgrading of employees with or without back pay. No award of back pay shall be ordered pursuant to this article with respect to any period more than two years prior to the date of the filing with the administrator of the complaint with respect to which such award of back pay is ordered. Interim earnings, unemployment benefits, workers' compensation benefits, or amounts earnable with reasonable diligence by the person or persons discriminated against shall operate to

reduce the back pay otherwise allowable;

(2) Admission or restoration of individuals to participate in a guidance program, apprenticeship training program, on-the-job training program, or other occupational training or retraining program and the utilization of objective criteria in the admission of individuals to such programs;

(3) The extension to all individuals of the full and equal enjoyment of the advantages, facilities, privileges, and services of the respondent;

(4) Reporting as to the manner of compliance;

(5) Posting notices in conspicuous places in the respondent's place of operation in the form prescribed by the administrator or ~~special master~~ hearing officer;

(6) Restoration of employment benefits not otherwise specified in this Code section; or

(7) Recommending to the Governor that the respondent be required to adopt and file with the administrator, within a specified time limitation, for the administrator's approval a plan to fill vacancies or hire new employees in a manner to eliminate or reduce imbalance in employment with respect to race, color, disability, religion, sex, national origin, or age.

(d) Any monetary award ordered pursuant to this article shall be for actual damages only.

(e) The respondent shall comply without delay with the terms and conditions of such a final order."

SECTION 8.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-19-39, relating to appeal to superior court of final order of special master or complaint dismissed by administrator, as follows:

"45-19-39.

(a) Any party to a hearing before a ~~special master~~ hearing officer or a complainant whose complaint has been dismissed by the administrator may appeal any adverse final order of a ~~special master~~ hearing officer or the final order of dismissal of the complaint by the administrator by filing a petition for review in the superior court in the county in which the alleged unlawful practice occurred or in the superior court of the residence of the respondent within 30 days of the issuance of the final order. Neither the administrator nor the ~~special master~~ hearing officer shall be a named party; however, the administrator ~~must~~ shall be served with a copy of the petition for review. For an appeal seeking the review of a final order by the hearing officer, within ~~Within~~ 30 days after the petition is served on the administrator, the administrator shall forward to the court a certified copy of the record of the hearing before the ~~special master~~ hearing officer, including the transcript of the hearing before the ~~special master~~ hearing officer and all evidence, administrative pleadings, and orders, or the entire record if no hearing has been held. For an appeal seeking the review of the dismissal of a complaint by the administrator, within 30 days after the petition is served on the administrator, the administrator shall forward to the court a certified copy of the entire record. For good cause shown, the court may require or permit subsequent corrections or additions to the record. All appeals for

judicial review shall be in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; provided, however, that, if any provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50 conflict with any provision of this article, this article controls. An individual employed by the administrator pursuant to paragraph (3) of Code Section 45-19-27 shall not have the authority to represent the complainant in any appeal to superior court of a final order of the ~~special master~~ hearing officer or in any proceeding in any court, except to secure judicial enforcement of preliminary procedural orders of a ~~special master~~ hearing officer.

(b) The court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the ~~special master~~ hearing officer or the administrator as to the weight of the evidence on questions of fact. The court may affirm a final order of the ~~special master~~ hearing officer or the administrator or remand the case for further proceedings. Upon review of a final order of the hearing officer or the administrator, the ~~The~~ court may reverse or modify the final order if substantial rights of the appellant have been prejudiced because the administrative findings, inferences, conclusions, or decisions are:

(1) In violation of constitutional or statutory provisions;

(2) In excess of the statutory authority of the agency;

(3) Made upon unlawful procedures;

(4) Affected by other error of law;

(5) Not supported by substantial evidence, which shall mean that the record does not contain such relevant evidence as a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support said findings, inferences, conclusions, or decisions; or

(6) Arbitrary, capricious, or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion.

(c) If, upon judicial review of any order of a ~~special master~~ hearing officer or in a proceeding in which a complainant seeks enforcement of a conciliation agreement, the court rules in favor of the complainant, then the court may in its discretion render an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation in the superior court to the complainant."

SECTION 9.

Such article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-19-40, relating to entry of court judgment based upon final order of administrator or special master, notification of parties, and effect of judgment, as follows:

"45-19-40.

Any person affected by a final order of the administrator or a ~~special master~~ hearing officer may file in the superior court of the county of the residence of the respondent a certified copy of a final order of the administrator or of a ~~special master~~ hearing officer unappealed from or of a final order of a ~~special master~~ hearing officer affirmed upon appeal, whereupon said court shall render judgment in accordance therewith and notify the parties. Such judgment shall have the same effect and all proceedings in relation thereto shall thereafter be the same as though the judgment had been rendered in an action duly heard and determined by the court."

SECTION 10.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-19-44, relating to unlawful practices punishable by a civil fine, as follows:

"45-19-44.

(a) It shall be an unlawful practice for a person willfully to:

(1) Make public with respect to a particular employer or person without the employer's or person's consent information obtained by the administrator or the administrator's representatives or employees pursuant to their authority under Code Section 45-19-41, except as shall reasonably be necessary to carry out the provisions of this article;

(2) Retaliate or discriminate in any manner against a person because the person has opposed a practice declared unlawful by this article or because the person has made a charge, filed a complaint, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing concerning an unlawful practice under this article;

(3) Aid, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a person to engage in any of the acts or practices declared unlawful by this article;

(4) Obstruct or prevent a person from complying with this article or with any order issued under this article;

(5) Resist, prevent, impede, or interfere with the administrator, or any of ~~his~~ the administrator's representatives~~,~~ or employees, or with a ~~special master~~ hearing officer in the lawful performance of a duty under this article. Such unlawful practice may include, but shall not be limited to, willfully neglecting or failing to comply or to fully comply with a subpoena or other lawful order to;

(A) Attend and testify at any hearing or deposition;

(B) Answer any lawful inquiry; or

(C) Produce records, documents, or other requested evidence;

provided, however, that it shall not be a violation of this article for anyone to challenge or resist any action by the administrator, or any of ~~his~~ the administrator's representatives or employees, or by a ~~special master~~ hearing officer when there is a good faith belief that the administrator is, ~~or his~~ the administrator's representatives or employees are, or the ~~special master~~ hearing officer is acting unlawfully or acting in excess of statutory authority; or

(6) Initiate frivolous and unwarranted charges of discrimination against a public employer.

(b) A violation of this Code section shall not be deemed a crime; but any person who willfully violates this Code section may be punished by a civil fine not to exceed $1,000.00."

SECTION 11.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-19-45, relating to unlawful conspiracies, as follows:

"45-19-45.

It shall be an unlawful practice for a person or for two or more persons to conspire:

(1) To retaliate or discriminate in any manner against a person because the person has

opposed a practice declared unlawful by this article or because the person has made a charge, filed a complaint, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing concerning an unlawful practice under this article;
(2) To aid, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a person to engage in any of the acts or practices declared unlawful by this article;
(3) To obstruct or prevent a person from complying with this article or any order issued under this article;
(4) To resist, prevent, impede, or interfere with the administrator, ~~or~~ any of ~~his~~ the administrator's representatives or employees, or a ~~special master~~ hearing officer in the lawful performance of a duty under this article. Such unlawful practice may include, but shall not be limited to, willfully neglecting or failing to comply or to fully comply with a subpoena or other lawful order to:
(A) Attend and testify under oath at any hearing or deposition;
(B) Answer any lawful inquiry; or
(C) Produce records, documents, or other requested evidence;
provided, however, that it shall not be a violation of this article for anyone to challenge or resist any action by the administrator, ~~or~~ any of ~~his~~ the administrator's representatives or employees, or a ~~special master~~ hearing officer when there is a good faith belief that the administrator, ~~or his~~ the administrator's representatives or employees, or ~~a special master~~ the hearing officer is acting unlawfully or acting in excess of ~~his~~ statutory authority; or
(5) To initiate willfully frivolous and unwarranted charges of discrimination against a public employer."

SECTION 12.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	E Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett

Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
E Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 0.

HB 563, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1181. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to limit the carry-forward periods of certain income tax credits; to provide for expirations of certain credits; to amend Code Sections 3-6-70, 33-8-13, 48-5C-1, 48-8-3, and 48-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from excise tax on wine, exemption of certain insurance companies from taxes, definitions, exemption from taxation, allocation and disbursement of proceeds collected by tag agents, fair market value of vehicle appealable, and report relative to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, state sales and use tax exemptions, and excise tax imposed, rates for tobacco and vaping products, exemptions, collection and payment, and tax separately identified, respectively, so as to provide for sunset dates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	E Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
E Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 2.

HB 1181, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 73. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to telephone service, so as to provide for class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for actions and damages against persons and entities on whose behalf such provisions were violated; to provide for and prohibit certain defenses in such actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment to the House substitute to SB 73.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its amendment to the House substitute to SB 73.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10 (b), Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd served notice to consider House action on the following bill of the Senate:

SB 410. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians generally, so as to exempt certain sterilization services performed by out-of-state veterinarians from licensing requirements; to provide for temporary licenses for out-of-state veterinarians; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 11, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
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Atlanta, GA 30334

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Clint Dixon and Senator Shawn Still as ex-officio members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services for the committee meeting to be held on March 11, 2024. Such appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senators shall count as voting members of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Thirty-fourth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1346. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Ridley of the 6th, Chastain of the 7th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Coosawattee Regional Water and Sewerage Authority, approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3904), so as to repeal such Act and dissolve the authority; to provide for assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1445. By Representative Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Thomasville, approved March 30, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 5051), as amended, so as to reapportion the board of education election districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1449. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Smith of the 70th and New of the 64th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for

the City of Villa Rica, approved May 8, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3869), so as to revise provisions regarding ineligibility of former elected officials to hold offices or employment or transact certain business with the city within a year of leaving office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1450. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Mathiak of the 74th, Crowe of the 118th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), so as to provide for an ex-officio member; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1451. By Representative Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Brooklet; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, prohibitions, elections, terms, removal from office, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, and qualifications; to provide for a city attorney, city clerk, and other personnel; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1455. By Representative Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of St. Mary's ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide a specific repealer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 335. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incest, so as to expressly include relationship by adoption; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 348. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-16-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, court ordered medical examiner's inquiry, and written report of inquiry, so as to revise the period for which an individual had not been seen by a physician prior to death to be considered an unattended death; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 50. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that local boards of education which operate a school with grades nine through 12 may provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety; to provide for Carnegie unit curriculum credits; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

SB 370. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet, so as to require certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information; to amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, so as to provide for human trafficking awareness training for board members; to provide for inspections of massage therapy practices; to require licensees to display a photograph along with their massage therapy practice licenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 421. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to enhance penalties for the offense of transmitting a false public alarm; to revise restitution provisions for such offense; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 436. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1B of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of farm use vehicles, so as to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 577. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Anderson of the 43rd and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5059), so as to provide for landlords to remove personal property following execution of writs of possession within seven days of such execution; to authorize the marshal to remove such property after 14 days; to authorize the marshal to appoint ex-officio assistants to the marshal; to provide for the collection of costs associated with such removal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 578. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and Echols of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-5-105 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulated reasonable use of ground water for farm use, permits to withdraw, obtain, or utilize, metering, and related

procedures, so as to provide for revocation of permits for conversion to solar farms and reallocation of ground water capacity; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 579. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Cordele, approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4122), so as to transition the office of chairperson to at large commission member; to provide for a mayor to be selected by and among the commission members; to redesignate the office of vice chairperson to mayor pro tempore; to revise voting and quorum provisions related to the commission; to make conforming changes; to provide that the city manager shall recommend the annual budget to the commission in place of the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SR 770. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Jackson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th, Hickman of the 4th and Hodges of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Higher Education in Prison Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SR 771. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and recognizing March 26, 2024, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 774. By Senator Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 53	Do Pass
HB 1223	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1237	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Goodman of the 8th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Children and Families has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 499 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 814	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1069	Do Pass
HB 1185	Do Pass by substitute	HR 1021	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1199 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Harbin of the 16th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1072 Do Pass by substitute
HB 1170 Do Pass by substitute
HB 1326 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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SENATE MINORITY LEADER

March 13, 2024

To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Gloria Butler
Re: Minority Report on HB 1170

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of House Bill 1170, which Health and Human Services passed out on Monday, March 11, 2024.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Gloria S. Butler
Senator Gloria Butler
Member of Health & Human Services
Leader, Senate Democratic Caucus
District 55

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following

recommendation:

HB 218	Do Pass	HB 910	Do Pass by substitute
HB 934	Do Pass	HB 992	Do Pass
HB 996	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1017	Do Pass
HB 1054	Do Pass	HB 1123	Do Pass
HB 1165	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1201	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1251	Do Pass	HB 1267	Do Pass by substitute
HR 598	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1146 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Anderson of the 24th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

Nikki Merritt

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The State Senate
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To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Nikki Merritt
Re: Minority Report on HB 1146

March 13, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of House Bill 1146, which Natural Resources passed out on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Senator Nikki Merritt
Member of Natural Resources and Environment

Sincerely,
/s/ Nikki A. Merritt
Nikki Merritt, SD 9
Georgia State Senator

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 300	Do Pass by substitute	HB 349	Do Pass
HB 441	Do Pass	HB 1190	Do Pass
HB 1344	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 461	Do Pass by substitute
SR 687	Do Pass by substitute

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10 (b), the Committee on Rules has referred the following legislation from the General Calendar:

HB 498 to the Committee on Public Safety

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1091	Do Pass	HB 1268	Do Pass
HB 1269	Do Pass	HB 1270	Do Pass
HB 1271	Do Pass	HB 1281	Do Pass
HB 1282	Do Pass	HB 1313	Do Pass
HB 1347	Do Pass	HB 1403	Do Pass
HB 1413	Do Pass	HB 1414	Do Pass
HB 1419	Do Pass	SB 575	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 883	Do Pass by substitute	HB 905	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1149	Do Pass	HB 1241	Do Pass
HB 1330	Do Pass	HB 1337	Do Pass
HB 1407	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 617	Do Pass	HB 804	Do Pass
HB 912	Do Pass	HB 957	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1235	Do Pass	HB 1318	Do Pass
HR 854	Do Pass by substitute	HR 1164	Do Pass
HR 1215	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dolezal of the 27th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 1041 HB 1052 HB 1090 HB 1192 HB 1339

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 4-2.9 (c) to allow for the second reading of a resolution.

Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 0; the President ruled that the motion prevailed, and Senate Rule 4-2.9 (c) was suspended.

The following legislation was read the second time:

SR 687

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

Senator Ginn of the 47th asked unanimous consent that Senator Echols of the 49th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Echols was excused.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that Senator Goodman of the 8th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Goodman was excused.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that Senator Brass of the 28th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Brass was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbison	Payne
Anavitarte	Harrell	Rhett
Anderson, L.	Hatchett	Robertson
Anderson, T.	Hickman	Seay
Beach	Hodges	Setzler
Bearden	Hufstetler	Sims
Burns	Islam Parkes	Still
Davenport	James	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, E.	Summers
Dolezal	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Mallow	Watson, B.
Gooch	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Halpern	Merritt	Williams
Harbin	Moore	

Not answering were Senators:

Brass (Excused)	Echols (Excused)	Goodman (Excused)
Jones, H. (Excused)	Parent (Excused)	Rahman (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Butler	Cowsert
Jackson	Lucas	Orrock

Senator Mallow of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Harbin of the 16th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. George Dillard of Peachtree City, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Brass of the 28th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Jane Meisel, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harbin of the 16th introduced the Civil Air Patrol, commended by SR 716, adopted previously. Colonel Michael Willis, Commander of the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Goodman of the 8th introduced the Pierce County High School Bears football team, commended by SR 469, adopted previously. Ryan Herring, Head Coach of the Pierce County High School football team, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Tillery of the 19th introduced the Vidalia High School Game Day Cheerleading Team, commended by SR 582, adopted previously. Ann Michele Toole, Coach of the Vidalia High School Game Day Cheerleading Team, addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized former Majority Leader of the House of Representatives Larry Walker II, father of Senator Walker III of the 20th, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 761. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Global Sisters Speak Network; and for other purposes.

SR 762. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dan A. Moore, Sr.; and for other purposes.

SR 763. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th, Rahman of the 5th, Merritt of the 9th, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, commencing a month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and extending best wishes to all in Georgia and around the world for a joyous and meaningful observance of Eid al-Fitr; and for other purposes.

SR 764. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 14 as Truett Cathy Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 765. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Harbin of the 16th, Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Red Cross and recognizing March 2024 as Red Cross Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 766. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Halpern of the 39th, Still of the 48th, James of the 35th and Payne of the 54th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Angela Palm on the occasion

of her retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 767. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Goodman of the 8th, Halpern of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ali's Cookies; and for other purposes.

SR 768. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Lucas of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc., upon its tenth anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 769. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Lucas of the 26th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Senator Gloria Butler for her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 772. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Samuel L. Dumas; and for other purposes.

SR 773. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th, Rahman of the 5th, Merritt of the 9th, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the celebration of Navroz, the month of Ramadan, and the Shia Ismaili Muslim community residing in and contributing to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 775. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Harbin of the 16th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Senator Valencia Seay; and for other purposes.

SR 776. By Senator Bearden of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of James "Richard" Smith; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Thirty-fourth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 575 Williams of the 25th
CITY OF MILLEDGEVILLE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Milledgeville Public Facilities Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1091 Seay of the 34th
Davenport of the 44th
CLAYTON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the chief magistrate of Clayton County, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4411), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4136), so as to revise provisions regarding compensation of the chief magistrate; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1281 Harbison of the 15th
Robertson of the 29th
CITY OF COLUMBUS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1282 Harbison of the 15th
Robertson of the 29th
MUSCOGEE COUNTY

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

HB 1313 Seay of the 34th
Davenport of the 44th
CLAYTON COUNTY

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

HB 1347 Harbison of the 15th
TAYLOR COUNTY

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

HB 1403 Payne of the 54th
MURRAY COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act providing a new charter for the City of Chatsworth," approved August 18, 1923 (Ga. L. 1923, p. 529), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 4119), so as to provide for the annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1414 Rahman of the 5th
Islam Parkes of the 7th
Harrell of the 40th
CITY OF PEACHTREE CORNERS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts to be wholly located within the City of Peachtree Corners; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of said districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for boards to administer said districts; to provide for the appointment and election of members of said boards; to provide for taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for the boundaries of said districts; to provide for debt of said districts other than bonded indebtedness; to provide for cooperation with local governments; to provide for powers of said boards; to provide for construction; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolutions; to provide the procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1419 Harbin of the 16th
PIKE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Pike County Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by Pike County, the Pike County School District, any municipality or other political subdivision located in Pike County, for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; to provide for members of the authority and their terms, organization, and reimbursement; to provide for vacancies; to provide for definitions; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following five local bills relating to homestead exemptions require a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 1268 Echols of the 49th
Hatchett of the 50th
HALL COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from Hall County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1269 Echols of the 49th
CITY OF GAINESVILLE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Gainesville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1270 Echols of the 49th
Hatchett of the 50th
HALL COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from Hall County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,

effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1271 Echols of the 49th
CITY OF GAINESVILLE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Gainesville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1413 Williams of the 25th
PUTNAM COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide homestead exemptions from Putnam County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in certain amounts of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne

Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Confirmation of Governor's Supplemental Appointments

THIRD READING AND CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

HB 481	Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law; provide for a fiduciary duty (RET-16th) Carson-46th
HB 982	State Workforce Development Board; publish a High-demand Career List most critical to the state's current and future workforce needs; require (H ED-50th) Gambill-15th
HB 985	Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; abolish (H ED-23rd) Martin-49th

HB 1100 Revenue, Department of; authorize use of electronic notifications and communications to motor vehicle owners; provisions (PUB SAF-56th) New-64th

HB 1303 Special license plates; Shepherd Center; establish (Substitute) (PUB SAF-48th) Stinson-150th

HR 1113 Property; granting of nonexclusive easements; authorize (Substitute) (SI&P-15th) Dunahoo-31st

HR 1116 Property; conveyance of certain state owned property; authorize (Substitute) (SI&P-15th) Pirkle-169th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that the Senate dispense with the reading of the Supplemental Governor's Appointments.

There was no objection, and the reading of the Supplemental Governor's Appointments was dispensed with.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that one roll call suffice for the confirmation of the appointments in their entirety.

Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to consider the appointments with one roll call.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Robertson of the 29th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Robertson was excused.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Supplemental Governor's Appointments be confirmed as submitted.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Supplemental Governor's Appointments were confirmed.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 481. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Thomas of the 21st, Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide for a fiduciary duty to invest retirement assets solely in the financial interest of participants and their beneficiaries; to provide for duties; to provide for delegation of duties; to provide for objective; to provide for conformance; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harbin of the 16th.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 20, 2024

The Honorable John Carson
Chairman, House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to House Bill 481 (LC 56 0143S)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This substitute bill would amend provisions relating to the Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law. Specifically, this bill defines the word 'fiduciary' to mean any retirement system or administrator that:

- Exercises any discretionary authority or control relative to the management or disposition of a retirement system's assets:
- Renders investment advice for a fee or other compensation; or
- Has discretionary authority or control in the management or administration of a retirement system.

Under the provisions of this legislation, fiduciaries would be required to execute their duties solely in the best interest of the plan members and beneficiaries. This bill would

allow fiduciaries to delegate investment management decisions to qualified professional investment personnel. However, the fiduciary is still liable if it is determined that investment decisions were not made in the best financial interest of the plan members and beneficiaries. Under the provisions of this substitute bill, each fiduciary shall vote and execute all voting proxies solely and exclusively in the best economic interest or rights of the retirement system, in favor of confidential proxy balloting, and in support of management unless, in the opinion of the fiduciary, such vote would be detrimental to the best economic interests or rights of the retirement system.

Furthermore, this substitute bill would require all retirement systems to fully comply with the provisions of this bill by November 1, 2024, and must conform any plan documents, contracts, local laws, ordinances, or resolutions that are not in compliance with the provisions of this bill. It should be noted that the provisions of this bill would apply to all retirement systems that receive public funds.

This is to certify that this substitute bill is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 481, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 982. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Martin of the 49th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Workforce Development Board, so as to require the State Workforce Development Board to develop, approve, and annually publish a High-demand Career List identifying those careers most critical to the state's current and future workforce needs; to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for conforming changes; to require the Office of Student Achievement to work in consultation with the State Workforce Development Board to audit and report on the effectiveness of employment, wage attainment, and retention of students in programs that align with the High-demand Career List; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery

Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

HB 982, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 985. By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to abolish the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; to provide for the transfer of outstanding obligations and liabilities and assets of such corporation; to amend Titles 2, 7, 12, 20, 26, 33, 43, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, banking and finance, conservation and natural resources, education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, insurance, professions and businesses, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to remove cross-references and make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Burns of the 23rd.

Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Burns of the 23rd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 985 (LC 49 1637) by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education, so as to bring up to date various higher education related entities; to abolish the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; to provide for the transfer of outstanding obligations and liabilities and assets of such corporation; to reinstate the Private Colleges and Universities Authority; to amend Titles 2, 7, 12, 20, 26, 33, 43, and 48 of the Official

By striking lines 580 through 584 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

An Act repealing provisions creating inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies, approved May 7,

2019 (Ga L. 2019, p. 919), is amended by repealing Part VII, relating to the Private Colleges and Universities Authority, pursuant to *Private Colleges and Universities Authority, et al., v. Kemp* (July 8, 2019) (docketed at Civil Action File No. 2019CV322341).

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2024.

SECTION 4-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Still of the 48th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Still was excused.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Kennedy amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 55, nays 0.

HB 985, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

HB 1100. By Representatives New of the 64th, Corbett of the 174th, Prince of the 132nd, Smith of the 138th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to authorize the use of electronic notifications and communications by the Department of Revenue to motor vehicle owners relative to motor vehicle registration and certificates of title upon consent; to provide for standards and conditions to obtain such consent; to provide for the issuance of vehicle registration and license plates for government owned vehicles; to provide for exceptions; to revise a definition; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for the establishment of a system for the electronic storage and transfer of certificates of title; to authorize the transfer of certificates of title or granting of security interests therein electronically; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

Senator Anderson of the 24th recognized First Lady of the Senate, Jan Jones.

The President recognized Hayden Dixon, wife of Senator Dixon of the 45th.

The President recognized his sister, Natalie Jones.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers

Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

HB 1100, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/13/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1100. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Butler of the 55th

HB 1303. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Corbett of the 174th, Pirkle of the 169th, Greene of the 154th and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Still of the 48th.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 1303:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit

corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to provide for disposition of funds to the Shepherd Center; to establish a specialty license plate supporting the advocacy and promotion of strict interpretation of the United States Constitution with a portion of funds collected to be disbursed to the Foundation for Moral Law, Inc.; to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Okefenokee Swamp; to provide for the disposition of funds to the Okefenokee Swamp Park; to establish a specialty license plate honoring alumni of Samford University; to provide for disposition of funds to the Samford University Alumni Association; to amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, so as to establish an "America First" specialty license plate; to provide for conditions for the production of such license plates; to provide for discontinuing the manufacture of such license plates in certain instances; to provide for the disposition of funds to the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, is amended in subsection (l) by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(71) A special license plate honoring the Shepherd Center. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Shepherd Center, Inc.

(72) A special license plate supporting the advocacy and promotion of strict interpretation of the United States Constitution. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Foundation for Moral Law, Inc.

(73) A special license plate honoring the Okefenokee Swamp and displaying the words 'Explore the Okefenokee.' The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Okefenokee Swamp Park.

(74) A special license plate honoring alumni of Samford University. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Samford University Alumni Association."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, is amended in subsection (l) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(12) A special license plate displaying an image of the American flag, and the words 'America First' to represent patriotism and a commitment to prioritize the interests of

this nation above all else and to reinforce a sense of national pride and unity. Notwithstanding subsection (h) of this Code section, the department shall be authorized to issue such license plate prior to receipt of 1,000 prepaid applications; provided, however, that, if 1,000 applications have not been submitted prior to January 1, 2027, the department shall not continue to manufacture such plate. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be deposited in the general fund."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 4.

In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, and Still of the 48th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Public Safety Committee substitute to HB 1303 (LC 39 4327S) by replacing line 11 with the following:

Samford University Alumni Association; to establish a specialty license plate honoring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and provide for the disposition of funds to the Delta Life Development Center; to amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official

By replacing line 36 with the following:

Alumni Association.

(75) A special license plate honoring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Delta Life Development Center."

Senators Gooch of the 51st and Still of the 48th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to HB 1303 (LC 39 4327S) by:
Striking “so as to establish an “America First” specialty license plate,” from lines 14 and 15.

And, by striking Section 2, lines 37 through 49.

Senator Moore of the 53rd offered the following amendment #3:

Amend Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to HB 1303 (LC 39 4327S)

by inserting on line 29 after Constitution ", in the middle of tag logo shall appear"

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Jackson amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2, there were no objections, and the Gooch amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #3, Senator Albers of the 56th objected.

On the adoption of amendment #3, the yeas were 10, nays 38, and the Moore amendment #3 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 9.

HB 1303, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HR 1113. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st and Greene of the 154th:

> A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Appling, Barrow, Clarke, Colquitt, Cobb, Dade, Douglas, Fulton, Laurens, Newton, Paulding, Stewart, Sumter, Tattnall, Telfair, Troup, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws, and for other purposes.
>
> Senate Sponsor: Senator Harbison of the 15th.

The Senate Committee on State Institutions and Property offered the following substitute to HR 1113:

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Appling, Barrow, Bartow, Clarke, Colquitt, Cobb, Dade, Douglas, Fulton, Hart, Laurens, Murray, Newton, Paulding, Stewart, Sumter, Tattnall, Telfair, Troup, and Walton Counties, Georgia and Hamilton County, Tennessee; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Appling, Barrow, Bartow, Clarke, Colquitt, Cobb, Dade, Douglas, Fulton, Hart, Laurens, Murray, Newton, Paulding, Stewart, Sumter, Tattnall, Telfair, Troup, and Walton Counties, Georgia and Hamilton County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Power Company, Georgia Department of Transportation, Marietta Power and Water, Trenton Telephone Company, Heron Mill Apartments LLC, Hart County, Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the City of Covington, Atlanta Gas Light Company, ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC, Telesystem, Georgia Transmission Corporation, Walton Electric Membership Corporation, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation desire to construct, install, operate, and maintain facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through a portion of said property; and

WHEREAS, these nonexclusive easements, facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through the above-described state property have been requested or approved by the Technical College System of Georgia, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Defense, State Properties Commission, Department of Public Safety, Department of Economic Development, and Department of Corrections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I
SECTION 1.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Appling County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Coastal Pines Technical College; and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated June 1, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 2.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines, pad mount transformer, and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Appling County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.45 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 331 and 342, 2nd District, City of Baxley, Appling County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 3.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical distribution lines, pad mount transformer, and associated equipment.

SECTION 4.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines, pad mount transformer, and associated equipment.

SECTION 5.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines, pad mount transformer, and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines, pad mount transformer, and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 6.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 7.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 8.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 9.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 10.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 11.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Appling County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 12.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 13.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 14.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Barrow County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Fort Yargo State Park; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated August 24, 2021, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 15.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Barrow County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 12.0 acres, lying and being in 249th G.M. District, Barrow County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 16.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 17.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 18.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 19.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 20.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost

and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 21.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 22.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 23.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for a fair market value of not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 24.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Barrow County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 25.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 26.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE III
SECTION 27.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Barrow County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Winder Readiness Center; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Defense which, by official action dated May 4, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 28.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain overhead and underground power distribution lines and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Barrow County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.128 of an acre, lying and being in the 243rd G.M. District, Barrow County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 29.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining overhead and underground power distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 30.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of overhead and underground power distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 31.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the overhead and underground power distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the overhead and underground power distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its

successors and assigns.

SECTION 32.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 33.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 34.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 35.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 36.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 37.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Barrow County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 38.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 39.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 40.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Bartow County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Western and Atlantic Railroad, and the property is in the custody of the State Properties Commission which, by official action does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 41.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of Project PI0013238 road widening and a new bridge over the Western and Atlantic Railroad for the Rome-Cartersville Development Corridor (SR20 Connector from SR3 to Grassdale Rd.). Said easement area is located in Bartow County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.915 of an acre permanent easement, lying and being in Mile Posts 0WA-0052.78, 0WA-0052-79, and 0WA-0052.8, Bartow County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on Right of Way Plans furnished by the Department of Transportation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 42.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of road widening and bridge.

SECTION 43.

That the Department of Transportation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of road widening and bridge.

SECTION 44.

That, after the Department of Transportation has put into use the road widening and bridge this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the road and bridge shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 45.

That no title shall be conveyed to the Department of Transportation and, except as herein specifically granted to the Department of Transportation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 46.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the Department of Transportation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the Department of Transportation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the Department of Transportation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from

the State of Georgia.

SECTION 47.

That the easement granted to the Department of Transportation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 48.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The Department of Transportation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 49.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 50.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Department of Transportation in the Superior Court of Bartow County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 51.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Department of Transportation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 52.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 53.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Clarke County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Athens Technical College;

and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated June 1, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 54.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain 3-phase underground cable lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG-365 Industrial System Building. Said easement area is located in Clarke County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.092 of an acre, lying and being in District 219, City of Athens, Clarke County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 55.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining 3-phase underground cable lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG-365 Industrial System Building.

SECTION 56.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of 3-phase underground cable lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG-365 Industrial System Building.

SECTION 57.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the 3-phase underground cable lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the 3-phase underground cable lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 58.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said

easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 59.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 60.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 61.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 62.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 63.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Clarke County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 64.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 65.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 66.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Colquitt County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Southern Regional Technical College; and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated September 7, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 67.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG-378 Technical and Industrial Education Building. Said easement area is located in Colquitt County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.6 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 246, 8th Land District, City of Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 68.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG-378 Technical and Industrial Education Building.

SECTION 69.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG-378 Technical and Industrial Education Building.

SECTION 70.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 71.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 72.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 73.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 74.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 75.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 76.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Colquitt County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 77.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 78.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 79.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Cobb County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Marietta Readiness Center; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Defense which, by official action dated April 10, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 80.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Marietta Power and Water, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain a new underground sanitary sewer line and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Cobb County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.53 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 1142, 16th Land District, 2nd Section, City of Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Marietta Power and Water, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 81.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining a new underground sanitary sewer line and associated equipment.

SECTION 82.

That Marietta Power and Water shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a new underground sanitary sewer line and associated equipment.

SECTION 83.

That, after Marietta Power and Water has put into use the new underground sanitary sewer line and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Marietta Power and Water, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the new underground sanitary sewer line and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 84.

That no title shall be conveyed to Marietta Power and Water and, except as herein specifically granted to Marietta Power and Water, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Marietta Power and Water.

SECTION 85.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission,

determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Marietta Power and Water shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Marietta Power and Water provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Marietta Power and Water or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 86.

That the easement granted to Marietta Power and Water shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 87.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Marietta Power and Water shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 88.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for $13,799.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 89.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Marietta Power and Water in the Superior Court of Cobb County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 90.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Marietta Power and Water shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 91.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 92.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Dade County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Cloudland Canyon State Park; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated June 27, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 93.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Trenton Telephone Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment to provide wireless services to the interpretive center, cottages, and campground. Said easement area is located in Dade County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 8.5 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 78 and 114, 4th Section, 11th District, Dade County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Trenton Telephone Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 94.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment to provide wireless services to the interpretive center, cottages, and campground.

SECTION 95.

That Trenton Telephone Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment to provide wireless services to the interpretive center,

cottages, and campground.

SECTION 96.

That, after Trenton Telephone Company has put into use the underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Trenton Telephone Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 97.

That no title shall be conveyed to Trenton Telephone Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Trenton Telephone Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Trenton Telephone Company.

SECTION 98.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Trenton Telephone Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Trenton Telephone Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Trenton Telephone Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 99.

That the easement granted to Trenton Telephone Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area

herein granted.

SECTION 100.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Trenton Telephone Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 101.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 102.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Trenton Telephone Company in the Superior Court of Dade County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 103.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Trenton Telephone Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 104.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 105.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Douglas County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Sweetwater Creek State Park; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated April 25, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 106.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Heron Mill Apartments LLC, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain a new underground sanitary sewer line

and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Douglas County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.54 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 171 and 178, 1st Land District, 5th Section, Douglas County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Heron Mill Apartments LLC, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 107.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining a new underground sanitary sewer line and associated equipment.

SECTION 108.

That Heron Mill Apartments LLC shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a new underground sanitary sewer line and associated equipment.

SECTION 109.

That, after Heron Mill Apartments LLC has put into use the new underground sanitary sewer line and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Heron Mill Apartments LLC, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the new underground sanitary sewer line and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 110.

That no title shall be conveyed to Heron Mill Apartments LLC and, except as herein specifically granted to Heron Mill Apartments LLC, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Heron Mill Apartments LLC.

SECTION 111.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the

alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Heron Mill Apartments LLC shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Heron Mill Apartments LLC provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Heron Mill Apartments LLC or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 112.

That the easement granted to Heron Mill Apartments LLC shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 113.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Heron Mill Apartments LLC shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 114.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for a fair market value of not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 115.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Heron Mill Apartments LLC in the Superior Court of Douglas County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 116.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Heron Mill Apartments LLC shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 117.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE X

SECTION 118.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Douglas County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Sweetwater Creek State Park; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated June 27, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 119.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Douglas County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 5.19 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 156, 160, 161, 169, 170, 171, 172, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, and 183, 5th Section, 1st District Douglas County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 120.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 121.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 122.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted

herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 123.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 124.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 125.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 126.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful

use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 127.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for a fair market value of not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 128.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Douglas County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 129.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 130.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XI

SECTION 131.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Fulton County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Department of Public Safety Headquarters; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Public Safety which, by official action dated August 30, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 132.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the DPS-043 Main Entrance and Guard Shack. Said easement area is located in Fulton County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.6 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 9 and 10, 14th Land District, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 133.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the DPS-043 Main Entrance and Guard Shack.

SECTION 134.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the DPS-043 Main Entrance and Guard Shack.

SECTION 135.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 136.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 137.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State

Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 138.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 139.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 140.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 141.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Fulton County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 142.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 143.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XII

SECTION 144.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Fulton County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Georgia World Congress

Center; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Economic Development which, by official action, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 145.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Fulton County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.21 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 83, 14th Land District, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 146.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 147.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 148.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 149.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said

easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 150.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 151.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 152.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 153.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for a fair market value of not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 154.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Fulton County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 155.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 156.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XIII

SECTION 157.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Hart County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Whitworth Women's Facility, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Corrections which, by official action, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 158.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Hart County, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a force main sewer connection to serve the new Hart County Jail. Said easement area is located in Hart County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.04 of an acre, lying and being in 1112th G.M. District, City of Whitworth, Hart County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Hart, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 159.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a force main sewer connection.

SECTION 160.

That Hart County shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the force main sewer connection.

SECTION 161.

That, after Hart County has put into use the force main sewer connection this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Hart County, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the force main sewer connection shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 162.

That no title shall be conveyed to Hart County and, except as herein specifically granted to Hart County, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Hart County.

SECTION 163.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Hart County shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Hart County provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Hart County or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 164.

That the easement granted to Hart County shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 165.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway

system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Hart County shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 166.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 167.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Hart County in the Superior Court of Hart County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 168.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Hart County shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 169.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XIV

SECTION 170.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Laurens County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Oconee Fall Line Technical College; and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated June 1, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 171.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG-382 GEER II CDL Range. Said easement area is located in Laurens County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.14 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 55, 1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial

drawing furnished by Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 172.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG-382 GEER II CDL Range.

SECTION 173.

That Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG-382 GEER II CDL Range.

SECTION 174.

That, after Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 175.

That no title shall be conveyed to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 176.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in

its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 177.

That the easement granted to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 178.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 179.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 180.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Laurens County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 181.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes

effective.

SECTION 182.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XV

SECTION 183.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Murray County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Fort Mountain State Park, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action, dated February 6, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 184.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the United States of America for the use and benefit of the Tennessee Valley Authority, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement for the relocation, construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a communication tower (aka radio repeater) to serve the area. Said easement area is located in Murray County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 60 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 292, 26th Land District, 2nd Section, Murray County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a survey furnished by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 185.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the relocation, construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the radio repeater.

SECTION 186.

That the Tennessee Valley Authority shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the radio repeater.

SECTION 187.

That no title shall be conveyed to the Tennessee Valley Authority and, except as herein specifically granted to the Tennessee Valley Authority, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said

easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the Tennessee Valley Authority.

SECTION 188.

That the easement granted to the Tennessee Valley Authority shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 189.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The Tennessee Valley Authority shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 190.

That the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00, three spots for state use on the tower at 90 feet, the use of one bay inside the building, the existing building owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority on the easement area will be donated to the state, and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 191.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Tennessee Valley Authority in the Superior Court of Murray County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 192.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Tennessee Valley Authority shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 193.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XVI
SECTION 194.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Newton County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Georgia Piedmont Technical College; and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated December 7, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 195.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the City of Covington, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the D Building and Conference Center. Said easement area is located in Newton County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.72 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 271 and 287, 9th Land District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by the City of Covington, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 196.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the D Building and Conference Center.

SECTION 197.

That the City of Covington shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the D Building and Conference Center.

SECTION 198.

That, after the City of Covington has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the City of Covington, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 199.

That no title shall be conveyed to the City of Covington and, except as herein specifically granted to the City of Covington, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the City of Covington.

SECTION 200.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and the City of Covington shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the City of Covington provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the City of Covington or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 201.

That the easement granted to the City of Covington shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 202.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The City of Covington shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 203.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be

$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 204.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the City of Covington in the Superior Court of Newton County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 205.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to the City of Covington shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 206.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XVII

SECTION 207.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Newton County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Georgia Piedmont Technical College; and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated March 30, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 208.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the City of Covington, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground sanitary sewer lines and associated equipment to serve adjacent developments. Said easement area is located in Newton County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 3.1 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 282, 283, 295, and 296, 9th Land District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a survey furnished by the City of Covington, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 209.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground sanitary sewer lines and associated equipment to serve adjacent developments.

SECTION 210.

That the City of Covington shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground sanitary sewer lines and associated equipment to serve adjacent developments.

SECTION 211.

That, after the City of Covington has put into use the underground sanitary sewer lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the City of Covington, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground sanitary sewer lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 212.

That no title shall be conveyed to the City of Covington and, except as herein specifically granted to the City of Covington, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the City of Covington.

SECTION 213.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and the City of Covington shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the City of Covington provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the City of Covington or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 214.

That the easement granted to the City of Covington shall contain such other reasonable

terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 215.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The City of Covington shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 216.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for a fair market value of not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 217.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the City of Covington in the Superior Court of Newton County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 218.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to the City of Covington shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 219.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XVIII

SECTION 220.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Paulding County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Paulding Aviation Academy Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College; and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated September 7, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 221.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Atlanta Gas Light Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG - 363 Aviation Academy. Said easement area is located in Paulding County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.086 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 325 and 326, 19th Land District, 3rd Section, City of Dallas, Paulding County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Atlanta Gas Light Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 222.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG - 363 Aviation Academy.

SECTION 223.

That Atlanta Gas Light Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the TCSG - 363 Aviation Academy.

SECTION 224.

That, after Atlanta Gas Light Company has put into use the underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Atlanta Gas Light Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 225.

That no title shall be conveyed to Atlanta Gas Light Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Atlanta Gas Light Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Atlanta Gas Light Company.

SECTION 226.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission,

determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Atlanta Gas Light Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Atlanta Gas Light Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Atlanta Gas Light Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 227.

That the easement granted to Atlanta Gas Light Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 228.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Atlanta Gas Light Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 229.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 230.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Atlanta Gas Light Company in the Superior Court of Paulding County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 231.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Atlanta Gas Light Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 232.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XIX

SECTION 233.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Stewart County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Providence Canyon State Park; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated May 23, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 234.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress access. Said easement area is located in Stewart County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 2.051 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 32, 33, 46, and 66, 2nd Land District, Stewart County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a survey furnished by ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 235.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of ingress and egress access.

SECTION 236.

That ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for ingress and egress access.

SECTION 237.

That, after ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC has put into use the ingress and egress access for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title,

privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event such facilities shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 238.

That no title shall be conveyed to ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC and, except as herein specifically granted to ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC.

SECTION 239.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 240.

That the easement granted to ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 241.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC shall obtain any and all

other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 242.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for a fair market value of not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 243.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC in the Superior Court of Stewart County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 244.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to ASF Georgia Holdings I, LLC shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 245.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XX

SECTION 246.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Sumter County, Georgia, and is commonly known as South Georgia Technical College; and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated December 7, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 247.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines to serve traffic cameras for Americus-Sumter High School. Said easement area is located in Sumter County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.34 of an acre, lying and being in 16th Land District, City of Americus, Sumter County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties

Commission for approval.

SECTION 248.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical distribution lines to serve traffic cameras for Americus-Sumter High School.

SECTION 249.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines to serve traffic cameras for Americus-Sumter High School.

SECTION 250.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 251.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 252.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of

Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 253.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 254.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 255.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for a fair market value of not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 256.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Sumter County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 257.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 258.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXI

SECTION 259.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and

being in Tattnall County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Jack Hill State Park; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated April 25, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 260.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new laundry facility. Said easement area is located in Tattnall County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.13 of an acre, lying and being in 41st G.M. District, City of Reidsville, Tattnall County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 261.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new laundry facility.

SECTION 262.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new laundry facility.

SECTION 263.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 264.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said

easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 265.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 266.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 267.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 268.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 269.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Tattnall County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 270.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 271.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXII

SECTION 272.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Tattnall County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Jack Hill State Park; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated June 27, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 273.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new addition to the Visitor Center. Said easement area is located in Tattnall County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.13 of an acre, lying and being in 41st G.M. District, City of Reidsville, Tattnall County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 274.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new addition to the Visitor Center.

SECTION 275.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from

said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new addition to the Visitor Center.

SECTION 276.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 277.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 278.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 279.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to

use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 280.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 281.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 282.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Tattnall County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 283.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 284.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXIII

SECTION 285.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Telfair County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Little Ocmulgee State Park; and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated February 21, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 286.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Telesystem, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct,

install, operate, and maintain underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment to serve the park and lodges. Said easement area is located in Telfair County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.66 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 216, and 218, 10th District, Telfair County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by Telesystem, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 287.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 288.

That Telesystem shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 289.

That, after Telesystem has put into use the underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Telesystem, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 290.

That no title shall be conveyed to Telesystem and, except as herein specifically granted to Telesystem, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Telesystem.

SECTION 291.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in

its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Telesystem shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Telesystem provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Telesystem or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 292.

That the easement granted to Telesystem shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 293.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Telesystem shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 294.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 295.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Telesystem in the Superior Court of Telfair County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 296.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Telesystem shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 297.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and

things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXIV
SECTION 298.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Troup County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Kia Plant, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Economic Development which, by official action dated May 10, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 299.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Transmission Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground and overhead electrical transmission distribution lines and associated equipment for the LaGrange Primary-Oseligee Creek 230kV Project. Said easement area is located in Troup County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 56.3 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 161, 162, 184, 185, 219, 220, 221, 236, 237, and 238, 5th Land District, 701st and 804th G.M.D., City of West Point, Troup County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a survey furnished by Georgia Transmission Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 300.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground and overhead electrical transmission distribution lines and associated equipment for the LaGrange Primary-Oseligee Creek 230kV Project.

SECTION 301.

That Georgia Transmission Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground and overhead electrical transmission distribution lines and associated equipment for the LaGrange Primary-Oseligee Creek 230kV Project.

SECTION 302.

That, after Georgia Transmission Corporation has put into use the underground and overhead electrical transmission distribution lines and associated equipment for which this

easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Transmission Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground and overhead electrical transmission distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 303.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Transmission Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Transmission Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Transmission Corporation.

SECTION 304.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Transmission Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Transmission Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Transmission Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 305.

That the easement granted to Georgia Transmission Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 306.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Transmission Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 307.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for a fair market value of not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 308.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Transmission Corporation in the Superior Court of Troup County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 309.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Transmission Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 310.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXV

SECTION 311.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Walton County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Rivian Site, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Economic Development which, by official action dated August 16, 2023, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 312.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Walton Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Walton County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.78 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 101, 102, and 106, 1st Land District, 418th G.M. District, Walton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a survey furnished by Walton Electric Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 313.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 314.

That Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 315.

That, after Walton Electric Membership Corporation has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment for which this easement is granted, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Walton Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 316.

That no title shall be conveyed to Walton Electric Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Walton Electric Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area are reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Walton Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 317.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in

its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia, and Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Walton Electric Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Walton Electric Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 318.

That the easement granted to Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 319.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 320.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 321.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Walton Electric Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Walton County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 322.

That the authorization to grant the above-described easement to Walton Electric Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 323.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXVI

SECTION 324.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Hamilton County, Tennessee, and is commonly known as the Western and Atlantic Railroad, and the property is in the custody of the State Properties Commission which, by official action, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 325.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of various road improvement projects, identified by the following project references PIN 114174.01, PIN 124076.00, PIN 129666.00, PIN 129668.00, PIN 130545.00, PIN 129670.00 and PIN 133281.00, over the Western and Atlantic Railroad. Said easement area is located in Hamilton County, Tennessee and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 116 acres, lying and being in the City of Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee, and that portion only as shown on Right of Way survey furnished by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 326.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of various road improvement projects over the Western and Atlantic Railroad.

SECTION 327.

That the Tennessee Department of Transportation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the road improvement projects.

SECTION 328.

That, after the Tennessee Department of Transportation has put into use the road improvement projects this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use

thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the road improvements shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 329.

That no title shall be conveyed to the Tennessee Department of Transportation and, except as herein specifically granted to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

SECTION 330.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the Tennessee Department of Transportation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the Tennessee Department of Transportation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent nonexclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 331.

That the easement granted to the Tennessee Department of Transportation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 332.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest,

or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The Tennessee Department of Transportation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 333.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 334.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Tennessee Department of Transportation in the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Tennessee and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 335.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Tennessee Department of Transportation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 336.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XXVII

SECTION 337.

That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 338.

That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HR 1113, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

HR 1116. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Greene of the 154th:

> A RESOLUTION authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Chatham County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Houston County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Paulding County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Walker County; and authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in White County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
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> Senate Sponsor: Senator Harbison of the 15th.

The Senate Committee on State Institutions and Property offered the following substitute to HR 1116:

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Barrow County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Chatham County;

authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Dodge County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Fulton County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Houston County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Morgan County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Paulding County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Walker County; and authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in White County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Barrow County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 97.2 acres, being in 243rd G.M. Land District, City of Winder, Barrow County, Georgia, commonly known as Fort Yargo State Park, and more particularly described in that Deed, dated November 10, 1954 from the United States of America being recorded in Deed Book DD, Page 111, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Barrow County, and on file with the State Properties Commission on Real Property Records as RPR 00065; and

(3) Camp Twin Lakes, Inc. is desirous of entering into a 25 year lease; and

(4) Said real property is under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources; and

(5) By official action dated February 27, 2024, the Board of the Department of Natural Resources resolved to enter a lease with Camp Twin Lakes, Inc. for 25 years; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the presumptive owner of those certain marshlands lying and being in the 2nd Georgia Militia District, City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, and bounded north by a line running along the south face of a sheetpile bulkhead on the south side of the Savannah River containing approximately 0.187 of an acre identified as "Area to be Conveyed to Property Owner" on an Exhibit titled East River Street Development "Area to be Conveyed" prepared by Thomas & Hutton Engineering, dated January 4, 2024, a copy of which has been presented to the State Properties Commission for review and subject to a final survey being presented for approval, said marshlands being subject to regulation pursuant to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-280, et. seq. and the Governor's powers to regulate State owned property O.C.G.A. § 50-16-61, hereinafter referred to as the "Property" and adjoining water bottoms; and

(2) The above-described property consists of State-owned marshlands that have been previously filled pursuant to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act; and

(3) East River Street, LLC ("ERS") claims to own in fee simple the Property pursuant to a deed from Georgia Power Company, dated January 14, 2013, and recorded in Deed Book 384-D, Pages 225-232 of the Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court ("Deeded Property"), which may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for

approval; and also all riparian, wharf, and other rights in, to, and over the adjoining water bottoms, which tract of land and rights in, to, and over the adjoining water bottoms is claimed to include the above-described property; and

(4) ERS desires to, at its sole cost and expense, establish, construct, and develop property adjacent to the Savannah River which is claimed to include the above-described property; and

(5) To resolve any and all disputes as to the ownership of the above-described property and all present and former littoral, wharfing, and other rights, interests, and privileges in and to the above-described property and adjoining tidally influenced water bottoms and tidal waters, the State Properties Commission seeks authorization to convey a portion of the State's interest in the Property to ERS in exchange for the conveyance of property from ERS, which property shall include a strip of land, being approximately 0.35 of an acre, identified as "Area to be Conveyed to State" on an Exhibit titled East River Street Development "Area to be Conveyed" prepared by Thomas & Hutton Engineering, dated January 4, 2024, a copy of which has been presented to the State Properties Commission for review and subject to a final survey being presented for approval, and measuring from the property line to not less than three feet in width adjoining the south face of the sheetpile bulkhead described herein for the length of the Deeded Property along the Savannah River, adjoining water bottoms, related rights and the receipt of payment in an amount sufficient for the State to receive fair market value, but for not less than $650.00, for any real property it may convey, and such other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia; provided nothing herein shall affect any rights, interests, or privileges in the above-described property and adjoining waters claimed by the City of Savannah; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Chatham County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is an approximately 30-acre tract, currently known as the Guy Minick Youth Sports Complex, being in the City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, and more particularly described as a portion of the property in that Quitclaim Deed, dated August 12, 1996, from the Georgia Building Authority (Hospital), being recorded in Deed Book 182-A, Pages 192-195, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 008902; and

(3) Said real Property is under the custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and

(4) Said real property is under currently under lease to the City of Savannah for use as a recreational complex on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 008171; and

(5) The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities is desirous of declaring the Property surplus to their current and future needs; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Dodge County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 4.99 acres, being in Land Lot 6, 15th Land District, City of Eastman, Dodge County, Georgia, commonly known as the former Eastman RYDC, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated June 24, 1975, from Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority being recorded in Deed Book 140, Pages 321-322, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dodge County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 006084; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of real property rights located in Fulton County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property rights are located in Land Lot 78 of the 14th District of Fulton County and includes approximately 1.30 acres in fee simple, hereinafter referred to as the "Property", and said Property being further detailed and identified in that existing lease by and between the State of Georgia and Jamestown Shopping Center, Inc. dated July 25, 1969, as recorded in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record 003997, as amended by that Agreement, dated April 6, 1972, as recorded in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record 005462; and

(3) Said above-described property may be more particularly described on a plat of survey entitled "Property of the State of Georgia the Old Governor's Mansion Property", dated October 19, 1968, and prepared by Ernest L. Boggus, P.E.&L.S.; and

(4) Marriott International, Inc., or a wholly owned subsidiary is desirous of acquiring the Property; and

(5) Said above-described property is under custody of the State Properties Commission and it is desirous of declaring said above-described property surplus to the current and future needs of the State, and is seeking authorization to convey said above-described property for the consideration of fair market value and for such other considerations as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of real property rights located in Fulton County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property rights are located in Land Lot 48 of the 14th District of Fulton County and includes approximately 2.31 acres, and more particularly described in that General Warranty Deed, dated June 30, 1989, by and between Charles Menser, Jr., John Propis, and Paul Propis and the State of Georgia, being recorded in Deed Book 12647, pages 308-312, as recorded in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record 07825, Warrant Deed, dated June 30, 1984, by and between Churches Home for Girls, Inc., and the State of Georgia, being recorded in Deed Book 7898, pages

158-160 and, as recorded in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record 06912, and General Warranty Deed, dated June 17, 1992, by and between CLC Enterprises, Inc., and the State of Georgia, being recorded in Deed Book 15399, pages 327-329 as recorded in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record 08222; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Department of Corrections; and

(4) The Department of Corrections is desirous of declaring said property surplus to the current and future needs of the State; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Houston County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 256.0 acres, being in Land Lots 233, 234, 271 and 272, 13th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that General Warranty Deed, dated March 15, 2000, from Hilda P. Cochran being recorded in Deed Book 1517, Pages 334-342, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 009520, and in that Deed of Gift, dated March 15, 2000, from Hilda P. Cochran being recorded in Deed Book 1517, Pages 343-346 in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 009521; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture; and

(4) By official action dated January 11, 2024, the Georgia Department of Agriculture requested the above-described property be conveyed to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia subject to a reversionary interest if the above-described property ceases to be used for any purpose other than the development and operation of an agricultural demonstration farm; and

(5) By official action dated January 11, 2024, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia requested acquisition of the above-described property subject to a reversionary interest if the above-described property ceases to be used for any purpose other than the development and operation of an agricultural demonstration farm; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Houston County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 3.0 acres, being in Land Lot 276, 13th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Quitclaim Deed, dated November 21, 1986, from The Board of Commissioners of Houston County, Georgia being recorded in Deed Book 744, Pages 398-407, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 007545.01; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture; and
(4) The Georgia Department of Agriculture is desirous of conveying the above-described property to the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority; and
(5) The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority is desirous of acquiring the above-described property from the Georgia Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS:
(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Morgan County, Georgia; and
(2) Said real property is approximately 14.114 acres fee, and 3.095 acres temporary easement, located in Land Lots 30, 31, 34, and 35, 19th Land District, Morgan County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Limited Warranty Deed, dated September 2, 2002, from the Joint Development Authority of Jasper County, Morgan County, Newton County, and Walton County, being recorded in Deed Book 00701, Pages 00956-01002, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Morgan County and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 012780.03; and
(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Department of Economic Development; and
(4) The Department of Transportation is desirous of acquiring the right of way for their Project PI0018361, Old Mill Road at I-20 Interchange and temporary easement for the demolition of a pond; and
(5) By official action dated December 8, 2022, the Board of the Department of Economic Development resolved to seek legislation to surplus and convey the real property; and

WHEREAS:
(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Paulding County, Georgia; and
(2) Said real property is approximately 0.15 of an acre being in Land Lot 886 of the 18th District, 3rd Section, Paulding County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Limited Warranty Deed, dated December 18, 2014, from the B.M. Jones Company, L.P., being recorded in Deed Book 03344, Pages 573-587, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Paulding County and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 011623.01; and
(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources; and
(4) Paulding County is currently leasing the above-described property and by official action dated July 25, 2023, the Paulding County Board of Commissioners resolved to enter into a ground lease for the above-described property for a 25-year term for the installation, operation, and maintenance of a communications tower for public safety and county government purposes only, and will not be used for commercial purposes; and
(5) By official action dated May 23, 2023, the Board of Natural Resources resolved to enter into a ground lease for the above-described property for the installation, operation, and maintenance of a communications tower for 911 emergency service to the public for

a 25-year term; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Walker County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately a 28,517 square feet portion of a building, located at Building 500 on the Walker County Campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College, being in Land Lots 121 and 122 of the 8th District, Walker County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated December 1, 1989, from the Walker County Board of Education, being recorded in Deed Book 621 Pages 774-777, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Walker County and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 007891; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(4) Walker County Board of Education is currently leasing the above-described property and is desirous of entering into a new lease for 10 years, with (1) ten-year renewal option to use the above-described property for the Walker Board of Education's Walker LAUNCH Program; and

(5) By official action dated August 31, 2023, the Technical College System of Georgia does not object to leasing of the above-described property for 10 years, with (1) ten-year renewal option, for $10.00 annually and reimbursement to Georgia Northwestern Technical College of utilities, janitorial services and police and security as invoiced; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in White County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 4.93 acres, being in Land Lots 37, 38 and 60 of the 3rd Land District, White County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Limited Warranty Deed, dated August 30, 1994, from Charles Smithgall, Jr., being recorded in Deed Book 406, Pages 1-207, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of White County and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 008547; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources; and

(4) Extenet Systems is currently leasing the above-described property and is desirous of entering into a new lease for a term from commencement to expire December 31, 2027 with (2) five-year renewal options to use the above-described property to install, maintain, and operate underground fiber optic cables to an existing cell communications tower, commonly known as the "Smithgall Tower" located within Smithgall Woods State Park; and

(5) By official action dated August 22, 2023, the Board of Natural Resources does not object to leasing of the above-described property for a term from lease commencement to expiration on December 31, 2027 with (2) five-year renewal options for fair market value; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I
SECTION 1.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Barrow County, containing approximately 97.2 acres, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 2.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease the above-described property to Camp Twin Lakes, Inc. for a term of 25 years, for the consideration of $10.00 annually and the agreement to operate primarily for the purpose of providing persons facing serious life challenges with therapeutic, recreational and education experiences, with particular emphasis for providing a place for children with serious illnesses and life challenges, and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission as to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 3.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 4.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

ARTICLE II
SECTION 5.

That the State of Georgia is the presumptive owner of certain marshlands consisting of 0.187 of an acre lying and being in Chatham County, Georgia, described and referred to as the above-described property, defined hereinabove, and shown on an Exhibit titled East River Street Development "Area to be Conveyed" prepared by Thomas & Hutton Engineering, dated January 4, 2024, a copy of which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein, and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 6.

East River Street, LLC ("ERS") also claims to own the above-described property in fee

simple, pursuant to a deed from Georgia Power Company, dated January 14, 2013, and recorded in Deed Book 384-D, Pages 225-232 of the Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court, and riparian, wharf and other rights in the adjoining water bottoms, which 0.187 of an acre tract and rights in the adjoining water bottom is claimed to include the above-described property, and may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 7.

That ERS desires to, at its sole cost and expense, establish, construct, and develop this 0.187 of an acre tract of property adjacent to the Savannah River, which is claimed to include the above-described property.

SECTION 8.

That to resolve any and all disputes as to the ownership of the above-described property and all present and former littoral, wharfing, and other rights, interests, and privileges in and to the above-described property and adjoining tidally influenced water bottoms and tidal waters, the State Properties Commission is authorized to convey a portion of the State's interest in the above-described property to ERS in exchange for the conveyance by ERS of a strip of land, being approximately 0.35 of an acre, identified as "Area to be Conveyed to State" on an Exhibit titled East River Street Development "Area to be Conveyed" prepared by Thomas & Hutton Engineering, dated January 4, 2024, a copy of which has been presented to the State Properties Commission for review and subject to a final survey being presented for approval, and measuring from the above-described property line to not less than three feet in width adjoining the south face of the sheetpile bulkhead described herein for the length of the Deeded Property along the Savannah River, adjoining water bottoms, related rights, and the receipt of payment in an amount sufficient for the State to receive fair market value, but for not less than $650.00, for any real property it may convey, and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia; provided nothing herein shall affect any rights, interests, or privileges in the above-described property and adjoining waters claimed by the City of Savannah.

SECTION 9.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized to require a more particular description of present and former property, rights, interests, and privileges that comprise all or part of the exchange authorized by this resolution.

SECTION 10.

That any quitclaim deed or documents executed in connection with the sale, or exchange, or combination thereof contemplated by this resolution shall be recorded by ERS in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County, and that ERS shall provide a copy of the recorded deed or documents promptly to the State Properties Commission to

be inventoried and retained by the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 11.

That the authorization provided by this resolution shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 12.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Chatham County, containing approximately 30.0 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 13.

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to a local government or state entity for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of $10.00, so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity, and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 14.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 15.

That the authorization to conveyance the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 16.

That the deed(s) and plat(s) of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 17.

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE IV
SECTION 18.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved property located in Dodge County, containing approximately 4.99 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 19.

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to a local government or state entity for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of $10.00, so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity, and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 20.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 21.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 22.

That the deed(s) and plat(s) of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Dodge County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 23.

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of a custodial agency until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE V
SECTION 24.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved property located in Fulton County, containing approximately 1.30 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 25.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey by appropriate instrument to Marriott International, Inc., or a wholly owned subsidiary for the sale of the property for the consideration of $50,000,000.00 and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 26.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

SECTION 27.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 28.

That the deed shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 29.

That custody of the above-described property shall remain in the State Properties Commission until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 30.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved property located in Fulton County, containing approximately 2.31 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 31.

That the above-described real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of $10.00, so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity, and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 32.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

SECTION 33.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 34.

That the deed shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 35.

That custody of the above-described property shall remain in the Department of Corrections until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 36.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved property located in Houston County, containing approximately 256.0 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 37.

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for a consideration of $10.00 subject to a reversionary interest if the above-described property ceases to be used for any purpose other than the development and operation of an agricultural demonstration farm; and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 38.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 39.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 40.

That the deed or deed and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 41.

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture until the above-described property is conveyed.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 42.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved property located in Houston County, containing approximately 3.0 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 43.

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for a consideration of $10.00, and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 44.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 45.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 46.

That the deed or deed and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 47.

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture until the above-described property is conveyed.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 48.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved property located in Morgan County, containing approximately 14.114 acres fee, and 3.095 acres temporary easement, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State

of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 49.

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the Department of Transportation for a consideration of $10.00 and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 50.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 51.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 52.

That the deed(s) and plat(s) of the conveyance and easement documents shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Morgan County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 53.

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Economic Development until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE X

SECTION 54.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Paulding County, containing approximately 0.15 of an acre, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 55.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease the above-described property to Paulding County, Georgia, for a term of 25 years for the consideration of $10.00 annually, and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission as to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 56.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 57.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 58.

That the lease shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Paulding County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 59.

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE XI

SECTION 60.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Walker County, containing approximately 28,517 square feet, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 61.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease the above-described property to Walker County Board of Education, for a term of 10 years, and include (1) ten-year renewal option, for $10.00 annually and reimbursement to Georgia Northwestern Technical College of utilities, janitorial services and police and security as invoiced, and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission as to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 62.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 63.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 64.

That the lease shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Walker County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 65.

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE XII

SECTION 66.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in White County, containing approximately 4.93 acres, and that in all matters relating to the leasing of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 67.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease the above-described property to Extenet Systems, for a term from lease commencement to expiration on December 31, 2027, with (2) five-year renewal options, for the consideration of $1,800.00 annually, and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission as to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 68.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 69.

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 70.

That the lease shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of White County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 71.

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE XIII
SECTION 72.

That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 73.
That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HR 1116, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 410. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians generally, so as to exempt certain sterilization services performed by out-of-state veterinarians from licensing requirements; to provide for temporary licenses for out-of-state veterinarians; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 410:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians generally, so as to provide for temporary licenses for out-of-state veterinarians; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to exempt certain sterilization services performed by out-of-state veterinarians from licensing requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-50-42.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Shelter medicine' means veterinary practices used to manage the health of populations of animals handled by municipal animal shelters and private animal welfare or adoption agencies.

(2) 'Sterilization services' means procedures that meet or exceed veterinary medical standards of care in providing sterilization of dogs, cats, and pet rabbits.

(b)(1) No later than December 31, 2024, the board shall adopt rules and regulations implementing a process by which the holder of an active veterinary license or veterinary technician license from another state, in good standing in such state, may qualify for a one-time, six-month temporary license, license by endorsement, or a combination thereof, for practice in government or nonprofit shelter medicine, nonprofit sterilization

clinics, or nonprofit mobile sterilization programs registered with this state. Such process shall include the issuance of a license to an applicant based upon such applicant:

(A) Holding a license from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements of this state to obtain a license; and

(B) Obtaining a specialty, certification, training, or other experience while employed in another state which substantially meets or exceeds the requirement to obtain a license in this state.

(2) The board shall conduct periodic reviews of its rules and regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) The holder of an active veterinary license or veterinary technician license from another state who is employed by a nonprofit or for-profit entity not registered in this state, and who provides mobile sterilization services in Georgia under such entity, is ineligible for a temporary license provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 43-50-44, relating to exemptions from article, as follows:

"43-50-44.

This article shall not be construed to prohibit:

(1)(A) An employee of the federal, state, or local government or any contractual partner thereof from performing his or her duties relating to animals owned by, on loan to, or under the control of such employer or the control of stray animals; or

(B) Any employee of a public or private college or university from performing his or her duties relating to animals owned by or on loan to such employer;

(2)(A) A person who is a regular student in a veterinary school or school of veterinary technology performing duties or actions assigned by his or her instructors or working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

(B) A member of the faculty, a resident, an intern, or a graduate student of an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology performing his or her regular clinical or nonclinical functions or a person lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology in connection with a continuing education course or seminar; or

(C) A graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine who is in the process of obtaining the ECFVG or PAVE certificate or substantial equivalent performing duties or actions under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

(3) Any person, compensated or otherwise, from performing current acceptable livestock and food animal management practices, including, but not limited to, castration of food animals, dehorning without the use of prescription drugs or surgical closure of wounds, hoof trimming or shoeing, docking, ear notching, removing needle teeth, testing for pregnancy, implantation of over-the-counter growth implants, implantation of over-the-counter identification devices, artificial insemination, the use

of federally approved over-the-counter products, veterinary approved products, branding, collecting of fluids for genetic identification and classification, semen and embryo collection and storage, and the use of ultrasound for collection of production data and similar nondiagnostic purposes;

(4) Any person assisting with a nonsurgical fetal delivery in a food animal, provided that no fee is charged;

(5) The actions of a veterinarian who is currently licensed in another state, province of Canada, or a United States territory in consulting with a licensed veterinarian but who:

(A) Does not open ~~an~~ a veterinary office or appoint a place to do veterinary business within this state;

(B) Does not print or use letterhead or business cards reflecting in-state addresses;

(C) Does not establish answering services or advertise the existence of a veterinary practice address within this state;

(D) Does not practice veterinary medicine as a consultant rendering services directly to the public without the direction of a licensed veterinarian more than two days per calendar year;

(E) Is providing services for an organization conducting a public event lasting less than ten days that utilizes animals in need of veterinary examinations, treatments, or oversight to promote the safety and health of the public, the event, and the animal participants; provided, however, that a veterinarian licensed in another state who practices veterinary medicine on animals belonging to residents of this state by communicating directly with such owners and independent of the attending veterinary licensee is not exempt from this state's licensing requirements; and

(F) Does not offer through electronic means remote services within this state, except for consulting, as otherwise permitted in this chapter;

(6)(A) Any merchant or manufacturer selling, at his or her regular place of business, medicines, feed, appliances, or other products used in the prevention or treatment of animal diseases. This shall not be construed to authorize the sale of medication requiring a prescription from a veterinarian, but shall only include the right to sell those medications which are classified as proprietary and which are commonly known as over-the-counter medicines~~.~~; and

(B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not be construed to authorize the sale of antimicrobial feed additives without an order from a veterinarian under the guidance of the veterinary feed directive in compliance with 21 C.F.R. 558.6;

(7)(A) The owner of an animal or the owner's bona fide employees caring for and treating the animal belonging to such owner;

(B) The owner's friend or relative caring for or treating the animal belonging to such owner, provided that no fee is charged and the friend or relative does not solicit, advertise, or regularly engage in providing such care or treatment or administer or dispense prescription drugs without a valid prescription; or

(C) The owner of an animal and any of the owner's bona fide employees caring for and treating the animal belonging to such owner, except where the ownership of the animal was transferred for purposes of circumventing the provisions of this ~~chapter~~

article. Persons ~~must~~ shall comply with all laws, rules, and regulations relative to the use of medicines and biologics; provided, however, that such owner and any of such owner's bona fide employees caring for and treating such animal shall not practice veterinary medicine except as otherwise permitted under this Code section;

(8)(A) The owner, operator, or employee of a licensed kennel, animal rescue organization, animal shelter, or stable or of a pet-sitting service providing food, shelter, or supervision of an animal or administering prescription drugs pursuant to prescription of a licensed veterinarian or over-the-counter medicine to an animal;

(B) Any person acting under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian to provide care to animals that are the property of an animal shelter when ~~at least~~ the following ~~three~~ conditions are met:

(i) The person is an employee of an animal shelter or a local government who has control over the governance of the animal shelter;

(ii) The person is performing these tasks in compliance with a written protocol developed in consultation with a licensed veterinarian; and

(iii) The person has received proper training; provided, however, that such persons shall not diagnose, prescribe, dispense, or perform surgery;

(9) Any person selling or applying any pesticide, insecticide, or herbicide, as permitted by law;

(10) Any person engaging in scientific research involving animals conducted in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations;

(11) Any licensed veterinary technician, veterinary technologist, or other employee of a licensed veterinarian from performing lawful duties under the direction and supervision of such veterinarian who shall be responsible for the performance of the employee;

(12) The owner of an animal, the owner's employee, or a member of a nationally recognized organization that acknowledges persons performing embryo transfer or artificial breeding and that is approved by the board from:

(A) The nonsurgical removal of an embryo from an animal for the purpose of transplanting such embryo into another female animal, cryopreserving such embryo, or implanting such embryo in an animal, provided that the use of prescription medications in such animals is maintained under the direction of a licensed veterinarian with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship; or

(B) The testing and evaluation of semen;

(13) Any other licensed or registered ~~health care~~ healthcare provider utilizing his or her special skills, or any person whose expertise, in the opinion of the licensed veterinarian ~~licensed in this state~~, would benefit the animal, so long as the treatment of the animal is under the direction of a licensed veterinarian with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

(14) A person performing soft tissue animal massage or other forms of soft tissue animal manipulation;

(15) A person performing aquaculture or raniculture management practices;

(16) A person implanting electronic identification devices in small companion animals;

(17) An employee or contractual partner of a zoological park or aquarium accredited by the ~~American Zoo and Aquarium~~ Association of Zoos and Aquariums or other substantially equivalent nationally recognized accrediting agency as determined by the board from performing his or her duties that are approved by a licensed veterinarian and relate to animals owned by or on loan to such zoological park or aquarium;

(18) Any person lawfully engaged in the art or profession of farriery for the care of hooves and feet of equines and livestock;

(19) Any veterinarian licensed by a state and serving as a volunteer health practitioner as such term is defined in Code Section 38-3-161 from providing service after a state of emergency has been declared pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51 or other applicable law or laws; ~~or~~

(20) Any veterinarian licensed by a state from practicing veterinary medicine in a temporary capacity at one of this state's institutions of higher learning. Such veterinarian shall be paid for his or her services solely from state, federal, or institutional funds. Such veterinarian shall practice solely at the institution of higher learning, or in an educational or research program outside the institution associated with the institution, for no more than six months in order to qualify for practice under this Code section. Any violation of state or federal laws, rules, or regulations by such veterinarian shall be reported to the applicable licensing board by the institution of higher learning."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Echols of the 49th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Echols was excused.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 410.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland

Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
E Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 410.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10 (b), Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd served notice of intention to consider House action on the following bill of the Senate:

SB 19. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for collection of passport application and processing fees by clerks of superior courts and probate court judges; to provide for written report disclosures; to provide for use of such fees; to provide for local Acts; to provide for applicability to judges of probate courts; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10 (b), Senator Dixon of the 45th served notice of intention to consider House action on the following bill of the Senate:

SB 421. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to enhance penalties for the offense of transmitting a false public alarm; to revise restitution provisions for such offense; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10 (b), Senator Hodges of the 3rd served notice of intention to consider House action on the following bill of the Senate:

SB 370. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet, so as to require certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information; to amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, so as to provide for human trafficking awareness training for board members; to provide for inspections of massage therapy practices; to require licensees to display a photograph along with their massage therapy practice licenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, March 14, 2024
Thirty-fifth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:

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March 13, 2024

Honorable Brian Kemp
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Dear Governor Kemp:

I have the honor to report to you the actions taken by the Georgia Senate on the appointments submitted by you that require confirmation by the Senate. The following actions were taken on March 13, 2024:

The Honorable Felicia Taylor Wimberly of Gwinnett County, as a member of the State Board of Funeral Service, for the term of office ending 3/5/2030. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Christopher Lee Collier of DeKalb County, as a member of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, for the term of office ending 3/5/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Cornelius "Neil" Edward Rawls of DeKalb County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office ending 3/5/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Laura Valentina Montoya of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office ending 6/30/2025. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Pamela Reddick Collins of Screven County, as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy, for the term of office ending 3/5/2028. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Shondeana Morris of DeKalb County, as a member of the Division of Family and Children Services State Advisory Board, for the term of office ending 12/31/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Nancy White of Bibb County, as a member of the Division of Family and Children Services State Advisory Board, for the term of office ending 12/31/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable JaNice Van Ness of Rockdale County, as a member of the Division of Family and Children Services State Advisory Board, for the term of office ending 12/31/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Joshua Y. Batson of Lowndes County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office ending 12/21/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Heather Marie Bohannon of Floyd County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office ending 12/21/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Terri Jo Burner of Putnam County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Everett B. Tyler of Muscogee County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Wayne Vernon Bennett of Glynn County, as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, for the term of office ending 1/1/2030. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Lance Douglas Barry of Bartow County, as a member of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Brooke Wright of Coweta County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Rakyah Sheneé Washington of Hancock County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Samuel Rocco Verniero, Jr. of Cherokee County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Shelia LaTonya Kitchens of Columbia County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Reshell Nanette Baldini of DeKalb County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Matthew Daniel Dooley of Oconee County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Juan Alberto Maitland of DeKalb County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Danny Hurshel Housley of Fulton County, as a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Steve A. Adegbite of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Technology Authority, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Angie Ann Lewis of Chatham County, as a member of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Terry Lynn Barber of Ware County, as a member of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Lynne J. Wilson of Lowndes County, as a member of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2026. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Ryan Blythe of Cobb County, as a member of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Kathleen Meyer Patterson of Oconee County, as a member of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Linda Russell Adkinson of Bibb County, as a member of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Donovan Head of Cherokee County, as a member of the Education Commission of the States, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Cassius F. Butts of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Tourism Foundation, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Faye Perdue of Meriwether County, as a member of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Vincent F. Martin of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board, for the term of office ending 3/5/2027. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 50, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

Respectfully,
/s/ David A. Cook
David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1402. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Stoner of the 40th, Campbell of the 35th, Adesanya of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act incorporating the City of Mableton, approved May 9, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 6049), so as to deannex certain properties from the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1454. By Representatives Jones of the 60th, Bruce of the 61st, Evans of the 57th, Panitch of the 51st, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, approved December 3, 1880 (Ga. L. 1880-81, p. 508), as amended, so as to provide for compensation of the chairperson and other members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1456. By Representatives Smith of the 18th and Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Mount Zion, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3862), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3683), so as to revise provisions related to councilmembers vacating their office; to repeal an erroneous provision of a prior amendatory Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1458. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Pickens County, approved June 2, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p.

3704), as amended, so as to update and revise provisions relating to the powers, duties, and obligations of the board of commissioners; to revise and update provisions relating to the powers and duties of the chairperson; to revise provisions related to scheduling of meetings of the board of commissioners; to provide that state law shall governing bidding and procurement; to update provisions related to keeping of the minutes and records of the board of commissioners; to revise budgeting and audit procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1460. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Commerce independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or over and an additional homestead exemption in the amount of $20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or over and whose net income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed $18,000.00, approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4349), as amended; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1461. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Jackson County ad valorem taxes for $10,000.00 of the value of the homestead for certain residents of that county who have annual earned family incomes not exceeding $18,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved March 29, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4381), so as to provide for two classes of residents, to increase the exemption for each class, and to remove an income limitation; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1462. By Representatives Thomas of the 65th, Glaize of the 67th, Jackson of the 68th, Olaleye of the 59th, Mainor of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Chattahoochee Hill Country (now known as City of Chattahoochee Hills) in Fulton County, approved April 28, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3821), as amended, so as to revise the term and other provisions related to the mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1463. By Representatives Thomas of the 65th, Glaize of the 67th, Jackson of the 68th, Olaleye of the 59th, Mainor of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Chattahoochee Hills to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 171. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 42nd and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to development authorities, so as to limit the length of a director's hold-over period following expiration of term of office; to amend Code Section 36-62A-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to required training on development and redevelopment programs, so as to require directors to do yearly continuing education; to amend Part 3 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mechanics and materialmen liens, so as to provide that such liens may attach to the usufruct interest of properties owned by or titled in a development authority or downtown development authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 205. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th, Anderson of the 24th, Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for funeral directors and embalmers, so as to change certain provisions related to the reinstatement of a lapsed funeral director's license; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 342. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Albers of the 56th and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse records, so as to authorize the disclosure or use of information from child abuse and neglect registries by the Department of Human Services to locate, recover, or provide services to a child determined to be missing or a victim of sexual exploitation; to provide for access to records concerning reports of child abuse and missing or exploited children to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 389. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hodges of the 3rd, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, privileges, and prohibitions, so as to provide for the adjutant general to be the official sponsor of the state sponsored life insurance program for the Georgia National Guard; to provide a definition; to provide for duties for the adjutant general regarding the program; to provide for the National Guard Association of Georgia to select the insurer for the program; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 430. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to COVID-19 pandemic business safety, so as to revise provisions for rebuttable presumptions of risk by claimants in certain COVID-19 liability claims by repealing certain warning requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 483. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, so as to enter into the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the provisions of the compact; to provide for

the present compact to remain in effect until the effective date of the new compact and to provide for automatic repeal; to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 232. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to provide for probate court fees; to provide for funding of the State Children's Trust Fund; to revise provisions regarding additional fees; to amend Code Section 25-10-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to requirement of permit for conduct of fireworks display, application, imposition of conditions as to granting of permit, duration and transfer of permit, disposition of excess fireworks, and fees, and Chapter 6 of Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to judges of probate courts as custodians of certain funds, so as to repeal a provision regarding compensation of probate court judges; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 73. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to telephone service, so as to provide for class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for actions and damages against persons and entities on whose behalf such provisions were violated; to provide for and prohibit certain defenses in such actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 580. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Madison, approved October 6, 1891 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 827), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4137), so as to revise provisions related to the mayor's vote when the city council is electing a mayor pro tempore; to revise provisions related to the compensation of the mayor, mayor pro tempore, and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 581. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 41st, Esteves of the 6th and Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-127.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school, so as to provide for the election by a postsecondary education institution to allow concealed handguns upon campus; to require firearms safety training in order to carry handguns upon such campuses; to require storage for handguns at areas upon campus where carrying of a handgun is prohibited by law; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 582. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 41st and Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for building inspection and code enforcement for public school educational facilities in this state; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SR 785. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Jackson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th, Jones II of the 22nd, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 26, 2024, as Trans Liberation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 786. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th and Walker III of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Advancing Forest Innovation in Georgia Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 787. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Burns of the 23rd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate University Admissions Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 1402. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Stoner of the 40th, Campbell of the 35th, Adesanya of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act incorporating the City of Mableton, approved May 9, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 6049), so as to deannex certain properties from the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1454. By Representatives Jones of the 60th, Bruce of the 61st, Evans of the 57th, Panitch of the 51st, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, approved December 3, 1880 (Ga. L. 1880-81, p. 508), as amended, so as to provide for compensation of the chairperson and other members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1456. By Representatives Smith of the 18th and Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Mount Zion, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3862), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3683), so as to revise provisions related to councilmembers vacating their office; to repeal an erroneous provision of a prior amendatory Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1458. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Pickens County, approved June 2, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 3704), as amended, so as to update and revise provisions relating to the powers, duties, and obligations of the board of commissioners; to revise and update provisions relating to the powers and duties of the chairperson; to revise provisions related to scheduling of meetings of the board of commissioners; to provide that state law shall governing bidding and procurement; to update provisions related to keeping of the minutes and records of the board of commissioners; to revise budgeting and audit procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1460. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Commerce independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or over and an additional homestead exemption in the amount of $20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or over and whose net income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed $18,000.00, approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4349), as amended; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1461. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Erwin of the 32nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Jackson County ad valorem taxes for $10,000.00 of the value of the homestead for certain residents of that county who have annual earned family incomes not exceeding $18,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved March 29, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4381), so as to provide for two classes of residents, to increase the exemption for each class, and to remove an income limitation; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1462. By Representatives Thomas of the 65th, Glaize of the 67th, Jackson of the 68th, Olaleye of the 59th, Mainor of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Chattahoochee Hill Country (now known as City of Chattahoochee Hills) in Fulton County, approved April 28, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3821), as amended, so as to revise the term and other provisions related to the mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1463. By Representatives Thomas of the 65th, Glaize of the 67th, Jackson of the 68th, Olaleye of the 59th, Mainor of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Chattahoochee Hills to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1018	Do Pass
HB 1040	Do Pass
HB 1053	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Summers of the 13th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1034	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1048	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1138	Do Pass	HB 1341	Do Pass
HB 1410	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 971	Do Pass
HB 1015	Do Pass
HB 1023	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the

following recommendation:

HB 143	Do Pass by substitute	HB 215	Do Pass by substitute
HB 663	Do Pass by substitute	SR 658	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 185	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1274	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hickman of the 4th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 935	Do Pass	HB 984	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1049	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1114	Do Pass
HB 1125	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Walker III of the 20th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 927	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Anderson of the 24th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 119 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 774 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dolezal of the 27th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 53	HB 218	HB 300	HB 349	HB 441	HB 499
HB 617	HB 804	HB 814	HB 883	HB 905	HB 910
HB 912	HB 934	HB 957	HB 992	HB 996	HB 1017
HB 1054	HB 1069	HB 1072	HB 1123	HB 1146	HB 1149
HB 1165	HB 1170	HB 1185	HB 1190	HB 1199	HB 1201
HB 1223	HB 1235	HB 1237	HB 1241	HB 1251	HB 1267
HB 1318	HB 1326	HB 1330	HB 1337	HB 1344	HB 1407
HR 598	HR 854	HR 1021	HR 1164	HR 1215	

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Halpern of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Halpern was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Butler of the 55th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Butler was excused.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that Senator Bearden of the 30th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Bearden was excused.

Senator Beach of the 21st asked unanimous consent that Senator Dolezal of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dolezal was excused.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Harbin of the 16th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harbin was excused.

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th asked unanimous consent that Senator Merritt of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Merritt was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harrell	Payne
Anavitarte	Hatchett	Rhett
Anderson, L.	Hickman	Robertson
Anderson, T.	Hodges	Seay
Beach	Hufstetler	Setzler
Brass	Islam Parkes	Sims
Burns	Jackson	Still
Cowsert	James	Strickland
Davenport	Jones, E.	Summers
Dixon	Kennedy	Tillery
Echols	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Mallow	Watson, B.
Gooch	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Goodman	Moore	Williams
Harbison		

Not answering were Senators:

Bearden (Excused)	Butler (Excused)	Dolezal (Excused)
Halpern (Excused)	Harbin (Excused)	Jones, H. (Excused)
Merritt (Excused)	Parent (Excused)	Rahman (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Esteves	Lucas
Orrock		

Senator Lucas of the 26th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Jamey Dickens of Marietta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Jonathan Gibson, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd introduced Dr. M. Brian Blake, eighth President of Georgia State University, commended by SR 672, adopted previously. Dr. Blake addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd introduced the American Korean Friendship Society and the Senate American Korean Friendship Caucus, respectively commended by SR 613 and SR 355, both adopted previously. Sangpyo Suh, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th introduced Minister Peter Burke, TD, commended by SR 753, adopted previously. Minister Burke addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 777. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Shannon Buff, the 2024 Georgia High School Principal of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 778. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Hickman of the 4th, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th and Still of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 14, 2024, as Georgia Hotel and Lodging Industry Appreciation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 779. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Esteves of the 6th and Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 4, 2024, as Reach Out and Read Day at the state capitol to recognize the power of reading to young children every day; and for other purposes.

SR 780. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and Hodges of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia State University; and for other purposes.

SR 781. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Payne of the 54th, Echols of the 49th, Moore of the 53rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gilmer High School's Carson Farist and Taylor Schiesser; and for other purposes.

SR 782. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dana Patterson; and for other purposes.

SR 783. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dawn Thomas; and for other purposes.

SR 784. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Walker III of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 18, 2024, as Peach County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 788. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 18, 2024, as International Diaspora Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 789. By Senators Still of the 48th and Dixon of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the City of Sugar Hill on the occasion of its 85th birthday; and for other purposes.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 790. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Rahman of the 5th, McLaurin of the 14th, Esteves of the 6th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 15, 2024, as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross HB 1192 and HB 1339, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	N Orrock
E Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	E Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 27, nays 22; the motion lost, and HB 1192 and HB 1339 were not engrossed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate reconsider its action in defeating the motion to engross HB 1192 and HB 1339.

Senator Parent of the 42nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 22; the motion prevailed, and the motion to engross HB 1192 and HB 1339 was reconsidered.

On the motion to engross HB 1192 and HB 1339 upon reconsideration, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still

N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 22; the motion prevailed, and HB 1192 and HB 1339 were engrossed upon reconsideration.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024
THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SR 687	University of North Georgia and the University System of Georgia Board of Regents; name a certain building after former Speaker David Ralston; urge (Substitute) (RULES-51st)
HB 244	Board of Natural Resources; effective date for certain rules and regulations; extend (Substitute) (NR&E-1st) Petrea-166th
HB 880	Professions and businesses; military spouses to use an existing license in good standing from another state; allow (VM&HS-20th) Ballard-147th
HB 1339	Health; certificate of need; revise (Substitute) (RI&U-46th) Parrish-158th
HB 995	Education; administration of a nationally recognized multiple-aptitude battery assessment that predicts success in the military to certain public school students; require (VM&HS-32nd) Bonner-73rd
HB 1192	Sales and use tax; certain high-technology data center equipment; prohibit issuance of new certificates of exemption (FIN-56th) Carson-46th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SR 687. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION urging the University of North Georgia and the University System of Georgia Board of Regents to name a certain building after former Speaker David Ralston; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to SR 687:

A RESOLUTION

Urging the University of North Georgia and the University System of Georgia Board of Regents to name a certain building after former Speaker David Ralston; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia stands as a pillar of academic excellence, fostering growth, innovation, and leadership within our community; and

WHEREAS, the development of new infrastructure and facilities at the University of North Georgia represents a commitment to the advancement of education and the betterment of our society; and

WHEREAS, this body shows its support for the University of North Georgia naming its new building after the late Speaker of the House of Representatives David Ralston in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the university and this state; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Ralston demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and service to the State of Georgia and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, born in Ellijay, Speaker Ralston graduated from Gilmer County High School and continued his education at North Georgia College, now known as the University of North Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he attended law school at the University of Georgia before moving back to north Georgia to open a law practice in Blue Ridge, where he remained a lifelong citizen; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Ralston served in the Georgia House of Representatives for 20 years and was the longest serving Speaker of the House, second only to fellow University of North Georgia alum, Tom Murphy; and

WHEREAS, he served as a state Senator from 1992 to 1998 before receiving the Republican nomination for Georgia Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, in these roles, Speaker Ralston displayed visionary leadership and a bipartisan approach to legislation, enabling him to champion economic development in the North Georgia region; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in several enhancements and expansion projects at the University of North Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Ralston is known as the "father" of the Blue Ridge campus and established a scholarship for nursing and political science students at the University from Blue Ridge to invest in students looking to pursue opportunities for service to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body urges the University of North Georgia and University System of Georgia Board of Regents to dedicate and name the new academic building at the University's Blue Ridge campus "David E. Ralston Hall" to honor Speaker Ralston's remarkable achievements and celebrate the enduring principles he represented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the President of the University of North Georgia and the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

During debate on SR 687, the President called to order Senator Moore of the 53rd for indecorous comments and requested that the Senator yield the Well. The Senator complied with the request of the Chair.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims

Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

SR 687, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

HB 244. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Rhodes of the 124th, DeLoach of the 167th, Sainz of the 180th, Townsend of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to game and fish, so as to extend the date by which rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Natural Resources must be in effect for purposes of establishing criminal violations of said rules and regulations; to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to seafood, so as to require certain reporting of non-activity by seafood dealers; to amend Part 4 of Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to shellfish, so as to provide for a definition; to authorize discretionary penalties for certain enforcement actions by the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment offered the following substitute to HB 244:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Advisory Council, duties of council and its members and director, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, so as to update an effective date; to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to extend the date by which rules and

regulations prescribed by the Board of Natural Resources must be in effect for purposes of establishing criminal violations of said rules and regulations; to correct a cross-reference; to authorize the hunting of bobcat and fox using recorded calls and sounds; to require certain reporting of nonactivity by seafood dealers; to provide for a definition; to authorize discretionary penalties for certain enforcement actions by the Department of Natural Resources; to repeal certain cage fees; to provide for exemptions; to amend Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, so as to update an effective date; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Advisory Council, duties of council and its members and director, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(5) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for purposes of establishing criminal violations of the standards, rules, and regulations promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources as provided in this title, the term 'standards, rules, and regulations' shall mean those standards, rules, and regulations of the Board of Natural Resources in force and effect on January 1, ~~2022~~ 2024."

SECTION 2.

Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, is amended by revising Code Section 27-1-39, relating to rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations, as follows:

"27-1-39.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for purposes of establishing criminal violations of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources as provided in this title, the term 'rules and regulations' means those rules and regulations of the Board of Natural Resources in force and effect on January 1, ~~2022~~ 2024."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 27-2-8, relating to commercial fishing boat licenses, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The owner or operator of a trawler licensed according to subsection (b) of this Code section may purchase a trawler crew license as provided for in subparagraphs ~~(W) and (X)~~ (Y) and (Z) of paragraph (8) of Code Section 27-2-23. Such license shall cover all crew members aboard the trawler while fishing, and all such crew members while so covered shall be exempt from the personal commercial fishing license requirements otherwise applicable under this title. Such trawler crew license shall be separate and distinct from any other license, shall be valid only for the trawler for which it is

purchased, and shall not be transferable to any other trawler or vessel. Such trawler crew license shall be valid for a fishing year as provided for in Code Section 27-2-3 and shall be carried onboard the trawler while the trawler is in operation for purposes of the trawler crew license."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 27-3-12, relating to unlawful substances and equipment and computer assisted remote hunting prohibited, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful to hunt any wild animal, game animal, or game bird by means of drugs, poisons, chemicals, smoke, gas, explosives, or recorded calls or sounds~~, or recorded and electronically imitated or amplified sounds or calls~~ including, but not limited to, electronically imitated or amplified calls or sounds, except that bobcat and fox may be hunted using recorded calls or sounds. It shall also be unlawful to use electronic communications equipment for the purpose of facilitating pursuit of any wild animal, game bird, or game animal."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 27-4-136, relating to seafood dealer license, maintenance of records, and purchase of seafood, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Each person required to maintain records pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall report such information to the department, whose address for the purpose of reporting shall be the Coastal Resource Division headquarters, at such times and in such manner as the board provides by rule or regulation. For the purposes of this subsection, a person licensed as a seafood dealer who has taken no activity described in paragraph (2) of this subsection within any given month shall report such nonactivity to the department in the same manner as provided by rule or regulation."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 27-4-188, relating to definitions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2.1) 'Cage' means a containment unit of any size that contains or may contain shellfish for commercial sale. For a larger outer unit which holds smaller units inside, the entire unit shall be treated as a single cage."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 27-4-190, relating to commercial fishing license with shellfish endorsement and master harvester permit or harvester permit, hours for taking shellfish, and recreational harvesting, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) It shall be unlawful to take or possess shellfish in commercial quantities or for commercial purposes without first having obtained a commercial fishing license with a

shellfish endorsement and a master harvester permit or harvester permit or without proof of purchase that such shellfish were purchased from a certified shellfish dealer. Master harvester permits shall specify whether the permittee is authorized to take oysters, clams, or other shellfish and shall only be issued to persons certified by the Department of Agriculture to handle shellfish unless permission to take and possess shellfish has been granted by the department as described in subsection (d) of Code Section 27-4-197 and in Code Section 27-4-202. Such permits shall be provided annually. A permittee may request authorization from the department for employees or agents, who shall be referred to as harvesters, of such permittee to take shellfish from permitted areas. Such request shall be in writing to the department and shall include the name, address, and personal commercial fishing license number of the harvester. It shall be unlawful for harvesters to take or possess shellfish as authorized under their employer's master harvester permit unless they carry on their person while taking or in possession of shellfish a harvester permit as provided by the department indicating the exact area and circumstances allowed for taking. Such harvesters' permits and charts shall be provided annually by the department and shall be in a form as prescribed by the department. Harvesters must possess a valid personal commercial fishing license as provided for in Code Section 27-4-110, a shellfish endorsement as provided for in the department's rules and regulations, and, when a boat is used, a valid commercial fishing boat license as provided in Code Section 27-2-8. Master harvester permits and harvester permits ~~shall not be issued~~ may be denied pursuant to Code Section 27-2-25 to persons who have violated this part in the two years immediately preceding the filing of an application for a permit. Permits may be revoked pursuant to Code Section 27-2-25. Master harvester permits and harvester permits issued to master harvesters or agents shall be surrendered to the department upon termination of Department of Agriculture certification for handling shellfish~~,~~ or upon termination of right to harvest shellfish~~, or upon violation of any provision of this title~~ pursuant to Code Section 27-4-201. If a harvester is removed from authorization to take shellfish by the master harvester permittee, the master harvester shall immediately notify the department of such removal. In addition, that harvester shall immediately surrender to the department his or her harvester permit. It shall be unlawful to possess unauthorized harvester permits or harvester permits issued to another person."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-4-201, relating to penalty for violation of article and revocation of authorizations, as follows:

"27-4-201.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, any person who violates any provision of this ~~article~~ part shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(b) Any authorizations issued under this part to any person convicted of violating any provision of this ~~article shall~~ part may be revoked ~~by operation of law and shall not be reissued for a period of three years. The department shall notify the person in writing of~~

~~the revocation. Prior to revocation, such person shall have opportunity for hearing in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'~~ pursuant to Code Section 27-2-25; provided, however, that, upon the first such conviction, a harvester permit shall not be revoked if the harvester satisfactorily completes, within 30 days of notice from the department, the retraining specified by the department in accordance with the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 27-4-195."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-4-204, relating to permitting, number of cages, and identification attached to cages, as follows:

"27-4-204.

~~(a) The first time that a person obtains or renews a shellfish mariculture permit, he or she shall obtain a permit from the department establishing the maximum number of cages that may be deployed at any given time during that license year. Such permits shall be issued in 25 cage increments. The permittee shall pay a fee of $1.00 per cage for the permit, and the permit shall be for the same duration and shall be renewed at the same time as the shellfish mariculture permit. Containers used for the mariculture of clams shall be exempt from this subsection.~~

~~(b)(1) No cage permit may be amended to permit the use of more cages except at the time of permit renewal. The permittee, or his or her agent or employee if the permittee is not actively harvesting, shall have the cage permit in his or her possession at all times while harvesting.~~

~~(2) It shall be unlawful for any permittee or a person designated by such permittee as provided in Code Section 27-4-202 to employ more cages than the number allowed by the cage permit at any time.~~

~~(c)~~ It shall be unlawful to set or place in the salt waters of this state any shellfish mariculture cage which does not have attached to it ~~the~~ an identification ~~assigned~~ tag approved by the department ~~to the permittee~~. The identification shall be assigned by the department to the permittee when such permittee is issued his or her shellfish mariculture permit. For subsequent years, the same identification shall be assigned to such permittee. All intertidal gear shall be exempt from the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 10.

Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, any person who violates this article or any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. For purposes of establishing criminal violations of the rules and regulations promulgated by the board as provided in this article, the term 'rules and regulations' means those rules and regulations of the board in force and effect on January 1, ~~2023~~ 2024."

SECTION 11.
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval for purposes of promulgating rules and regulations and shall become effective on July 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

SECTION 12.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

HB 244, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 880. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Burchett of the 176th, Blackmon of the 146th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-1-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, so as to allow military spouses to use an existing license in good standing from another state to obtain employment in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Walker III of the 20th.

Senator Payne of the 54th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 880 (LC 36 5783S) by inserting "to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations;" *after* "law;" *on line 6.*

By deleting "or (d)" *on line 41.*

By replacing "Code section" *with* "subsection" *on lines 71 and 75.*

By replacing "(e)" *with* "(3)" *on line 74.*

By replacing "(1)" *and* "(2)" *on lines 79 and 81 with* "(A)" *and* "(B)"*, respectively.*

By replacing line 83 with the following:

licensing board or other board.

(4) Each professional licensing board and other board may adopt rules and regulations that may be necessary to implement and carry out the provisions of this subsection."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Payne amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler

Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HB 880, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

HB 1339. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Hawkins of the 27th, Beverly of the 143rd, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise relative to certificate of need; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, so as to increase the aggregate limit for tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations; to extend the sunset provision; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the creation of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission; to provide for its members; to provide for its purpose and duties; to provide for assistance from experts and consultants; to provide for semiannual reports; to provide for the automatic repeal of the commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Cowsert of the 46th.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to HB 1339:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise relative to certificate of need; to revise definitions; to provide for review of the state

health plan every five years; to eliminate capital expenditure thresholds in certain circumstances; to revise provisions relating to acceptance and review of applications; to provide a timeframe for opposing an application; to revise provisions relating to appeals; to revise exemptions from certificate of need requirements; to provide for a review of the statutory framework of the certificate of need program; to provide for automatic repeal; to increase fines for reporting deficiencies; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, so as to increase the tax credit limit for contributions by corporate donors; to increase the aggregate limit for tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations; to provide for preapproval of proportional amounts of contributions under certain circumstances; to provide for certain timelines; to extend the sunset provision; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the creation of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission; to provide for its members; to provide for its purpose and duties; to provide for assistance from experts and consultants; to provide for semiannual reports; to provide for the automatic repeal of the commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising paragraphs (15), (17), (23), and (33) of Code Section 31-6-2, relating to definitions relative to state health planning and development, as follows:

"(15) 'Diagnostic imaging' means magnetic resonance imaging, computed tomography (CT) scanning, positron emission tomography (PET) scanning, positron emission tomography/computed tomography, X-rays, fluoroscopy, ultrasound services, and any other ~~advanced~~ imaging services ~~as defined by the department by rule, but such term shall not include X-rays, fluoroscopy, or ultrasound services~~."

"(17) 'Health care facility' means hospitals; destination cancer hospitals; other special care units, including, but not limited to, podiatric facilities; skilled nursing facilities; intermediate care facilities; personal care homes; ambulatory surgical centers or obstetrical facilities; freestanding emergency departments or facilities not located on a hospital's primary campus; health maintenance organizations; home health agencies; and diagnostic, treatment, or rehabilitation centers, but only to the extent paragraph ~~(3) or (7), or both~~ ~~paragraphs (3) and~~ (7)~~,~~ of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-40 ~~are~~ is applicable thereto."

"(23) 'Joint venture ambulatory surgical center' means a freestanding ambulatory surgical center that is jointly owned by a hospital in the same county as the center or a hospital in a contiguous county if there is no hospital in the same county as the center and a single group of physicians practicing in the center and that provides surgery in a single specialty as defined by the department; provided, however, that any such single

group of physicians may simultaneously be members of a group practice of physicians which includes additional physicians in the same or different specialties so long as such other group practice does not have any other single group of physicians that owns, operates, or utilizes another ambulatory surgical center in a specialty different than the joint venture ambulatory surgical center. General ~~general~~ surgery~~,~~; cardiology, including, but not limited to, cardiac catheterization; vascular surgery and interventional radiologists; a group practice which includes one or more physiatrists who perform services that are reasonably related to the surgical procedures performed in the center~~,~~; and a group practice in orthopedics which includes plastic hand surgeons with a certificate of added qualifications in Surgery of the Hand from the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery shall be considered a single specialty. The ~~ownership interest of the hospital shall be no less than 30 percent and the~~ collective ownership of the physicians or group practice of physicians shall be no less than 30 percent. The physicians or group practice of physicians may operate and manage the practice themselves or have a management contract or other arrangement with an entity that provides management services, administrative services, or both."

"(33) 'Single specialty ambulatory surgical center' means an ambulatory surgical center where surgery is performed in the offices of an individual private physician, ~~or~~ a single group practice of private physicians, or a single group of physicians that is simultaneously members of a group practice of physicians which includes additional physicians in the same or different specialties so long as such other group practice does not have any other single group of physicians that owns, operates, or utilizes another ambulatory surgical center in a specialty different than the single specialty ambulatory surgical center, if such surgery is performed in a facility that is owned, operated, and utilized by such individual physician, single group practice of physicians, or single group of physicians who ~~also~~ are of a single specialty.~~; provided, however, that general~~ General surgery~~,~~; cardiology, including, but not limited to, cardiac catheterization; vascular surgery and interventional radiologists; a group practice which includes one or more physiatrists who perform services that are reasonably related to the surgical procedures performed in the center~~,~~; and a group practice in orthopedics which includes plastic hand surgeons with a certificate of added qualifications in Surgery of the Hand from the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery shall be considered a single specialty. The collective ownership of the physicians or group practice of physicians shall be no less than 30 percent. Each physician practice or group physician practice or practices may manage their respective practices themselves or have a management contract or other arrangement with an entity that provides management services, administrative services, or both."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-6-21, relating to Department of Community Health functions and powers with respect to state health planning and development, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The Department of Community Health, established under Chapter 2 of this title, is

authorized to administer the certificate of need program established under this chapter and, within the appropriations made available to the department by the General Assembly of Georgia and consistently with the laws of the State of Georgia, a state health plan adopted by the board. The department shall review and update the state health plan at least every five years beginning no later than January 1, 2025, to ensure the plan meets the evolving needs of the state. The department shall provide, by rule, for procedures to administer its functions until otherwise provided by the board."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-6-40, relating to certificate of need required for new institutional health services and exemption, by revising subsections (a), (b), and (c) as follows:

"(a) On and after July 1, 2008, any new institutional health service shall be required to obtain a certificate of need pursuant to this chapter. New institutional health services include:

(1) The construction, development, or other establishment of a new, expanded, or relocated health care facility, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 31-6-47;

(2) ~~Any expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility in excess of $10 million which, under generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied, is a capital expenditure, except expenditures for acquisition of an existing health care facility. The dollar amounts specified in this paragraph and in paragraph (14) of Code Section 31-6-2 shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amounts (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the composite index of construction material prices, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Commerce for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2019, and on each anniversary thereafter of publication of the index. The department shall immediately institute rule-making procedures to adopt such adjusted dollar amounts. In calculating the dollar amounts of a proposed project for purposes of this paragraph and paragraph (14) of Code Section 31-6-2, the costs of all items subject to review by this chapter and items not subject to review by this chapter associated with and simultaneously developed or proposed with the project shall be counted, except for the expenditure or commitment of or incurring an obligation for the expenditure of funds to develop certificate of need applications, studies, reports, schematics, preliminary plans and specifications or working drawings, or to acquire sites;~~ Reserved;

(3) ~~The purchase or lease by or on behalf of a health care facility or a diagnostic, treatment, or rehabilitation center of diagnostic or therapeutic equipment, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 31-6-47;~~ Reserved.

(4) Any increase in the bed capacity of a health care facility except as provided in Code Section 31-6-47;

(5) Clinical health services which are offered in or through a health care facility, which were not offered on a regular basis in or through such health care facility within the 12 month period prior to the time such services would be offered;

(6) Any conversion or upgrading of any general acute care hospital to a specialty hospital or of a facility such that it is converted from a type of facility not covered by this chapter to any of the types of health care facilities which are covered by this chapter;

(7) Clinical health services which are offered in or through a diagnostic, treatment, or rehabilitation center which were not offered on a regular basis in or through that center within the 12 month period prior to the time such services would be offered, but only if the clinical health services are any of the following:

(A) Radiation therapy;

(B) Biliary lithotripsy;

(C) Surgery in an operating room environment, including, but not limited to, ambulatory surgery; and

(D) Cardiac catheterization; and

(8) The conversion of a destination cancer hospital to a general cancer hospital.

(b) Any person proposing to develop or offer a new institutional health service or health care facility shall, before commencing such activity, submit a letter of intent and an application to the department and obtain a certificate of need in the manner provided in this chapter unless such activity is excluded from the scope of this chapter.

(c)(1) Any person who had a valid exemption granted or approved by the former Health Planning Agency or the department prior to July 1, 2008, shall not be required to obtain a certificate of need in order to continue to offer those previously offered services.

(2) Any facility offering ambulatory surgery pursuant to the exclusion designated on June 30, 2008, as division (14)(G)(iii) of Code Section 31-6-2; any diagnostic, treatment, or rehabilitation center offering diagnostic imaging or other imaging services in operation and exempt prior to July 1, 2008; or any facility operating pursuant to a letter of nonreviewability and offering diagnostic imaging services prior to July 1, 2008, shall:

(A) Provide annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70; and

(B)(i) Provide care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries and provide uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than 2 percent of its adjusted gross revenue; or

(ii) If the facility is not a participant in Medicaid or the PeachCare for Kids Program, provide uncompensated care for Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, for PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries, uncompensated indigent and charity care, or both in an amount equal to or greater than 4 percent of its adjusted gross revenue if it:

(I) Makes a capital expenditure associated with the construction, development, expansion, or other establishment of a clinical health service or the acquisition or replacement of diagnostic or therapeutic equipment with a value in excess of $800,000.00 over a two-year period;

(II) Builds a new operating room; or

(III) Chooses to relocate in accordance with Code Section 31-6-47.

Noncompliance with any condition of this paragraph shall result in a monetary penalty in the amount of the difference between the services which the center is required to provide and the amount actually provided and may be subject to revocation of its exemption status by the department for repeated failure to pay any fees or moneys due to the department or for repeated failure to produce data as required by Code Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The dollar amount specified in this paragraph shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amount (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the consumer price index, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Labor for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2009. In calculating the dollar amounts of a proposed project for the purposes of this paragraph, the costs of all items subject to review by this chapter and items not subject to review by this chapter associated with and simultaneously developed or proposed with the project shall be counted, except for the expenditure or commitment of or incurring an obligation for the expenditure of funds to develop certificate of need applications, studies, reports, schematics, preliminary plans and specifications or working drawings, or to acquire sites. Subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall not apply to facilities offering ophthalmic ambulatory surgery pursuant to the exclusion designated on June 30, 2008, as division (14)(G)(iii) of Code Section 31-6-2 that are owned by physicians in the practice of ophthalmology."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-6-43, relating to acceptance or rejection of application for certificate, as follows:

"31-6-43.

(a) At least ~~30~~ 25 days prior to submitting an application for a certificate of need for clinical health services, a person shall submit a letter of intent to the department. The department shall provide by rule a process for submitting letters of intent and a mechanism by which applications may be filed to compete with and be reviewed comparatively with proposals described in submitted letters of intent.

(b) Each application for a certificate of need shall be ~~reviewed~~ received by the department, ~~and within ten working days after the date of its receipt a determination shall be made as to whether the application complies with the rules governing the preparation and submission of applications. If the application complies with the rules governing the preparation and submission of applications,~~ and the department shall declare the application complete for review, shall accept and date the application, and shall notify the applicant of the timetable for its review. The department shall also notify a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the project shall be developed that the application has been deemed complete. The department shall also notify the appropriate regional commission and the chief elected official of the county and municipal governments, if any, in whose boundaries the proposed project will be located that the

application is complete for review. If the application does not comply with the rules governing the preparation and submission of applications, the department shall notify the applicant in writing and provide a list of all deficiencies. The applicant shall be afforded an opportunity to correct such deficiencies, and upon such correction, the application shall then be declared complete for review within ten days of the correction of such deficiencies, and notice given to a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the project shall be developed that the application has been so declared. The department shall also notify the appropriate regional commission and the chief elected official of the county and municipal governments, if any, in whose boundaries the proposed project will be located that the application is complete for review or when in the determination of the department a significant amendment is filed.

(c) The department shall specify by rule the time within which an applicant may amend its application. The department may request an applicant to make amendments. The department decision shall be made on an application as amended, if at all, by the applicant.

(d)(1) There shall be a time limit of 120 days for review of a project, beginning on the day the department ~~declares the application complete for review or in the case of applications joined for comparative review, beginning on the day the department declares the final application complete~~ receives the application. The department may adopt rules for determining when it is not practicable to complete a review in 120 days and may extend the review period upon written notice to the applicant but only for an extended period of not longer than an additional 30 days. The department shall adopt rules governing the submission of additional information by the applicant and for opposing an application; provided, however, that such rules shall provide that any party permitted to oppose an application shall submit a notice of opposition no later than 30 days of receipt by the department of such application.

(2) No party may oppose an application for a certificate of need for a proposed project unless:

(A) Such party offers substantially similar services as proposed within a 35 mile radius of the proposed project or has a service area that overlaps the applicant's proposed service area; or

(B) Such party has submitted a competing application in the same batching cycle and is proposing to establish the same type of facility proposed or offers substantially similar services as proposed and has a service area that overlaps the applicant's proposed service area.

(e) To allow the opportunity for comparative review of applications, the department may provide by rule for applications for a certificate of need to be submitted on a timetable or batching cycle basis no less often than two times per calendar year for each clinical health service. Applications for services, facilities, or expenditures for which there is no specified batching cycle may be filed at any time.

(f) The department may order the joinder of an application which is determined to be complete by the department for comparative review with one or more subsequently filed applications declared complete for review during the same batching cycle when:

(1) The first and subsequent applications involve similar clinical health service projects in the same service area or overlapping service areas; and

(2) The subsequent applications are filed and are declared complete for review within 30 days of the date the first application was declared complete for review.

Following joinder of the first application with subsequent applications, none of the subsequent applications so joined may be considered as a first application for the purposes of future joinder. The department shall notify the applicant to whose application a joinder is ordered and all other applicants previously joined to such application of the fact of each joinder pursuant to this subsection. In the event one or more applications have been joined pursuant to this subsection, the time limits for department action for all of the applicants shall run from the latest date that any one of the joined applications was declared complete for review. In the event of the consideration of one or more applications joined pursuant to this subsection, the department may award no certificate of need or one or more certificates of need to the application or applications, if any, which are consistent with the considerations contained in Code Section 31-6-42, the department's applicable rules, and the award of which will best satisfy the purposes of this chapter.

(g) The department shall review the application and all written information submitted by the applicant in support of the application and all information submitted in opposition to the application to determine the extent to which the proposed project is consistent with the applicable considerations stated in Code Section 31-6-42 and in the department's applicable rules. During the course of the review, the department staff may request additional information from the applicant as deemed appropriate. Pursuant to rules adopted by the department, a public hearing on applications covered by those regulations may be held prior to the date of the department's decision thereon. Such rules shall provide that when good cause has been shown, a public hearing shall be held by the department. Any interested person may submit information to the department concerning an application, and an applicant shall be entitled to notice of and to respond to any such submission.

(h) The department shall within 30 days of receipt of the application provide the applicant an opportunity to meet with the department to discuss ~~the~~ such application and to provide the applicant an opportunity to submit additional information. Such additional information shall be submitted within the time limits adopted by the department. The department shall also provide an opportunity for any party that is permitted to oppose an application pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section to meet with the department and to provide additional information to the department. In order for any such opposing party to have standing to appeal an adverse decision pursuant to Code Section 31-6-44, such party must attend and participate in an opposition meeting.

(i) Unless extended by the department for an additional period of up to 30 days pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section, the department shall, no later than 120 days after an application is determined to be complete for review, or, in the event of joined applications, 120 days after the last application is declared complete for review, provide written notification to an applicant of the department's decision to issue or to deny

issuance of a certificate of need for the proposed project. Such notice shall contain the department's written findings of fact and decision as to each applicable consideration or rule and a detailed statement of the reasons and evidentiary support for issuing or denying a certificate of need for the action proposed by each applicant. The department shall also mail such notification to the appropriate regional commission and the chief elected official of the county and municipal governments, if any, in whose boundaries the proposed project will be located. In the event such decision is to issue a certificate of need, the certificate of need shall be effective on the day of the decision unless the decision is appealed to the Certificate of Need Appeal Panel in accordance with this chapter. Within seven days of the decision, the department shall publish notice of its decision to grant or deny an application in the same manner as it publishes notice of the filing of an application.

(j) Should the department fail to provide written notification of the decision within the time limitations set forth in this Code section, an application shall be deemed to have been approved as of the one hundred twenty-first day following notice from the department that an application, or the last of any applications joined pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section, is declared 'complete for review.'

(k) Notwithstanding other provisions of this article, when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in a region of the state, existing health care facilities in the affected region may seek emergency approval from the department ~~to make expenditures in excess of the capital expenditure threshold or~~ to offer services that may otherwise require a certificate of need. The department shall give special expedited consideration to such requests and may authorize such requests for good cause. Once the state of emergency has been lifted, any services offered by an affected health care facility under this subsection shall cease to be offered until such time as the health care facility that received the emergency authorization has requested and received a certificate of need. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'good cause' means that authorization of the request shall directly resolve a situation posing an immediate threat to the health and safety of the public. The department shall establish, by rule, procedures whereby requirements for the process of review and issuance of a certificate of need may be modified and expedited as a result of emergency situations."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (i), (j), (k), and (l) of Code Section 31-6-44, relating to the Certificate of Need Appeal Panel, as follows:

"(i)(1) Within 30 days after the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall make written findings of fact and conclusions of law as to each consideration as set forth in Code Section 31-6-42 and the department's rules, including a detailed statement of the reasons for the decision of the hearing officer, which shall be deemed the final decision of the appeal panel. If any party has alleged that an appeal lacks substantial justification or was undertaken primarily for the purpose of delay or harassment, the decision of the hearing officer shall make findings of fact addressing the merits of the allegation. The hearing officer shall file such decision with the chairperson of the appeal

panel who shall serve such decision upon all parties, and shall transmit the administrative record to the commissioner.

(2) For hearings that are transcribed by a certified court reporter, when the transcript is complete, the certified court reporter shall simultaneously and immediately notify the hearing officer and all parties, including any intervenors. The hearing officer shall then have 60 days to make written findings of fact and conclusions of law required by this Code section. If the hearing officer fails to make a timely decision pursuant to this paragraph, the department shall provide written notice of the delinquency, by statutory overnight delivery or email, to the hearing officer and all parties, including intervenors. Regardless of whether the department sends the notice of delinquency, the decision made pursuant to Code Section 31-6-43 shall become the final decision of the appeal panel if the hearing officer does not enter findings of fact and conclusions of law within 75 days of the certified court reporter's notification of the completion of the hearing transcript. In such cases, the department shall transmit the administrative record to the commissioner.

(3) Any party, including the department and any intervenor, which disputes any finding of fact or conclusion of law rendered ~~by the hearing officer in such hearing officer's decision~~ in the appeal panel's final decision and which wishes to appeal that decision may appeal to the commissioner and shall file its specific objections with the commissioner or his or her designee within 30 days of the date of the ~~hearing officer's decision~~ appeal panel's final decision pursuant to rules adopted by the department.

(j) The final decision of the appeal panel ~~hearing officer will~~ shall become the final decision of the department upon the sixty-first day following the date of the decision unless an objection thereto is filed with the commissioner within the time limit established in subsection (i) of this Code section.

(k)(1) In the event an appeal of the ~~hearing officer's decision~~ final decision of the appeal panel is filed, the commissioner may adopt the ~~hearing officer's order~~ final decision of the appeal panel as the final order of the department or the commissioner may reject or modify the conclusions of law over which the department has substantive jurisdiction and the interpretation of administrative rules over which it has substantive jurisdiction. By rejecting or modifying such conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule, the department must state with particularity its reasons for rejecting or modifying such conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule and must make a finding that its substituted conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule is as or more reasonable than that which was rejected or modified. ~~Rejection~~ For final decisions issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of this Code section, the rejection or modification of conclusions of law may not form the basis for rejection or modification of findings of fact. The commissioner may not reject or modify the findings of fact unless the commissioner first determines from a review of the entire record, and states with particularity in the order, that the findings of fact were not based upon any competent substantial evidence, that the final decision did not consider or apply relevant and material evidence or that the proceedings on which the findings were based did not comply with the essential requirements of law.

(2) If, before the date set for the commissioner's decision, application is made to the commissioner for leave to present additional evidence and it is shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the additional evidence is material and there were good reasons for failure to present it in the proceedings before the hearing officer, the commissioner may order that the additional evidence be taken before the same hearing officer who rendered the initial decision upon conditions determined by the commissioner. A final decision that was approved as a matter of law pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of this Code section shall not, standing alone, be considered a good reason to warrant the consideration of additional evidence. Except for final decisions resulting from operation of paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of this Code section, the ~~The~~ hearing officer may modify the initial decision by reason of the additional evidence and shall file that evidence and any modifications, new findings, or decision with the commissioner. Unless leave is given by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, the appeal panel may not consider new evidence under any circumstances. In all circumstances, the commissioner's decision shall be based upon considerations as set forth in Code Section 31-6-42 and the department's rules.

(l) If, based upon the findings of fact by the hearing officer or in the case of a final decision resulting from the operation of paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of this Code section, the commissioner determines that the appeal filed by any party of a decision of the department lacks substantial justification and was undertaken primarily for the purpose of delay or harassment, the commissioner may enter an award in his or her written order against such party and in favor of the successful party or parties, including the department, of all or any part of their respective reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and expenses of litigation, as the commissioner deems just. Such award may be enforced by any court undertaking judicial review of the final decision. In the absence of any petition for judicial review, then such award shall be enforced, upon due application, by any court having personal jurisdiction over the party against whom such an award is made."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-6-47, relating to exemptions from certificate of need requirements, as follows:

"31-6-47.

(a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, this chapter shall not apply to:

(1) Infirmaries operated by educational institutions for the sole and exclusive benefit of students, faculty members, officers, or employees thereof;

(2) Infirmaries or facilities operated by businesses for the sole and exclusive benefit of officers or employees thereof, provided that such infirmaries or facilities make no provision for overnight stay by persons receiving their services;

(3) Institutions operated exclusively by the federal government or by any of its agencies;

(4) Offices of private physicians or dentists whether for individual or group practice,

except as otherwise provided in paragraph ~~(3) or~~ (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-40;

(5) Religious, nonmedical health care institutions as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(ss)(1), listed and certified by a national accrediting organization;

(6) Site acquisitions for health care facilities or preparation or development costs for such sites prior to the decision to file a certificate of need application;

(7) Expenditures related to adequate preparation and development of an application for a certificate of need;

(8) The commitment of funds conditioned upon the obtaining of a certificate of need;

(9) Expenditures for the restructuring or acquisition of existing health care facilities by stock or asset purchase, merger, consolidation, or other lawful means;

(9.1) The purchase of a closing hospital or of a hospital that has been closed for no more than ~~12~~ 24 months by a hospital in a contiguous county to repurpose the facility as a micro-hospital;

(10) Expenditures ~~of less than $870,000.00 for any minor or major~~ for the purchase, repair, or replacement of any diagnostic, therapeutic, or other imaging equipment by a health care facility ~~that is not owned by a group practice of physicians or a hospital and~~ that provides diagnostic imaging services ~~if such facility received a letter of nonreviewability from the department prior to July 1, 2008. This paragraph shall not apply to such facilities in rural counties~~;

(10.1) Except as provided in paragraph (10) of this subsection, an expenditure for the minor or major repair of a health care facility or a facility that is exempt from the requirements of this chapter, parts thereof, or services provided or equipment used therein; or the replacement of equipment, including, but not limited to, CT scanners, magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), and positron emission tomography/computed tomography previously approved for a certificate of need;

(11) Capital expenditures otherwise covered by this chapter required solely to eliminate or prevent safety hazards as defined by federal, state, or local fire, building, environmental, occupational health, or life safety codes or regulations, to comply with licensing requirements of the department, or to comply with accreditation standards of a nationally recognized health care accreditation body;

(12) Cost overruns whose percentage of the cost of a project is equal to or less than the cumulative annual rate of increase in the composite construction index, published by the United States Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce, calculated from the date of approval of the project;

(13) Transfers from one health care facility to another such facility of major medical equipment previously approved under or exempted from certificate of need review, except where such transfer results in the institution of a new clinical health service for which a certificate of need is required in the facility acquiring such equipment, provided that such transfers are recorded at net book value of the medical equipment as recorded on the books of the transferring facility;

(14) New institutional health services provided by or on behalf of health maintenance

organizations or related health care facilities in circumstances defined by the department pursuant to federal law;

(15) Increases in the bed capacity of a hospital up to ten beds or ~~10~~ 20 percent of capacity, whichever is greater, in any consecutive ~~two-year~~ three-year period, in a hospital that has maintained an overall occupancy rate greater than ~~75~~ 60 percent for the previous 12 month period;

(16) Expenditures for nonclinical projects, including parking lots, parking decks, and other parking facilities; computer systems, software, and other information technology; medical office buildings; administrative office space; conference rooms; education facilities; lobbies; common spaces; clinical staff lounges and sleep areas; waiting rooms; bathrooms; cafeterias; hallways; engineering facilities; mechanical systems; roofs; grounds; signage; family meeting or lounge areas; other nonclinical physical plant renovations or upgrades that do not result in new or expanded clinical health services, and state mental health facilities;

(17) Life plan communities, provided that the skilled nursing component of the facility is for the exclusive use of residents of the life plan community and that a written exemption is obtained from the department; provided, however, that new sheltered nursing home beds may be used on a limited basis by persons who are not residents of the life plan community for a period up to five years after the date of issuance of the initial nursing home license, but such beds shall not be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. For the first year, the life plan community sheltered nursing facility may utilize not more than 50 percent of its licensed beds for patients who are not residents of the life plan community. In the second year of operation, the life plan community shall allow not more than 40 percent of its licensed beds for new patients who are not residents of the life plan community. In the third year of operation, the life plan community shall allow not more than 30 percent of its licensed beds for new patients who are not residents of the life plan community. In the fourth year of operation, the life plan community shall allow not more than 20 percent of its licensed beds for new patients who are not residents of the life plan community. In the fifth year of operation, the life plan community shall allow not more than 10 percent of its licensed beds for new patients who are not residents of the life plan community. At no time during the first five years shall the life plan community sheltered nursing facility occupy more than 50 percent of its licensed beds with patients who are not residents under contract with the life plan community. At the end of the five-year period, the life plan community sheltered nursing facility shall be utilized exclusively by residents of the life plan community, and at no time shall a resident of a life plan community be denied access to the sheltered nursing facility. At no time shall any existing patient be forced to leave the life plan community to comply with this paragraph. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the use and definition of the term 'sheltered nursing facility' in a manner consistent with this Code section. Agreements to provide continuing care include agreements to provide care for any duration, including agreements that are terminable by either party;

(18)(A) Any single specialty ambulatory surgical center that:

~~(A)(i) Has capital expenditures associated with the construction, development, or other establishment of the clinical health service which do not exceed $2.5 million; or~~

~~(ii) Is the only single specialty ambulatory surgical center in the county owned by the group practice and has two or fewer operating rooms; provided, however, that a center exempt pursuant to this division shall be required to obtain a certificate of need in order to add any additional operating rooms;~~

~~(B)~~(i) Has a hospital affiliation agreement with a hospital within a reasonable distance from the facility or the medical staff at the center has admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such hospital to ensure the necessary backup for the center for medical complications. The center shall have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to a hospital within a reasonable distance from the facility with adequate emergency room services. Hospitals shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement or affiliation agreement to the center;

~~(C)(i)~~(ii)(I) Provides care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries and provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than ~~2 percent of its adjusted gross revenue~~ the minimum amount established by the department; or

~~(ii)~~(II) If the center is not a participant in Medicaid or the PeachCare for Kids Program, provides uncompensated care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries, uncompensated indigent and charity care, or both in an amount equal to or greater than ~~4 percent of its adjusted gross revenue~~ the minimum amount established by the department;

provided, however, that single specialty ambulatory surgical centers owned by physicians in the practice of ophthalmology shall not be required to comply with this ~~subparagraph~~ division; and

~~(D)~~(iii) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70~~.~~;

(B) Noncompliance with any condition of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall result in a monetary penalty in the amount of the difference between the services which the center is required to provide and the amount actually provided and may be subject to revocation of its exemption status by the department for repeated failure to pay any fines or moneys due to the department or for repeated failure to produce data as required by Code Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' ~~The dollar amount specified in this paragraph shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amount (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the composite index of construction material prices, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Commerce for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2009, and on each anniversary thereafter of publication of the~~

~~index. The department shall immediately institute rule-making procedures to adopt such adjusted dollar amounts. In calculating the dollar amounts of a proposed project for purposes of this paragraph, the costs of all items subject to review by this chapter and items not subject to review by this chapter associated with and simultaneously developed or proposed with the project shall be counted, except for the expenditure or commitment of or incurring an obligation for the expenditure of funds to develop certificate of need applications, studies, reports, schematics, preliminary plans and specifications or working drawings, or to acquire sites~~;

(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude the sharing of operating rooms between more than one group practice of physicians of the same or a different specialty or between more than one sole physician of the same or a different specialty to qualify for the exemption provided for in this paragraph;

(D) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude a single specialty ambulatory surgical center from employing or utilizing physicians in other specialties within the center so long as such physicians do not perform any surgical procedures in the single specialty ambulatory surgical center to qualify for the exemption provided for in this paragraph;

(E) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude a single specialty ambulatory surgical center from partnering with physicians in other specialties so long as the single specialty ambulatory surgical center is owned only by physicians in the same single specialty to qualify for the exemption provided for in this paragraph;

(19)(A) Any joint venture ambulatory surgical center that:

~~(A) Has capital expenditures associated with the construction, development, or other establishment of the clinical health service which do not exceed $5 million;~~

~~(B)~~(i)(I) Provides care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries and provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than ~~2 percent of its adjusted gross revenue~~ the minimum amount established by the department; or

~~(ii)~~(II) If the center is not a participant in Medicaid or the PeachCare for Kids Program, provides uncompensated care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries, uncompensated indigent and charity care, or both in an amount equal to or greater than ~~4 percent of its adjusted gross revenue~~ the minimum amount established by the department; and

~~(C)~~(ii) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70.~~.~~;

(B) Noncompliance with any condition of this paragraph shall result in a monetary penalty in the amount of the difference between the services which the center is required to provide and the amount actually provided and may be subject to revocation of its exemption status by the department for repeated failure to pay any fines or moneys due to the department or for repeated failure to produce data as

required by Code Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' ~~The dollar amount specified in this paragraph shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amount (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the composite index of construction material prices, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Commerce for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2009, and on each anniversary thereafter of publication of the index. The department shall immediately institute rule making procedures to adopt such adjusted dollar amounts. In calculating the dollar amounts of a proposed project for purposes of this paragraph, the costs of all items subject to review by this chapter and items not subject to review by this chapter associated with and simultaneously developed or proposed with the project shall be counted, except for the expenditure or commitment of or incurring an obligation for the expenditure of funds to develop certificate of need applications, studies, reports, schematics, preliminary plans and specifications or working drawings, or to acquire sites~~;

(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude the sharing of operating rooms between more than one group practice of physicians of the same or a different specialty or between more than one sole physician of the same or a different specialty to qualify for the exemption provided for in this paragraph;

(D) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude a joint venture ambulatory surgical center from employing or utilizing physicians in other specialties within the center so long as such physicians do not perform any surgical procedures in the joint venture ambulatory surgical center to qualify for the exemption provided for in this paragraph;

(E) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude a joint venture ambulatory surgical center from partnering with physicians in other specialties so long as the joint venture ambulatory surgical center is owned only by physicians in the same single specialty to qualify for the exemption provided for in this paragraph;

(20) Expansion of services by an imaging center based on a population needs methodology taking into consideration whether the population residing in the area served by the imaging center has a need for expanded services, as determined by the department in accordance with its rules and regulations, if such imaging center:

(A) Was in existence and operational in this state on January 1, 2008;

(B) Is owned by a hospital or by a physician or a group practice of physicians comprising at least 80 percent ownership who are currently board certified in radiology;

(C) Provides three or more diagnostic and other imaging services;

(D) Accepts all patients regardless of ability to pay; and

(E) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than the amount of such care provided by the geographically closest general acute care hospital; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to an imaging center in a rural county;

(21) Diagnostic cardiac catheterization in a hospital setting on patients 15 years of age and older;
(22) Therapeutic cardiac catheterization in hospitals selected by the department prior to July 1, 2008, to participate in the Atlantic Cardiovascular Patient Outcomes Research Team (C-PORT) Study and therapeutic cardiac catheterization in hospitals that, as determined by the department on an annual basis, meet the criteria to participate in the C-PORT Study but have not been selected for participation; provided, however, that if the criteria requires a transfer agreement to another hospital, no hospital shall unreasonably deny a transfer agreement to another hospital;
(23) Infirmaries or facilities operated by, on behalf of, or under contract with the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing health care services in a secure environment to prisoners within a penal institution, penitentiary, prison, detention center, or other secure correctional institution, including correctional institutions operated by private entities in this state which house inmates under the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice;
(24) The relocation of any skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or micro-hospital within the same county, any other health care facility in a rural county within the same county, and any other health care facility in an urban county within a ~~three-mile~~ five-mile radius of the existing facility so long as the facility does not propose to offer any new or expanded clinical health services at the new location;
(25) Facilities which are devoted to the provision of treatment and rehabilitative care for periods continuing for 24 hours or longer for persons who have traumatic brain injury, as defined in Code Section 37-3-1;
(26) Capital expenditures for a project otherwise requiring a certificate of need if those expenditures are for a project to remodel, renovate, replace, or any combination thereof, a medical-surgical hospital and:
(A) That hospital:
(i) Has a bed capacity of not more than 50 beds;
(ii) Is located in a county in which no other medical-surgical hospital is located;
(iii) Has at any time been designated as a disproportionate share hospital by the department; and
(iv) Has at least 45 percent of its patient revenues derived from medicare, Medicaid, or any combination thereof, for the immediately preceding three years; and
(B) That project:
(i) Does not result in any of the following:
(I) The offering of any new clinical health services;
(II) Any increase in bed capacity;
(III) Any redistribution of existing beds among existing clinical health services; or
(IV) Any increase in capacity of existing clinical health services;
(ii) Has at least 80 percent of its capital expenditures financed by the proceeds of a special purpose county sales and use tax imposed pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8

of Title 48; and

(iii) Is located within a ~~three-mile~~ five-mile radius of and within the same county as the hospital's existing facility;

(27) The renovation, remodeling, refurbishment, or upgrading of a health care facility, so long as the project does not result in any of the following:

(A) The offering of any new or expanded clinical health services;

(B) Any increase in inpatient bed capacity; or

(C) Any redistribution of existing beds among existing clinical health services; ~~or~~

~~(D) A capital expenditure exceeding the threshold contained in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-40;~~

(28) ~~Other than for equipment used to provide positron emission tomography (PET) services, the~~ The acquisition of diagnostic, therapeutic, or other imaging equipment ~~with a value of $3 million or less,~~ by or on behalf of:

(A) A hospital; or

(B) An individual private physician or single group practice of physicians exclusively for use on patients of such private physician or single group practice of physicians and such private physician or member of such single group practice of physicians is physically present at the practice location where the diagnostic or other imaging equipment is located at least 75 percent of the time that the equipment is in use~~.~~;

~~The amount specified in this paragraph shall not include build-out costs, as defined by the department, but shall include all functionally related equipment, software, and any warranty and services contract costs for the first five years. The acquisition of one or more items of functionally related diagnostic or therapeutic equipment shall be considered as one project. The dollar amount specified in this paragraph and in paragraph (10) of this subsection shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amounts (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the consumer price index, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Labor for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2010; and~~

(29) Any capital expenditures ~~A capital expenditure of $10 million or less~~ by a hospital at such hospital's primary campus for:

(A) The expansion or addition of the following clinical health services: operating rooms, other than dedicated outpatient operating rooms; medical-surgical services; gynecology; procedure rooms; intensive care; pharmaceutical services; pediatrics; cardiac care or other general hospital services; provided, however, that such expenditure does not include the expansion or addition of inpatient beds or the conversion of one type of inpatient bed to another type of inpatient bed; or

(B) The movement of clinical health services from one location on the hospital's primary campus to another location on such hospital's primary campus;

(30) New or expanded psychiatric or substance abuse inpatient programs or contracted beds that serve Medicaid and uninsured patients that:

(A) Are open 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day;

(B) Provide uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater

than the minimum amount established by the department;

(C) Participate as providers of medical assistance for Medicaid purposes;

(D) Have hospital affiliation agreements with acute care hospitals within a reasonable distance from the programs or contracted beds or the medical staffs at the programs or contracted beds have admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such hospitals to ensure the necessary backup for the programs or contracted beds for medical complications. The programs or contracted beds shall have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to a hospital within a reasonable distance from the programs or contracted beds with adequate emergency room services. Hospitals shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement or affiliation agreement to the programs or contracted beds; and

(E) Provide annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70;

(31) The offering of new or expanded basic perinatal services by a hospital in a rural county provided that:

(A) Such services are available 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day;

(B) The hospital participates as a provider of medical assistance for Medicaid purposes;

(C) The hospital has a hospital affiliation agreement with an acute care hospital with Level II or III perinatal services within a reasonable distance from the hospital providing the perinatal services or the medical staff at the hospital providing the perinatal services has admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such acute care hospital to ensure the necessary backup for the hospital providing the perinatal services for medical complications. The hospital providing the perinatal services shall have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to the acute care hospital within a reasonable distance from the hospital providing the perinatal services with adequate emergency room services. Acute care hospitals shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement or affiliation agreement to the hospital providing the perinatal services. This subparagraph shall not apply if the hospital providing the perinatal services is itself an acute care hospital with Level II or III perinatal services; and

(D) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70;

(31.1) Any new or expanded building or facility where human births occur on a regular and ongoing basis and which is classified as a birthing center by the department for purposes of Chapter 7 of this title, provided that:

(A) Such services are available 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day;

(B) The birthing center participates as a provider of medical assistance for Medicaid purposes;

(C) The birthing center has a hospital affiliation agreement with an acute care hospital with Level II or III perinatal services within a reasonable distance from the birthing

center or the medical staff at the birthing center has admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such acute care hospital to ensure the necessary backup for the birthing center for medical complications. The birthing center shall have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to the acute care hospital within a reasonable distance from the birthing center. Acute care hospitals shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement or affiliation agreement to the birthing center; and

(D) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70;

(32) A new general acute care hospital in a rural county that:

(A) Will seek, and maintain thereafter, clinical training affiliation agreements to serve as a host hospital facility for medical training programs for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other medical training programs, as appropriate and as practicable;

(B) Obtains verification as a Level I, II, III, or IV trauma center from the American College of Surgeons and maintains such verification thereafter;

(C) Has an emergency department that provides emergency medical screening, emergency stabilization, and appropriate treatment within its capability and availability for medical and psychiatric patients or can transfer the patient to an appropriate facility providing more specialized emergency care in accordance with the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act;

(D) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department;

(E) Participates as a provider of medical assistance for Medicaid purposes; and

(F) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70;

(33) A new acute care hospital where a short-stay general hospital in a rural county has been closed for more than 12 months that:

(A) Is located in the same rural county where the short-stay general hospital was closed;

(B) Has no more than the number of licensed beds that were previously licensed in the closed hospital;

(C) Has an emergency department;

(D) Provides all required clinical health services as generally offered by a short-stay general hospital to meet licensure requirements; and

(E) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department.

Such new acute care hospital may provide basic perinatal services;

(34)(A) A new short-stay general hospital to address the underserved population previously served by a short-stay general hospital that was closed within the 24 months preceding the filing of a request for a letter of determination that:

(i) Is located within a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census;

(ii) Is located within five miles of and in the same county as the main campus of a

medical school that is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education to confer Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degrees;

(iii) Has in place at the time of filing of a request for a letter of determination a written agreement to serve as a teaching hospital for students of the medical school described in division (ii) of this subparagraph;

(iv) Has a maximum number of short-stay general hospital beds not greater than 50 percent of the maximum number of short-stay general hospital beds for which the closed short-stay general hospital had previously been licensed at any time during the 12 months prior to its closure;

(v) Has an emergency department; and

(vi) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department;

(B) An exemption for a new short-stay general hospital under this paragraph shall include an exemption for all clinical services and equipment generally utilized at an acute care short-stay general hospital and required for licensure, including, but not limited to, an emergency department; Level II perinatal/neonatal services, including labor, delivery, recovery, and Level II neonatal intermediate care services; diagnostic imaging services; surgical services; and any other clinical health service that had been provided by the closed short-stay hospital within the 24 month period prior to its closure, except for such services not otherwise identified in this subparagraph for which the department has previously adopted separate service specific rules;

(C) For a period of ten years following the issuance of its original license, a new short-stay general hospital approved for an exemption pursuant to this paragraph shall be entitled to one or more determinations from the department to add additional short-stay general hospital beds, so long as the total licensed capacity of such hospital does not exceed the number of beds authorized under division (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

(35) Transfer of existing beds or services from one general acute care hospital's primary campus to another general acute care hospital's primary campus within the same hospital system within a fifteen-mile radius of the original campus; provided that all of the following are satisfied:

(A) Both hospitals involved in the transfer are general acute care hospitals and neither is a specialty hospital;

(B) Both hospitals involved in the transfer are under common ownership or control;

(C) The transferring hospital may not, for a period of 12 months after the transfer is effective, seek to expand the service or bed type which was transferred; and

(D) The transferring hospital is open and operational at the time of transfer and shall not close within 12 months after the transfer is effective.

(b) By rule, the department shall establish a procedure for expediting or waiving reviews of certain projects, the nonreview of which it deems compatible with the purposes of this chapter, in addition to expenditures exempted from review by this Code section."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-47.1, relating to prior notice and approval of certain activities, as follows:

"31-6-47.1.

(a) The department shall require prior notice from a new health care facility for approval of any activity which is believed to be exempt pursuant to Code Section 31-6-47 or excluded from the requirements of this chapter under other provisions of this chapter. The department shall require prior notice and approval of any activity which is believed to be exempt pursuant to paragraphs (32), (33), and (34) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-47. The department may require prior notice and approval of any activity which is believed to be exempt pursuant to paragraphs (10), (15), (16), (17), (20), (21), (23), (25), (26), (27), (28), ~~and~~ (29), (30), and (31) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-47. The department shall establish timeframes, forms, and criteria to request a letter of determination that an activity is properly exempt or excluded under this chapter prior to its implementation. The department shall publish notice of all requests for letters of determination regarding exempt activity and opposition to such request. Persons opposing a request for approval of an exempt activity shall be entitled to file an objection with the department and the department shall consider any filed objection when determining whether an activity is exempt. After the department's decision, an opposing party shall have the right to a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' on an adverse decision of the department and judicial review of a final decision in the same manner and under the same provisions as in Code Section 31-6-44.1. If no objection to a request for determination is filed within 30 days of the department's receipt of such request for determination, the department shall have 60 days from the date of the department's receipt of such request to review the request and issue a letter of determination. The department may adopt rules for deciding when it is not practicable to provide a determination in 60 days and may extend the review period upon written notice to the requestor but only for an extended period of no longer than an additional 30 days.

(b) Noncompliance with any condition of paragraph (30), (31), or (32) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-7-47 shall result in a monetary penalty in the amount of the difference between the services which the exemption holder is required to provide and the amount actually provided and may be subject to revocation of its exemption status by the department for failure to meet any one or more requirements for the exemption, for repeated failure to pay any fines or moneys due to the department, or for repeated failure to produce data as required by Code Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Article 3 of Chapter 6, relating to the Certificate of Need Program, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-6-51.

(a) The department, in conjunction with the Office of Legislative Counsel, shall review the statutory framework and provisions of this chapter and the certificate of need program generally and shall make recommendations relating to rewriting, reorganizing, and clarifying the provisions of this chapter. Such review shall also include recommendations to streamline the statutory procedures required to obtain a certificate of need or a letter of determination.

(b) The department may consult with and obtain input from certificate of need applicants, certificate of need holders, local government representatives, citizens, or other interested parties in conducting such review.

(c) The department shall submit its recommendations to the General Assembly, which may include proposed legislation, no later than December 1, 2024.

(d) This Code section shall stand repealed on December 31, 2024."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-6-70, relating to reports to the department by certain health care facilities an all ambulatory surgical centers and imaging centers and public availability, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e)(1) In the event the department does not receive an annual report from a health care facility requiring a certificate of need or an ambulatory surgical center or imaging center, whether or not exempt from obtaining a certificate of need under this chapter, on or before the date such report was due or receives a timely but incomplete report, the department shall notify the health care facility or center regarding the deficiencies and shall be authorized to fine such health care facility or center an amount not to exceed ~~$500.00~~ $2,000.00 per day for every day up to 30 days and ~~$1,000.00~~ $5,000.00 per day for every day over 30 days for every day of such untimely or deficient report.

(2) In the event the department does not receive an annual report from a health care facility within 180 days following the date such report was due or receives a timely but incomplete report which is not completed within such 180 days, the department shall be authorized to revoke such health care facility's certificate of need in accordance with Code Section 31-6-45."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to eligibility to receive tax credits, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Rural hospital organization' means an acute care hospital or rural freestanding emergency department licensed by the department pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 7 of this title that:

(A) Has its primary campus ~~Provides inpatient hospital services at a facility~~ located in a rural county or is a critical access hospital;

(B) Participates in both Medicaid and medicare and accepts both Medicaid and medicare patients;

(C) Provides health care services to indigent patients;

(D) Has at least 10 percent of its annual net revenue categorized as indigent care, charity care, or bad debt;

(E) Annually files IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, with the department, or for any hospital not required to file IRS Form 990, the department will provide a form that collects the same information to be submitted to the department on an annual basis;

(F) Is operated by a county or municipal authority pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of this title or is designated as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(G) Is current with all audits and reports required by law; and

(H) Has a three-year average patient margin, as a percent of expense, less than one standard deviation above the state-wide three-year average of organizations defined in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of this paragraph, as calculated by the department. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'patient margin' means gross patient revenues less contractual adjustments, bad debt, indigent and charity care, other uncompensated care, and total expenses."

SECTION 11.

Code Section 48-7-29.20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, is amended by revising subsections (b.1), (e), and (k) as follows:

"(b.1) From January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, an individual taxpayer shall be limited in its qualified rural hospital organization expenses allowable for credit under this Code section, and the commissioner shall not approve qualified rural hospital organization expenses incurred from January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, which exceed the following limits:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, $5,000.00;

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, $10,000.00; or

(3) In the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, ~~$10,000.00~~ $25,000.00."

"(e)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed ~~$75~~ $100 million per taxable year.

(2)(A) No more than $4 million of the aggregate limit established by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be contributed to any individual rural hospital organization in any taxable year. From January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, the commissioner shall only preapprove contributions submitted by individual taxpayers in an amount not to exceed $2 million, and from corporate donors in an amount not to exceed $2 million. From July 1 to December 31 each taxable year, subject to the aggregate limit in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit in this paragraph, the commissioner shall approve contributions submitted by individual taxpayers and corporations or other entities.

(B) In the event an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an

individual rural hospital organization that has received the maximum amount of contributions for that ~~taxable~~ year, the Department of Community Health shall provide the individual or corporate donor with a list, ranked in order of financial need, as determined by the Department of Community Health, of rural hospital organizations still eligible to receive contributions for the ~~taxable~~ year.

(C) In the event an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an individual rural hospital organization that would cause such rural hospital organization to exceed its maximum amount of contributions for that year, the commissioner shall not deny such desired contribution, but shall approve the proportional amount of the desired contribution up to the rural hospital organization's maximum allowed amount and any remainder shall be attributed as provided for in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph.

~~(C)~~(D) In the event that an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an unspecified or undesignated rural hospital organization, either directly to the department or through a third party that participates in soliciting, administering, or managing donations, such donation shall be attributed to the rural hospital organization ranked with the highest financial need that has not yet received the maximum amount of contributions for that ~~taxable~~ year, regardless of whether a third party has a contractual relationship or agreement with such rural hospital organization.

~~(D)~~(E) Any third party that participates in soliciting, advertising, or managing donations shall provide the complete list of rural hospital organizations eligible to receive the tax credit provided pursuant to this Code section including their ranking in order of financial need as determined by the Department of Community Health pursuant to Code Section 31-8-9.1, to any potential donor regardless of whether a third party has a contractual relationship or agreement with such rural hospital organization.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a rural hospital organization shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a contribution to a rural hospital organization, the taxpayer shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the department, of the total amount of contribution that the taxpayer intends to make to the rural hospital organization. The commissioner shall preapprove or deny the requested amount or a portion of such amount, if applicable pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer and shall provide written notice to the taxpayer and rural hospital organization of such preapproval or denial which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. ~~In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization within 180 days after receiving notice from the department that the requested amount was preapproved.~~ In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, a taxpayer preapproved by the commissioner on or before September 30 shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization within 180 days after receiving notice of preapproval from the

commissioner, but not later than October 31. A taxpayer preapproved by the commissioner after September 30 shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization on or before December 31. If the taxpayer does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved contribution amount when calculating the limits prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(4)(A) Preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit established under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Any taxpayer preapproved by the ~~department~~ commissioner pursuant to this subsection shall retain their approval in the event the credit percentage in this Code section is modified for the year in which the taxpayer was preapproved.

(C) Upon the rural hospital organization's confirmation of receipt of donations that have been preapproved by the ~~department~~ commissioner, any taxpayer preapproved by the ~~department~~ commissioner pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section shall receive the full benefit of the income tax credit established by this Code section even though the rural hospital organization to which the taxpayer made a donation does not properly comply with the reports or filings required by this Code section.

(5) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the department shall not take any adverse action against donors to rural hospital organizations if the commissioner preapproved a donation for a tax credit prior to the date the rural hospital organization is removed from the Department of Community Health list pursuant to Code Section 31-8-9.1, and all such donations shall remain as preapproved tax credits subject only to the donor's compliance with paragraph (3) of this subsection."

"(k) This Code section shall stand automatically repealed and reserved on December 31, ~~2024~~ 2029."

SECTION 12.

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-156.

(a) There is created the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission. The commission shall be attached to the Department of Community Health for administrative purposes only as provided by Code Section 50-4-3.

(b) The commission shall consist of nine members, who shall be appointed no later than July 1, 2024, as follows:

(1) The chairperson, who shall be a subject matter expert on health policy, and shall not be an employee of the State of Georgia, to be appointed by the Governor;

(2) Three nonlegislative members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) Three nonlegislative members to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(4) One nonlegislative member to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

(5) One nonlegislative member to be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(c) Members of the commission shall not be registered lobbyists in the State of Georgia.

(d) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

(e) The purpose of the commission shall be to advise the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Community Health, as the administrator of the state medical assistance program, on issues related to access and quality of healthcare for Georgia's low-income and uninsured populations. The commission shall be tasked with reviewing the following:

(1) Opportunities related to reimbursement and funding for Georgia healthcare providers, including premium assistance programs;

(2) Opportunities related to quality improvement of healthcare for Georgia's low income and uninsured populations; and

(3) Opportunities to enhance service delivery and coordination of healthcare among and across state agencies.

(f) Subject to appropriations, the commission shall contract with experts and consultants to produce a semiannual report on its findings for the Governor and the General Assembly. The commission shall provide its initial report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2024.

(g) The commission shall stand abolished on December 31, 2026, unless extended by the General Assembly prior to such date."

SECTION 13.

(a) Sections 2, 8, 12, 13, and 14 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

(b) Sections 1, 3, 4, 5 ,6, 7, and 9 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

(c) Sections 10 and 11 of this Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 14.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 43, nays 11.

HB 1339, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 2:01 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 2:31 p.m.

At 2:39 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 995. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Ballard of the 147th, Sainz of the 180th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to effectiveness of educational programs, so as to require the administration of a nationally recognized multiple-aptitude battery assessment that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military to public school students in grades 11 and 12 who choose to participate; to prohibit the use of assessment results in education accountability programs; to provide for parents and guardians to opt their children out of participating in such assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Davenport	Y Jones, E.	E Strickland
Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	E Walker
Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 36, nays 1.

HB 995, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

March 14, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 995. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

3/14/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 995. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Rahman of the 5th

3/14/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 995. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Davenport of the 44th

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th asked unanimous consent that Senator Sims of the 12th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Sims was excused.

HB 1192. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to prohibit the issuance of new certificates of exemption for certain high-technology data center equipment; to revise the new quality job requirement for such exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The following Fiscal Note was filed with the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 21, 2024

Honorable Shaw Blackmon
Chairman, House Ways and Means
133 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 1192 (LC 50 0700)

Dear Chairman Blackmon:

The bill would make two changes to the existing sales tax exemption for High Technology Data Centers (HTDC) equipment provided for in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(68.1). The commissioner of the Department of Revenue cannot issue new certificates of exemption under the paragraph once the bill is signed, though HTDCs that already have a certificate can continue to benefit. The second change is to alter the definition of a "New Quality Job," increasing the pay threshold from 110 percent to 200 percent of the average county wage in the county in which the HTDC is located.

Impact on State Revenue
Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would increase state revenue as shown in Table 1. For purposes of the fiscal note, the estimate assumes an effective date of July 1, 2024. The appendix provides details of the analysis.

Table 1. Estimated State Revenue Effects of HB 1192 LC 50 0700

($ *millions*)	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
State Revenue Effect	$5.5	$6.3	$7.0	$7.8	$8.6
Local Revenue Effect	$4.6	$5.3	$6.0	$6.7	$7.3

Impact on State Expenditures
The Department of Revenue would be able to implement the provisions of the bill with existing resources.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center

A detailed evaluation study of the HTDC exemption, conducted in accordance with the Tax Credit Return on Investment Act of 2021 (SB 6), was completed in December 2022 by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia and published by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts. The evaluation projected the state revenue impact of the existing HTDC exemption, and foregone state sales tax revenue from the exemption was estimated to be $50.1 million in FY 2025, increasing to $74.3 million in FY 2029, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Estimated State Revenue Effects of HTDC Exemption Prior to Changes

($ *millions*)	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
State Revenue Effect	($50.2)	($56.2)	($62.2)	($68.1)	($74.1)

Computer purchases over $15 million are exempt from state and local sales taxes under the high- technology computer equipment (HTCE) exemption provided for under § 48-8-3(68). Based on data obtained from the evaluation study, 86.4 percent of high-technology data center equipment (HTDCE) exempted purchases are also exempted by this provision.

High-Technology Data Center Equipment purchases at centers that currently hold exemption certificates will continue to gain exemption under § 48-8-3(68.1) through 2031, subject to the proposed increase in the pay threshold for qualifying quality jobs. Industry sources cited in the evaluation study indicated that 20 percent of data center equipment requires replacement every year. The estimate assumes that the total HTDCE related to maintaining HTDC is $251 million in 2025, 86.4 percent of which is also exempt as HTCE.

The maintenance-related exempted costs are assumed to grow with price inflation only, as no new data centers center gain exemption. The goods input price inflation for the data processing, hosting, and related services industry (NAICS 518) grew on average by 1.16 percent between 2019 and 2023. The estimate assumes this as the price inflation.

Table 3. Estimates HTDCE Purchases Total and Impacted by HB 1192 LC 50 0700

($ millions)	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
HTDCE Purchases (68.1)	$1,254.4	$1,404.1	$1,553.9	$1,703.6	$1,853.4
Not Also HTCE (68)	$170.6	$191.0	$211.3	$231.7	$252.1
Maintenance at Current HTDC Not Also HTDCE (86)	$34.1	$34.7	$35.2	$35.8	$36.4
Now Taxable HTDCE Purchases	$136.5	$156.3	$176.1	$195.9	$215.7

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Setzler of the 37th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Setzler was excused.

Senator Ginn of the 47th moved that HB 1192 be placed on the Table.

Senator Albers of the 56th objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
N Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman

N Beach	N Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	Y Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	N Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	E Strickland
N Dixon	Y Jones, H.	N Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	N McLaurin	N Watson, S.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	N Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 21, nays 30; the motion lost, and HB 1192 was not placed on the Table.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
N Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 29, nays 22.

HB 1192, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Anderson of the 24th recognized Representative-elect Gary Richardson.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 19. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for collection of passport application and processing fees by clerks of superior courts and probate court judges; to provide for written report disclosures; to provide for use of such fees; to provide for local Acts; to provide for applicability to judges of probate courts; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 19:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for written report disclosures regarding collection of passport application and processing fees by clerks of superior courts and probate court judges; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code Section 15-6-77, relating to fees and construction of other fee provisions, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Any fees received as provided for in this Code section shall be paid into the county treasury less and except such sums as are otherwise directed to be paid by the clerk to another entity according to some other general law expressly providing for same, including, but not limited to, any sums pursuant to Code Section 15-6-61 and such sums as are collected pursuant to Code Section 15-6-77.4, 15-6-98, 36-15-9, 45-

17-4, or 47-14-51, which sums shall be remitted to such authorities as provided by law.

(2) ~~Fees~~ Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, fees, sums, or other remuneration for the performance of duties provided for under the laws of the United States or regulations promulgated pursuant to such laws shall be as provided in such laws or regulations as personal compensation to the clerk of the superior court for the performance of such duties.

(3)(A) Fees, sums, or other remuneration for the performance of passport duties provided for under the laws of the United States or regulations promulgated pursuant to such laws, including, but not limited to, passport application or processing fees, shall be subject to the requirements and limitations of this paragraph except as otherwise provided in such laws or regulations.

(B) The clerk of the superior court shall disclose in a written report to the county governing authority on a quarterly basis the total amount of all passport application or processing fees, sums, or other remuneration received by the clerk during the previous quarter."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-9-60, relating to fees of probate courts, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c.1)(1) Fees, sums, or other remuneration for the performance of passport duties provided for under the laws of the United States or regulations promulgated pursuant to such laws, including, but not limited to, passport application or processing fees, shall be subject to the requirements and limitations of this subsection to the extent not otherwise required in such laws or regulations.

(2) The judge of the probate court shall disclose in a written report to the county governing authority on a quarterly basis the total amount of all passport application or processing fees, sums, or other remuneration received by the judge during the previous quarter."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 19.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne

Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 19.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 421. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to enhance penalties for the offense of transmitting a false public alarm; to revise restitution provisions for such offense; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 421:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for the offense of drive-by shooting; to modify the offense of aggravated assault; to provide for enhanced criminal penalties in certain circumstances; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for penalties; to enhance penalties for the

offense of transmitting a false public alarm; to revise restitution provisions for such offense; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A person commits the offense of aggravated assault when he or she assaults:

(1) With intent to murder, to rape, or to rob;

(2) With a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to or actually does result in serious bodily injury;

(3) With any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to or actually does result in strangulation; or

(4) ~~A person or persons without~~ Without legal justification by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle or after immediately exiting a vehicle toward a person, an occupied motor vehicle, or ~~persons~~ occupied building."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-7-22, relating to criminal damage to property in the first degree, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A person commits the offense of criminal damage to property in the first degree when he or she:

(1) Knowingly and without authority interferes with any property in a manner so as to endanger human life; ~~or~~

(2) Knowingly and without authority and by either force or violence or by electronic means interferes with the proper operation of any critical infrastructure or any vital public service; or

(3) Knowingly and without justification causes damage to a building by discharging a firearm while inside a vehicle or after immediately exiting a vehicle."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-15-3, relating to definitions regarding street gang terrorism and prevention, by revising subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) as follows:

"(A) Any offense defined as racketeering activity by Code Section 16-14-3, or any offense defined in Code Section 16-15-4.1;"

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 15, relating to street gang terrorism and prevention,

by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-15-4.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Dwelling' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-7-1.

(2) 'Firearm' means any handgun, rifle, shotgun, or similar device or weapon which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge.

(b) A person commits the offense of drive-by shooting when he or she, while in a motor vehicle or close to the motor vehicle that was used to transport the shooter or the firearm, or both, with intent to injure another, or damage the property of another, discharges a firearm at or toward:

(1) An occupied dwelling, building, or motor vehicle;

(2) A dwelling, building, or motor vehicle such person knew or should have known to be occupied; or

(3) A person.

(c) A person convicted of the offense of drive-by shooting shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 10, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, by revising Code Section 16-10-28, relating to transmitting a false public alarm and restitution, as follows:

"16-10-28.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Critical infrastructure' means any building, place of assembly, or facility that is located in this state and necessary for national or public security, education, or public safety.

(2) 'Destructive device' ~~means a destructive device as such term is defined by~~ shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-7-80.

(3) 'Dwelling' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-7-1.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Hazardous substance' ~~means a hazardous substance as such term is defined by~~ shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 12-8-92.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Public agency' means the state and any city, county, city and county, municipal corporation, chartered organization, public district, or public authority located in whole or in part within this state which provides or has authority to provide fire-fighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Public safety agency' means a functional division of a public agency which provides fire-fighting, law enforcement, emergency medical, suicide prevention, emergency management dispatching, poison control, drug prevention, child abuse, spouse abuse, or other emergency services.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Request for emergency services assistance' means a report, transmission, or

request for assistance made to a public safety agency~~, or to another person knowing at the time of such report, transmission, or request that such report, transmission, or request is likely to result in such other person making a report, transmission, or request to a public safety agency,~~ through a public safety answering point or other form of communication or a report, statement, or request for assistance knowingly made to another person that is likely to result in the recipient making a report, transmission, or request for assistance from a public safety agency through a public safety answering point or other form of communication.

(b) A person commits the offense of making an unlawful request for emergency services assistance when he or she knowingly and intentionally transmits in any manner a request for emergency services assistance knowing at the time of the request for emergency services assistance that there is no reasonable ground for believing the truth of information which forms the basis of such request and when the request involves or relates to:

(1) A purported destructive device or hazardous substance located in such a place that its explosion, detonation, or release would endanger human life or cause injury or damage to property;

(2) An individual who purportedly has caused or threatened to cause physical harm to himself or herself or another individual by using a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to result in serious bodily injury;

(3) An individual who purportedly has committed a criminal act involving the use or threat of physical force or violence or an act constituting an immediate threat to any person's life or safety; or

(4) The knowing use of any electronic device or software to alter, conceal, or disguise, or attempt to alter, conceal, or disguise, the location or identity of the person making the request.

(c)~~(1)~~ Except as provided in ~~paragraph (2) of this~~ subsection (d) of this Code section, a person convicted of a violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be punished as ~~for~~ follows:

(1) Upon a first conviction, a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature ~~and upon conviction for a second or subsequent violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of~~;

(2) Upon a second conviction, a felony and punished by imprisonment for not less than ~~one~~ five nor more than ten years, by a fine of not less than $5,000.00, or both; and

(3) Upon a third or subsequent conviction, a felony and punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 15 years, by a fine of not less than $25,000.00, or both.

~~(2)(A)~~(d)(1) If the location of the unlawful request for emergency services assistance in violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section is critical infrastructure, ~~such~~ a person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and ~~upon conviction~~ shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than ten years, by a fine of not more than $100,000.00, or both.

~~(B)~~(2) If serious bodily harm or death results from the response of a public safety

agency~~, such person~~ or if the location of response to an unlawful request for emergency assistance is a dwelling or a place of worship, a person convicted of a first violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and ~~upon conviction~~ shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years ~~and~~, by a fine of not less than $5,000.00, or both.

~~(d)~~(e) In addition to any other penalty imposed by law for a violation of this Code section, the court ~~may~~ shall require the defendant to make restitution to any affected natural person or public or private entity for the reasonable costs or damages associated with the offense, including, without limitation, damage to property, expenses to treat bodily injuries, and the actual value of any goods, services, or income lost as a result of such violation. Restitution made pursuant to this subsection shall not preclude any party from obtaining any other civil or criminal remedy available under any other provision of law. The restitution authorized by this subsection is supplemental and not exclusive."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that Senator Bearden of the 30th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Bearden was excused.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 421.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
E Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.

Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 421.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 370. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet, so as to require certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information; to amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, so as to provide for human trafficking awareness training for board members; to provide for inspections of massage therapy practices; to require licensees to display a photograph along with their massage therapy practice licenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 370:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet, so as to require certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information; to amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, so as to provide for human trafficking awareness training for members of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy; to provide for inspections of massage therapy practices; to require licensees to display a photograph along with their massage therapy practice licenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model

notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet, is amended by adding two new paragraphs to subsection (a) and revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(3.1) 'Body art studio' shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (3) of Code Section 31-40-1.

(3.2) 'Convenience store' means a retail establishment which offers for sale packaged or unprepared food and grocery items for consumption off the premises and may sell fuel products, household items, or tobacco products. This shall not include establishments that offer for sale more than 20 different cuts of refrigerated meats or more than 50 types of whole produce."

"(6.1.) 'Manufacturing facility' means any facility that manufactures finished products; provided that more than 300 individuals are employed at such facility."

"(b) Effective September 15, 2013, the following businesses and other establishments shall post the notice described in subsection (c) of this Code section, or a substantially similar notice, in English, Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate by the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, in each public restroom for the business or establishment and either in a conspicuous place near the public entrance of the business or establishment or in another conspicuous location in clear view of the public and employees where similar notices are customarily posted:

(1) Adult entertainment establishments;
(2) Bars;
(3) Primary airports;
(4) Passenger rail or light rail stations;
(5) Bus stations;
(6) Truck stops;
(7) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;
(8) Urgent care centers;
(9) Farm labor contractors and day haulers;
(10) Privately operated job recruitment centers;
(11) Safety rest areas located along interstate highways in this state;
(12) Hotels;
(13) Businesses and establishments that offer massage or bodywork services by a massage therapist or a person who is not a massage therapist; ~~and~~
(14) Government buildings; provided, however, that in the case of leased property, this paragraph shall only apply to public restrooms that are a part of such lease for exclusive use by the government entity;
(15) Convenience stores;
(16) Body art studios;
(17) Manufacturing facilities; and
(18) Medical offices."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-24A-5,

relating to qualifications of board members and removal, to read as follows:

"(d) Each board member shall annually complete at least one-half hour of training in human trafficking awareness and prevention and shall provide documentation of such training to the chairperson of the board."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-24A-7, relating to powers of the board, as follows:

"(4) ~~Upon reasonable notice, request~~ Initiate on-site inspections of the facility, equipment, policies, and practices of a massage therapy business or board recognized massage therapy educational program by appropriate inspectors in the ~~Office~~ office of the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining compliance with the standards established pursuant to this chapter;"

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 43-24A-14, relating to display of the license certificate, expiration and renewal of licenses, liability insurance coverage, change of address, and inactive status, as follows:

"(a) The licensee shall display the license certificate or a photocopy thereof in an appropriate and public manner at each location at which he or she practices, with a two-inch by two-inch photograph of the licensee taken within the last two years affixed thereto."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hodges of the 3rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 370.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	E Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 370.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 73. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to telephone service, so as to provide for class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for actions and damages against persons and entities on whose behalf such provisions were violated; to provide for and prohibit certain defenses in such actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its amendment to the House substitute to SB 73 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Tillery of the 19th, Anavitarte of the 31st, and Hufstetler of the 52nd.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 18, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Monday, March 18, 2024
Thirty-sixth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 387. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to identification cards for persons without drivers' licenses, so as to provide that personal identification card applications of certain applicants who are either homeless or in the legal custody of the Division of Family and Children Services do not require signatures by the applicant's parent, guardian, or responsible adult; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to children and youth services, so as to authorize the Department of Human Services to establish programs that will provide a child or youth entering foster care with a photograph; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 448. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 17th, Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared

to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 233. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Still of the 48th, Moore of the 53rd, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for the establishment of promise scholarship accounts to be funded by the state in the amount of $6,000.00 per school year for each participating student; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 450. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 5, 15, 44, and 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error, courts, property, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates, respectively, so as to clarify that neither superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5 over any nonappealable order of a probate court subject to such chapter; to provide for de novo proceeding with the right to a jury trial of certain probate court final judgments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 583. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Halpern of the 39th, McLaurin of the 14th, Parent of the 42nd, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for operation of automated transit vehicle lane monitoring devices for the enforcement of traffic in transit vehicle lanes in the City of Atlanta; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 584. By Senator Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for new homestead exemptions from City of Stockbridge ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for residents, certain seniors, and residents with septic systems; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemptions and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SR 793. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Wanique Khemi-Tehuti Shabazz; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 802. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Anderson of the 24th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Williams of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION urging the State of Georgia to support the Vince Dooley Battlefield Preservation Fund as part of the Georgia US250 Committee's observance of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1105 Do Pass by substitute
SR 751 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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March 14, 2024

The Honorable David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia, 30334

Re: Minority Report on HB 1105

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of House Bill 1105, which Public Safety passed out on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted
/s/ Kimberly S. Jackson
Kimberly S. Jackson
State Senator, District 41
Member of Public Safety

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 73	Do Pass by substitute	HB 844	Do Pass by substitute
HB 904	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1046	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1294	Do Pass	HB 1312	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 779	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1280	Do Pass
HB 1298	Do Pass	HB 1372	Do Pass
HB 1373	Do Pass	HB 1400	Do Pass
HB 1401	Do Pass	HB 1411	Do Pass
HB 1412	Do Pass	HB 1422	Do Pass
HB 1423	Do Pass	HB 1441	Do Pass
HB 1442	Do Pass	HB 1445	Do Pass
HB 1449	Do Pass	HB 1455	Do Pass by substitute
SB 571	Do Pass	SB 572	Do Pass
SB 573	Do Pass	SB 574	Do Pass
SB 577	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1073	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 73	HB 215	HB 663	HB 844	HB 904	HB 927
HB 935	HB 971	HB 984	HB 1015	HB 1018	HB 1023
HB 1034	HB 1040	HB 1046	HB 1048	HB 1049	HB 1053
HB 1073	HB 1105	HB 1114	HB 1125	HB 1138	HB 1274
HB 1294	HB 1312	HB 1341	HB 1410	SR 658	SR 751
SR 774					

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Kirkpatrick was excused.

Senator Merritt of the 9th asked unanimous consent that Senator Sims of the 12th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Sims was excused.

Senator Merritt of the 9th asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Gooch	Moore
Anavitarte	Goodman	Parent
Anderson, L.	Harbin	Payne
Anderson, T.	Harbison	Rahman
Beach	Harrell	Rhett
Bearden	Hatchett	Robertson
Brass	Hickman	Seay
Burns	Hodges	Setzler
Butler	Hufstetler	Still
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Strickland
Davenport	James	Summers

Dixon	Jones, E.	Tillery
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Walker
Echols	Kirkpatrick	Watson, B.
Esteves	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Ginn	Merritt	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Jackson (Excused)	Mallow (Excused)	Sims (Excused)
Tate (Excused)	Kennedy (Presiding)	Halpern
Lucas	Orrock	

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Setzler of the 37th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Ron Bigalke of Flowery Branch, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Echols of the 49th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Kathryn West, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The President assumed the Chair.

Senator Anderson of the 24th introduced the Harlem High School Bulldogs baseball team and its Head Coach, Jimmie Lewis, respectively commended by SR 540 and SR 541, both adopted previously. Coach Lewis addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Jones of the 10th introduced members of the 1955 Cannon Street Y.M.C.A. All-Stars, commended by SR 674, adopted previously. John Rivers of the Cannon Street All-Stars addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Setzler of the 37th recognized the North Cobb High School Lady Warriors volleyball team for winning the 2023 Class 7A GHSA State Championship, commended by SR 758, adopted previously. Stephen Sansing, Head Coach of the Lady Warriors, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Robertson of the 29th introduced the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts upon its 100th anniversary, commended by SR 611, adopted previously. Greg S. Griffin, State Auditor, addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 791. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Albers of the 56th, Dolezal of the 27th, Rhett of the 33rd, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia High School Association Student Athlete Advisory Council; and for other purposes.

SR 792. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dolezal of the 27th, Dixon of the 45th, Harrell of the 40th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing November 1, 2024, as Diwali Day; and for other purposes.

SR 794. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Balram J. Bheodari; and for other purposes.

SR 795. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Yvonne L. Smith; and for other purposes.

SR 796. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Glen Washington; and for other purposes.

SR 797. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sandra Jean; and for other purposes.

SR 798. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Delyno Brown; and for other purposes.

SR 799. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Basil Barrington Watson; and for other purposes.

SR 800. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Vern Edward McCarty; and for other purposes.

SR 801. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Watson of the 1st, Hodges of the 3rd, Strickland of the 17th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and its members in observance of the chapter's 70th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 803. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Helene D. Gayle for her outstanding service as President of Spelman College; and for other purposes.

SR 804. By Senator Halpern of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 14, 2024, as Pi Day; and for other purposes.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that HB 206 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Rules from the General Calendar. The consent was granted, and HB 206 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Rules.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) and committed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth:

HB 409. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Burchett of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties,

municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to authorize local authorities to dispose of real property in the same manner as county governing authorities; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HB 409 was committed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Rules and committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety:

HB 348. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, Rhodes of the 124th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to use of speed detection devices and red light cameras, so as to provide for standards for signs warning of the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to amend Code Section 40-6-163 of the O.C.G.A., relating to duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, so as to revise penalties for failure to pay a civil monetary penalty relating to illegal passing of a school bus; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HB 348 was committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Judiciary and committed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth:

HB 298. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Hilton of the 48th, Gunter of the 8th, Oliver of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding juries, so as to provide for an exemption or deferment from jury service for natural or adoptive mothers of children six months of age and younger; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HB 298 was committed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that the following resolution be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and committed to the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

HR 1133. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

> A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to pass the Kidney Patient Access to Technologically Innovative and Essential Nephrology Treatments Act of 2023 or the "Kidney PATIENT Act of 2023" (H.R. 5074); and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HR 1133 was committed to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, March 18, 2024
Thirty-sixth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 571 Lucas of the 26th
CITY OF SANDERSVILLE

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandersville, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4823), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3733), so as to revise the powers of the mayor; to restate provisions related to the mayor pro tempore; to provide for a council-manager form of government; to provide for the selection, qualifications, and duties of the city manager; to update and restate provisions related to the administration of the city government; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 572 Strickland of the 17th
MORGAN COUNTY

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

SB 573 Strickland of the 17th
MORGAN COUNTY

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

SB 574 Strickland of the 17th
Anderson of the 43rd
Cowsert of the 46th
ALCOVY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia to be known as the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, approved March 9, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 152), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 1217), so as to authorize the counties that make up said judicial circuit to provide additional investigators to the district attorney; to provide for appointment and qualifications of such investigators; to provide for the powers of such investigators; to provide that such investigators shall serve at the pleasure of the district attorney; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 577

Jones of the 10th
Harrell of the 40th
Jackson of the 41st
Parent of the 42nd
Anderson of the 43rd
Davenport of the 44th
Butler of the 55th
DEKALB COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5059), so as to provide for landlords to remove personal property following execution of writs of possession within seven days of such execution; to authorize the marshal to remove such property after 14 days; to authorize the marshal to appoint ex-officio assistants to the marshal; to provide for the collection of costs associated with such removal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 779

Anavitarte of the 31st
Bearden of the 30th
PAULDING COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the election of the members of the Paulding County Board of Education, approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2381), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4151), so as to revise provisions related to filling vacancies on the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
SUBSTITUTE

HB 1280

Harbison of the 15th
Robertson of the 29th
MUSCOGEE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Muscogee County School District, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1086), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 20, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6629), so as to revise how vacancies on said board are filled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;

and for other purposes.

HB 1298 Watson of the 11th
BROOKS COUNTY

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

HB 1372 Robertson of the 29th
TOWN OF PINE MOUNTAIN

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Pine Mountain; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1373 Williams of the 25th
PUTNAM COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County, approved September 8, 1879 (Ga. L. 1879, p. 334), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3619), so as to revise provisions relating to the compensation of the chairperson and commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1400 Sims of the 12th
CITY OF DAMASCUS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Damascus; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1401 Sims of the 12th
CITY OF BLAKELY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Blakely; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers,

duties, authority, prohibitions, elections, terms, removal from office, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, and qualifications; to provide for conflict of interest and holding other offices; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1411 Tillery of the 19th
WAYNE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Screven, approved March 9, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2203), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964 Ex. Sess., p. 2114), and an Act approved June 30, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3949), so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to revise meeting dates for the city council; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1412 Kennedy of the 18th
Walker III of the 20th
Lucas of the 26th
CITY OF WARNER ROBINS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Warner Robins Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for members of the authority; to provide for officers; to provide for personnel; to provide for meetings and a quorum; to provide for duties; to provide for powers; to provide for authority property; to provide for no personal liability of authority members for executing notes or obligations on behalf of the authority; to provide for a budget; to provide for inspections by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins; to provide that the authority shall not bind the City of Warner Robins; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1442 Hodges of the 3rd
CITY OF DARIEN

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Darien, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment

Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1445 Watson of the 11th
CITY OF THOMASVILLE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Thomasville, approved March 30, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 5051), as amended, so as to reapportion the board of education election districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1449 Brass of the 28th
Bearden of the 30th
CITY OF VILLA RICA

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Villa Rica, approved May 8, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3869), so as to revise provisions regarding ineligibility of former elected officials to hold offices or employment or transact certain business with the city within a year of leaving office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following four local bills relating to homestead exemptions require a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 1422 Gooch of the 51st
DAWSON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain senior citizens; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1423 Gooch of the 51st
DAWSON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide homestead exemptions from Dawson County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain senior citizens; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and eligibility; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1441 Tillery of the 19th
APPLING COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Appling County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of 100 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed $10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1455 Hodges of the 3rd
CITY OF ST. MARY'S

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of St. Mary's ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide a specific repealer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting

laws; and for other purposes.
SUBSTITUTE

Pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.8 (b), Senator Walker III of the 20th filed the following objection:

As provided in Senate Rule 4-2.8 (b), we, the undersigned Senators, hereby file an objection to HB 1412, which is on the Local Consent Calendar for today, and hereby request that it be moved to the Senate Local Contested Calendar.

/s/ Walker III of the 20th
/s/ Kennedy of the 18th
/s/ Lucas of the 26th

Date: 03/18/24

Pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.8 (b), HB 1412 was removed from the Senate Local Consent Calendar and placed on the Senate Local Contested Calendar for today.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

*HB 779:

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Bearden of the 30th offered the following substitute to HB 779:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act to provide for the election of the members of the Paulding County Board of Education, approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2381), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4151), so as to revise provisions related to filling vacancies on the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
An Act to provide for the election of the members of the Paulding County Board of Education, approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2381), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4151), is amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

"SECTION 3.

(a) In the event a vacancy occurs on the board for any reason other than expiration of term of office:

(1) If the vacancy occurs more than 90 days prior to the date of a general election preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office, then such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of office at a special election to be held on the same date as said general election preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office; and

(2) If the vacancy occurs 90 days or fewer prior to the date of a general election preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office, such vacancy on the board shall remain vacant.

(b) In the event a member moves his or her residence from the education district he or she represents, a vacancy shall exist.

(c) At its first meeting each year, the members of the board shall elect one of their number to serve as chairperson for that year and until the election of a chairperson in the subsequent year. A member shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as a member of the board and also as chairperson of the board."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the substitute was adopted.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

*HB 1455:

Senator Hodges of the 3rd offered the following substitute to HB 1455:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a homestead exemption from City of St. Mary's ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide a specific repealer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes" means all ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of St. Mary's, except for any ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, with the additional qualification that it shall include not more than five contiguous acres of homestead property.

(3) "Senior citizen" means a person who is 62 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the year in which application for the exemption under subsection (b) of this section is made.

(b) Each resident of the City of St. Mary's who is a senior citizen is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from City of St. Mary's ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $25,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead. The value of that property in excess of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation.

(c) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority of the City of St. Mary's, or the designee thereof, giving the person's age and such additional information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable the governing authority of the City of St. Mary's, or the designee thereof, to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption. The governing authority of the City of St. Mary's, or the designee thereof, shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year as long as the person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of St. Mary's, or the designee thereof, in the event that such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect any state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes. The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any other homestead exemption applicable to City of St. Mary's ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

(f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The municipal election superintendent of the City of St. Mary's shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of St. Mary's for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall conduct that election on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2024, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Camden County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from City of St. Mary's ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount
( ) NO of $25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2025. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of St. Mary's. It shall be the municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the municipal election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the municipal election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of St. Mary's may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the municipal election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the municipal election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the municipal election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

An Act to provide a homestead exemption from all City of St. Mary's ad valorem taxes for any city purposes, approved September 18, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 460), is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 5.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bills as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Local Consent Calendar, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	E Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local bills, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

The bills on the Local Consent Calendar, except HB 779 and HB 1455, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

HB 779 and HB 1455, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed by substitute.

Senator Jackson of the 41st moved that SB 577 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and SB 577 was immediately transmitted.

The following local, contested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Contested Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONTESTED CALENDAR

Monday, March 18, 2024
Thirty-sixth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 1412 Kennedy of the 18th
Walker III of the 20th
Lucas of the 26th
CITY OF WARNER ROBINS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Warner Robins Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for members of the authority; to provide for officers; to provide for personnel; to provide for meetings and a quorum; to provide for duties; to provide for powers; to provide for authority property; to provide for no personal liability of authority members for executing notes or obligations on behalf of the authority; to provide for a budget; to provide for inspections by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins; to provide that the authority shall not bind the City of Warner Robins; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Walker III of the 20th asked unanimous consent that HB 1412 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations from the Senate Local Contested Calendar. The consent was granted, and HB 1412 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore, resumed the Chair.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024
THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 441	Professions; authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists pursuant to permits issued by Georgia Board of Dentistry (RI&U-48th) Dempsey-13th
HB 502	Georgia Cosmetic Laser Services Act; revise a definition; revise a provision (H&HS-32nd) Silcox-53rd
HB 827	Crimes and offenses; livestock theft; increased penalties; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-8th) Smith-18th
HB 873	Courts; juvenile treatment court divisions; create (JUDY-50th) Gunter-8th
HB 991	Hospital Medicaid Financing Program; extend sunset provision (H&HS-52nd) Blackmon-146th
HB 997	Motor vehicles; require disqualification to operate a commercial motor vehicle upon receipt of notification from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration of a positive drug test (PUB SAF-56th) Corbett-174th
HB 1028	Education; repeal requirement of screening of public school children for scoliosis; provisions (H&HS-45th) LaHood-175th
HB 1033	Utility Worker Protection Act; enact (Substitute) (JUDY-46th) Leverett-123rd
HB 1041	Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority; maximum amount of bonded indebtedness of the authority; increase (ED&T-1st) Stephens-164th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 441. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hatchett of the 155th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Mathis of the 149th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to authorize and

regulate teledentistry in this state by licensed dentists pursuant to permits issued by the Georgia Board of Dentistry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Still of the 48th.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on HB 441 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Robertson was excused.

Senator Williams of the 25th asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 24th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 441, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 502. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Cosmetic Laser Services Act," so as to revise a definition; to revise a provision relating to requirements for applicants for assistant laser practitioner licenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 2.

HB 502, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 827. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Dickey of the 145th, Pirkle of the 169th, Leverett of the 123rd, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-8-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock theft, so as to provide for increased penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and

for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Goodman of the 8th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 827:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enforce certain criminal laws; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to criminal trespass and damage to property, so as to provide for the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for an exception; to amend Code Section 16-8-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock theft, so as to provide for increased penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended in Code Section 2-2-13, relating to enforcement of laws and rules within jurisdiction of the Commissioner and employment of investigators, by revising subsections (a), (b), and (d) as follows:

"(a) The Commissioner shall be vested with police powers to enforce those laws governing matters within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner or the department as provided by this title and Titles 4, 10, 16, 26, and 43 and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and to prevent, detect, and respond to acts of bioterrorism, other terroristic acts or threats, or natural disasters affecting or potentially affecting plants, animals, products, or facilities that are subject to regulation by the department.

(b) The Commissioner shall be authorized to employ, designate, and deputize investigators and to delegate to such employees of the department the necessary authority to enforce those laws governing matters within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner or the department as provided by this title and Titles 4, 10, 16, 26, and 43 and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and to prevent, detect, and respond to acts of bioterrorism, other terroristic acts or threats, or natural disasters affecting or potentially affecting plants, animals, products, or facilities that are subject to regulation by the department. Employees who have been so designated by the Commissioner and who have been certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as having successfully completed the course of training required by Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act,' shall be authorized:

(1) To carry firearms authorized or issued by the Commissioner while in the

performance of their duties;

(2) To inspect plants, animals, products, or facilities when the same are subject to regulation by the department;

(3) To stop and inspect any vehicle transporting plants, animals, or products when the same are subject to regulation by the department;

(4) To inspect and require the production of health certificates, waybills, permits, or other documents required by federal or state laws, rules, regulations, or orders for the transportation of plants, animals, or products when the same are subject to regulation by the department;

(5) To protect any life or property when the circumstances demand action; and

(6) To arrest any person found to be in violation of a criminal law when enforcement of such law is authorized under this subsection."

"(d) This Code section shall not repeal, supersede, alter, or affect the power of any other law enforcement officer of this state or of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state. At the request of the Commissioner of Agriculture, it shall be the duty of all state, county, municipal, and other law enforcement officers in this state to enforce and to assist the Commissioner and the employees and agents of the department in the enforcement of those laws governing matters within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner or the department as provided by this title and Titles 4, 10, 16, 26, and 43."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to criminal trespass and damage to property, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-7-21.1

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Harass' means to engage in any act which demonstrates a disregard for the well-being of a wild animal, or which creates the likelihood of injury to or disrupts normal behavior patterns of the wild animal, such as feeding, watering, resting, and breeding.

(2) 'Wild animal' means any land or sea animal currently or historically found in the wild, other than a domestic animal or livestock, including an animal kept, exhibited, or housed at any facility operating with the purpose of public visitation, conservation, education, or science, including but not limited to a zoological institution as defined in paragraph (87) of Code Section 48-8-3, and any animal kept, exhibited, or housed in aquariums, safaris, or animal sanctuaries.

(b)(1) A person commits the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the first degree if such person enters a cage, enclosure, or other area where a wild animal is housed or otherwise contained, into which the person knows he or she has no legal authority, license, or permission to enter, and harasses the wild animal and such wild animal suffers an injury or death.

(2) A person commits the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the second degree if such person enters a cage, enclosure, or other area where a wild animal

is housed or otherwise contained, into which the person knows he or she has no legal authority, license, or permission to enter.

(c)(1) A person convicted of the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the first degree shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal in the second degree shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by imprisonment for not more than 12 months.

(d) In addition to any other fine, penalty, or restitution which may be imposed by law, such person would be liable for the cost of any damage to, and loss of, property connected to the criminal trespass, including, but not limited to, the injury or death of the wild animal.

(e) It shall not be an affirmative defense to prosecution under this Code section that:

(1) Entry into the cage, enclosure, or other area where the wild animal was housed or otherwise contained was not sufficiently guarded, locked, or otherwise made inaccessible so as to prevent entry into the cage, enclosure, or other area;

(2) The wild animal was provoked by means other than the presence of the person in the cage, enclosure, or other area; or

(3) Injury to the wild animal was necessary to protect the person from injury or death.

(f) Subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to a person who enters a cage, enclosure, or other area for the purpose of aiding another person or a wild animal in the cage, enclosure, or other area."

SECTION 3.

Code Section 16-8-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock theft, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Any person committing the offense of livestock theft ~~commits~~ shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ~~one~~ two nor more than ~~ten~~ 15 years and by a fine of ~~$1,000.00~~ $10,000.00; provided, however, that, if the fair market value of the livestock taken or appropriated is $100.00 or less, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Walker III of the 20th, Jackson of the 41st, and Summers of the 13th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 827 (LC 56 0167S) by:

Inserting after line 85:

"(e) It shall be an affirmative defense to liability under this Code section that the defendant intended to cause serious bodily harm or death to himself or herself."

and renumbering accordingly

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Goodman of the 8th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator McLaurin of the 14th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
N Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	N Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	Y Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	N Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	N Strickland
N Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
N Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, S.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	N Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 24, nays 30, and the McLaurin amendment #1 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent

Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 2.

HB 827, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 873. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Burchett of the 176th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to create juvenile treatment court divisions; to provide alternative adjudication to the traditional judicial system; to provide definitions; to provide for assignment of cases; to provide for planning groups and work plans; to provide for standards; to provide for staffing and expenses; to provide for completion of juvenile treatment court division programs; to provide for records, fees, grants, and donations; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent

Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 873, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 991. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Hatchett of the 155th, Beverly of the 143rd, Parrish of the 158th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6C of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Hospital Medicaid Financing Program, so as to extend the sunset provision; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay

Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

HB 991, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/18/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 991. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Butler of the 55th

HB 997. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, Hitchens of the 161st, Prince of the 132nd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-5-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disqualification from driving and action required after suspending, revoking, or canceling license or nonresident privileges, so as to require disqualification to operate a commercial motor vehicle upon receipt of notification from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration of a positive drug test, an adulterated or substituted drug test, or a report of a refusal to submit to such test; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 6.

HB 997, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

HB 1028. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to repeal the requirement of screening of public school children for scoliosis; to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise the state health officer's authorization to issue standing orders; to repeal provisions relating to the Georgia Diabetes Control Grant Program; to revise a definition; to repeal provisions relating to a pilot program for preexposure prophylaxis drug assistance or services; to repeal provisions relating to control of mass gatherings; to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to repeal a provision requiring the Department of Public Health to inspect facilities; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dixon of the 45th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

HB 1028, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1033. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Anderson of the 10th, Williamson of the 112th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person, so as to provide for protections for utility workers; to provide for a definition; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, and aggravated battery committed upon utility workers in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Cowsert of the 46th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 1033:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person, so as to provide for protections for utility workers; to provide for a definition; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, battery, and aggravated battery committed upon utility workers in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Utility Worker Protection Act."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 16-5-19, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(12) 'Utility worker' means any employee of, including any person employed by or under contract with, an organization, entity, or company, whether a state created authority or privately, municipally, county, or cooperatively owned, that provides gas, heat, electricity, water, telecommunications services, sewer services, cable or video services, internet services, or railroad services."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-5-20, relating to simple assault, to read as follows:

"(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) through ~~(h)~~ (i) of this Code section, a person who commits the offense of simple assault shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

"(i) Any person who commits the offense of simple assault upon a utility worker while such worker is acting within the course and scope of their employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) through ~~(l)~~ (m) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of aggravated assault shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years."

"(m) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a utility worker while such worker is acting within the course and scope of their employment or is performing official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-5-23, relating to simple battery, to read as follows:

"(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) through ~~(i)~~ (j) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of simple battery shall be punished as for a misdemeanor."

"(j) Any person who commits the offense of simple battery upon a utility worker while such worker is acting within the course and scope of their employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (c) and adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-5-23.1, relating to battery, to read as follows:

"(c) Except as provided in subsections (d) through ~~(k)~~ (l) of this Code section, a person who commits the offense of battery is guilty of a misdemeanor."

"(l) Any person who commits the offense of battery upon a utility worker while such worker is acting within the course and scope of their employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, to read as follows:

"(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) through ~~(h)~~ (i) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of aggravated battery shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years."

"(i) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a utility worker while such worker is acting within the course and scope of their employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years."

SECTION 8.

This Act shall become effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after July 1, 2024.

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

HB 1033, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1041. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Jackson of the 165th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-7-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority, membership, and powers, so as to increase the maximum amount of bonded indebtedness of the authority; to authorize the authority to condemn public property; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	E Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 1.

HB 1041, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 50. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that local boards of education which operate a school with grades nine through 12 may provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety; to provide for Carnegie unit curriculum credits; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 50:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that local boards of education which operate a school with grades nine through 12 may provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety; to provide for the adoption of content standards by the State Board of Education; to provide that local boards of education may establish a curriculum for instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety; to provide for sources from which the curriculum may be developed; to provide for partnership between local school systems and public schools and governmental, public, and private entities for purposes of access to aquatic training facilities; to provide for instructor requirements if certification is offered as part of the curriculum; to provide for Carnegie unit curriculum credits; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 14 of Article 6, relating to other educational programs, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-319.7.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'psychomotor skills' means skills using hands-on practice to support cognitive learning.

(b) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, each local board of education which operates a school with grades nine through 12 may provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety.

(c) No later than January 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall adopt content standards for such course, including objectives, reading materials, lesson plans, psychomotor skills requirements, and testing.

(d) Local boards of education may establish a curriculum for instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety, including but not limited to objectives, reading materials, lesson plans, psychomotor skills requirements, and testing.

(e) Such curriculum shall include one or more of the following and shall incorporate into the instruction the psychomotor skills necessary for lifeguarding and aquatic safety:

(1) An instructional program developed by the American Red Cross;

(2) An instructional program developed by the American Lifeguard Association;

(3) An instructional program developed by StarGuard ELITE;

(4) An instructional program developed by Stop Drowning Now; or

(5) An instructional program which is nationally recognized and is based on the most

current national evidence based lifeguarding and aquatic safety guidelines.

(f) Local boards of education that provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety shall ensure such curriculum provides sufficient training to enable students to be qualified to work as lifeguards in this state upon successful completion of the curriculum.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require students to become certified in lifeguarding and aquatic safety; provided, however, that, if a local board of education chooses to offer courses which result in certification being earned, such courses shall be taught by instructors in lifeguarding and aquatic safety authorized to conduct such an instructional program under subsection (e) of this Code section.

(h) Local school systems and public schools may be allowed to partner with other governmental entities, charitable entities, community organizations, and private businesses in this state to provide access to aquatic training facilities for purposes of completing the curriculum.

(i) On and after July 1, 2026, for the purpose of earning Carnegie unit curriculum credits at the high school level, satisfactory completion of a course in lifeguarding and aquatic safety may be accepted by the State Board of Education for one-half unit of elective credit for any student; provided, however, that such courses are taught in strict compliance with this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-159.1, relating to focused programs of study, as follows:

"(a) The Department of Education shall develop, and the State Board of Education shall approve, state models and industry required content standards, after consultation with industries in Georgia and in collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia to ensure alignment with postsecondary opportunities, for the following focused programs of study, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, including, but not limited to:

(1) Agriculture, food, and natural resources;
(2) Architecture and construction;
(3) Arts, audio-video technology, and communications;
(4) Business, management, and administration;
(5) Education and training;
(6) Finance;
(7) Health science;
(8) Hospitality and tourism;
(9) Human services;
(10) Information technology;
(11) Law, public safety, and security;
(12) Manufacturing;
(13) Government and public administration;
(14) Marketing, sales, and service;
(15) Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

(16) Transportation, distribution, and logistics; ~~and~~
(17) Energy; and
(18) Lifeguarding and aquatic safety.
Such focused programs of study may be combined around these and other related clusters."

SECTION 3.
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Burns of the 23rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 50.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	E Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 50.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 337. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 38-2-111 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personal aides-de-camp, appointments, commissions, length of service, and duties, so as to authorize the Governor to appoint honorary Georgia Colonels for life; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 337:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 38-2-111 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personal aides-de-camp, appointments, commissions, length of service, and duties, so as to authorize the Governor to appoint honorary Georgia Colonels for life and the General Assembly to designate honorary Georgia Lieutenant Colonels for life; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 38-2-111 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personal aides-de-camp, appointments, commissions, length of service, and duties, is amended as follows:

"38-2-111.

(a) ~~The Governor's personal staff shall consist of one chief of aides-de-camp, with rank of brigadier general; two assistant chiefs of aides-de-camp, with rank of colonel; all other aides-de-camp shall be appointed with the rank of lieutenant colonel~~ The Governor may appoint one or more persons each year with the honorary title of Georgia Colonel. The selection of ~~aides-de-camp~~ such persons shall be based on distinguished service to the State of Georgia and shall be without regard to previous military service, sex, or age limit~~; and the commissions of all of these officers shall expire with the expiration of the term of the Governor making the appointment. All appointments will be in either the army or air force. Officers of the National Guard shall be eligible to appointment to any of the ranks or the offices of aide-de-camp provided for, but such appointments shall not vacate or affect their status as commissioned officers in the National Guard in which they are serving. The aides-de-camp shall perform such personal and ceremonial duties pertaining to their office as may be required of them by the Governor~~. Georgia Colonel appointments shall be for the lifetime of the honoree.

(b) The General Assembly may designate through joint resolution one or more persons each year with the honorary title of Georgia Lieutenant Colonel. The selection of such persons shall be based on noteworthy contributions to the designee's community and shall be without regard to previous military service, sex, or age limit. Georgia Lieutenant Colonel designations shall be for the lifetime of the honoree."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 337.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	E Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 337.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 352. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title

40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle equipment and inspection, so as to provide for standards for the alteration and operation of motor vehicles with modified suspension systems; to revise definitions; to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle with broken suspension system springs; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 352:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle equipment and inspection, so as to provide for standards for the alteration and operation of motor vehicles with modified suspension systems; to revise definitions; to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle with broken suspension system springs; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle equipment and inspection, is amended by revising Code Sections 40-8-6 and 40-8-6.1, relating to alteration of suspension system and operation of vehicle with broken springs and raised chassis vehicles, respectively, as follows:

"~~40-8-6.~~

~~(a) It shall be unlawful to alter the suspension system of any private passenger motor vehicle which may be operated on any public street or highway more than two inches above or below the factory recommendation for any such vehicle.~~

~~(b) It shall be unlawful to operate any private passenger motor vehicle upon any highway, roadway, or street if the suspension system of such vehicle has been altered more than two inches above or below the factory recommendation for such vehicle.~~

~~(c) It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle upon any highway, roadway, or street if the springs relative to the suspension system are broken.~~

~~(d) Any person violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

~~40-8-6.1.~~ 40-8-6.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Frame' means the main longitudinal structural members of the chassis of a ~~truck~~

motor vehicle.

(2) 'Frame height' means the vertical distance between a level surface and the lowest point on the frame of a ~~truck~~ motor vehicle, measured when the ~~truck~~ vehicle is upon such level surface without a load.

(3) 'Gross vehicle weight rating' means the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating whether or not the vehicle is modified by use of parts not originally installed by the manufacturer.

(b) It shall be unlawful to alter the suspension system of any ~~truck~~ motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,500 pounds or less, which may be operated on any ~~public street or~~ highway, so as to exceed 27 inches as measured from the surface of the street to the lowest point on the frame of the ~~truck~~ vehicle.

(c) It shall be unlawful to alter the suspension system of any ~~truck~~ motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 4,501 pounds and not more than 7,500 pounds, which may be operated on any ~~public street or~~ highway, so as to exceed 30 inches as measured from the surface of the street to the lowest point on the frame of the ~~truck~~ vehicle.

(d) It shall be unlawful to alter the suspension system of any ~~truck~~ motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 7,501 pounds and not more than 14,000 pounds, which may be operated on any ~~public street or~~ highway, so as to exceed 31 inches as measured from the surface of the street to the lowest point on the frame of the ~~truck~~ vehicle.

(e) It shall be unlawful to alter the suspension of any motor vehicle with a gross vehicle rating of not less than 4,000 pounds and not more than 7,000 pounds, which may be operated on any highway in a manner that results in the frame height of the front of such vehicle being more than four inches above or below the frame height of the rear of the vehicle. It shall be unlawful to operate any ~~truck~~ motor vehicle upon any highway~~, roadway, or street~~ if the springs relative to the suspension system are broken or the suspension system has been altered in excess of the limitations provided for in this Code section.

(f) This Code section shall not apply to any motor vehicle with an electronic stability control system which complies with standard number 126 of 49 C.F.R. 571.126 in effect on January 1, 2024.

(g) Any person violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Anderson of the 24th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 352.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	E Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
E Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 352.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore, announced the Senate adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Thirty-seventh Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
240 STATE CAPITOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 14, 2024

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Randy Robertson of the 29th District as an ex-officio member of the Economic Development & Tourism Committee for the committee meeting to be held on March 14, 2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

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March 18, 2024

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Secretary Cook,

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Clint Dixon as an ex-officio member of the Senate Ethics Committee for the committee meeting to be held on March 18, 2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

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BURT JONES
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3-20, 2024

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Secretary of the Senate
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Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator John Kennedy of the 18th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Finance Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 3/20/24. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1425. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Westbrook of the 163rd and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Weeping Time Cultural Heritage

Corridor Authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for the purpose and powers of the authority; to provide for appointment, eligibility, and terms of members of the authority; to provide for organization, quorum, meetings, and expenses of the authority; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for agents and employees; to provide for accountability and for financial and other records; to provide for audits; to limit the powers of the authority; to provide for open meetings and public records; to provide for judicial jurisdiction; to provide that the powers of the authority are supplemental; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1465. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Romman of the 97th, Marin of the 96th, Clark of the 100th, Mughal of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Duluth, Georgia, approved March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3148), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5206), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1466. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, New of the 64th, Smith of the 18th, Kelley of the 16th and Momtahan of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Paulding County, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3562), so as to provide an additional judge for such court; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge of such court; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for a chief judge; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1467. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Gillsville, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3421), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of the city council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1468. By Representative Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Camden County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

purposes.

HB 1469. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Emerson to charge a technology fee; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may be applied; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1470. By Representatives Mathiak of the 74th, Bonner of the 73rd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the re-creation of the board of elections for Fayette County, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3712), so as to revise the composition of the board; to revise provisions for appointment of board members; to provide for initial terms; to provide for current board members to serve out the terms to which they were appointed; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1471. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 47th, Carson of the 46th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Cherokee County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1472. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Bartow County; to provide for a short title; to provide for authorized contents of agreements and instruments of the boards generally, use of proceeds of sale of bonds, notes, etc., and subsequent issue of bonds, notes, etc.; to provide for construction; to provide that Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A. shall not apply to the offer, sale, or issuance of the boards' bonds, notes, or other obligations; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolutions; to provide for procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1483. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Washington, Georgia, approved February 14, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 2139), as amended, so as to provide for term limits for the offices of mayor and councilmember; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 376. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Burns of the 23rd, Payne of the 54th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to clarify requirements of parents, DFCS, and court in order to improve timely permanent placement of a child removed from their home; to provide for a hearing to be held prior to a dependent child's fifteenth month in foster care to review a determination of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services not to petition to terminate parental rights; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 401. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jackson of the 41st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the juvenile code, so as to implement the recommendations of the Senate Foster Care and Adoption Study Committee; to provide for annual reporting to the General Assembly of certain de-identified data from juvenile court clerks relating to foster children who are in need of services or delinquent; to remove the service of summons by publication requirement at the adjudication phase in dependency proceedings; to repeal Code Section 15-11-163, relating to interlocutory order of disposition when summons served by publication; to provide that the petition to terminate parental rights be immediately filed and docketed without delay when presented to the juvenile court clerk; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 426. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Setzler of the 37th, Burns of the 23rd, Walker III of the 20th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of

Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise requirements for joining of a motor carrier and motor carrier's insurer to a cause of action; to provide for subrogation for unpaid final judgments relative to causes of action involving motor carriers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 456. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14A of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the central caregiver registry, so as to add disabled persons to the registry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 480. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for student loan repayment for mental health and substance use professionals serving in certain capacities; to provide for definitions; to authorize the board to approve applications; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 562. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pine Lake, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3935), as amended, so as to restate the city's charter; to change the corporate limits of such city; to transfer powers from the mayor to the city manager and vest additional powers in the city manager; to provide for the mayor to vote in case of a tie; to provide for appointment and removal of department directors; to provide for elections; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 169. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Dixon of the 45th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-754 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedures to be followed by disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal in public schools, and review, so as to provide for limits on the extension of hearing dates for student discipline tribunals; to require local school systems to provide appropriate grade-level instructional materials to any student subject to in-school suspension, short-term suspension, or long-term suspension pending completion of the student discipline tribunal; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 366. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th, Dolezal of the 27th, Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to revise provisions related to the adoption and contents of general appropriations bills; to revise provisions for certain economic analyses; to revise the legislative review of taxation; to provide a definition; to establish the Joint Committee on Taxation and Economic Development; to provide for membership, officers, meetings, authority, reports, cooperation, and expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 398. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, so as to revise the commission's operations; to expand the commission's membership; to revise the term lengths of commission members; to revise definitions; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to authorize the Department of Economic Development to assist the Georgia Joint Defense Commission in certain activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 422. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of

Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to modify the percentage limitation as to the amount of the investments an electric membership corporation may make and maintain in a gas affiliate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 440. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Parent of the 42nd, Dixon of the 45th, Butler of the 55th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the Accelerated Career Diploma Program; to provide a short title; to establish and provide for the ACE Grants pilot program; to make conforming changes; to extend an automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 454. By Senators Strickland of the 17th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alimony and child support, so as to provide for guidelines for child support award calculations; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 508. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to provide for duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts relative to accessibility of certain personal information of state and federal judges, justices, and spouses thereof; to amend Code Section 36-32-40 of the O.C.GA., relating to creation of Council of Municipal Court Judges, membership and organization, purpose, expenses, contracts, assistance to council, and members not ineligible to hold office of judge, so as to require submission of certain information to the Council of Magistrate Court Judges; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House adheres on its position in disagreeing to the Senate amendment to the House substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 73. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to telephone service, so as to provide for class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for actions and damages against persons and entities on whose behalf such provisions were violated; to provide for and prohibit certain defenses in such actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Smith of the 18th, Wiedower of the 121st, and Carpenter of the 4th.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 585. By Senators Parent of the 42nd and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to waiver of sovereign immunity as to actions ex contractu and state tort claims, so as to provide for waiver of sovereign immunity for claims against state officers and employees whose acts or omissions violate the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Titles I and V of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act, the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, or the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 under certain circumstances; to provide legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 806. By Senators Harrell of the 40th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on the Impact of Social Media on Children and Platform Privacy Protection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 807. By Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Peach State Saves Program Study

Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Weeping Time Cultural Heritage Corridor Authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for the purpose and powers of the authority; to provide for appointment, eligibility, and terms of members of the authority; to provide for organization, quorum, meetings, and expenses of the authority; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for agents and employees; to provide for accountability and for financial and other records; to provide for audits; to limit the powers of the authority; to provide for open meetings and public records; to provide for judicial jurisdiction; to provide that the powers of the authority are supplemental; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

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HB 1483. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Washington, Georgia, approved February 14, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 2139), as amended, so as to provide for term limits for the offices of mayor and councilmember; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with

the following recommendation:

HB 583 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Goodman of the 8th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 84 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Summers of the 13th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 625	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1026	Do Pass by substitute
SR 703	Do Pass	SR 727	Do Pass
SR 747	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 51	Do Pass by substitute	HB 81	Do Pass
HB 282	Do Pass by substitute	HB 579	Do Pass by substitute
HB 987	Do Pass	HB 1104	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dixon of the 45th District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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The State Senate

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Elena Parent
Re: Minority Report on HB 1104

March 19, 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of House Bill 1104, which Education & Youth passed out on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

/s/ Elena C. Parent
Senator Elena Parent
Member of Education & Youth
Chair, Senate Democratic Caucus

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 974	Do Pass by substitute
HB 977	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1207	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Burns of the 23rd District, Chairman

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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Rules
State and Local Governmental Operations, Secretary

SENATE MINORITY LEADER

March 20, 2024

To: The Hon. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
From: Sen. Gloria Butler
Re: Minority Report on HB 1207

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of House Bill 1207, which Ethics passed out on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Gloria Butler
Senator Gloria Butler, District 55
Member of Ethics
Leader, Senate Democratic Caucus

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 101	Do Pass by substitute	HB 170	Do Pass by substitute
HB 283	Do Pass by substitute	HB 308	Do Pass by substitute
HB 581	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1019	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1020	Do Pass by substitute	HR 1022	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 925	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1253	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Harbin of the 16th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 994	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Walker III of the 20th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 909	Do Pass by substitute	HB 926	Do Pass by substitute
HB 986	Do Pass by substitute	HB 993	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1022	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1172	Do Pass
HB 1255	Do Pass	HB 1283	Do Pass
HB 1292	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1361	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1409	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with

the following recommendation:

HB 809	Do Pass by substitute	HB 839	Do Pass by substitute
HB 843	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1096	Do Pass
HB 1260	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1264	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cowsert of the 46th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 206	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 988	Do Pass by substitute
SR 476	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Setzler of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1319	Do Pass	HB 1320	Do Pass
HB 1346	Do Pass	HB 1374	Do Pass
HB 1446	Do Pass	HB 1447	Do Pass
HB 1448	Do Pass	HB 1451	Do Pass
HB 1456	Do Pass	HB 1458	Do Pass

HB 1460	Do Pass	HB 1461	Do Pass
SB 580	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 516	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1058	Do Pass
HB 1193	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dolezal of the 27th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 84	HB 101	HB 282	HB 283	HB 516	HB 579
HB 581	HB 583	HB 625	HB 809	HB 839	HB 843
HB 909	HB 925	HB 926	HB 974	HB 977	HB 986
HB 987	HB 988	HB 993	HB 994	HB 1019	HB 1020
HB 1022	HB 1026	HB 1058	HB 1096	HB 1104	HB 1172
HB 1193	HB 1207	HB 1253	HB 1255	HB 1260	HB 1264
HB 1283	HB 1292	HB 1361	HB 1409	HR 1022	SR 476
SR 703	SR 727	SR 747			

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Walker III of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Walker III was excused.

Senator Echols of the 49th asked unanimous consent that Senator Still of the 48th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Still was excused.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that Senator Dolezal of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dolezal was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th asked unanimous consent that Senator Merritt of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Merritt was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Halpern	McLaurin
Anavitarte	Harbin	Moore
Anderson, L.	Harbison	Orrock
Anderson, T.	Harrell	Parent
Beach	Hatchett	Payne
Bearden	Hickman	Rahman
Brass	Hodges	Rhett
Burns	Hufstetler	Robertson
Butler	Islam Parkes	Seay
Cowsert	Jackson	Sims
Davenport	James	Still
Dixon	Jones, E.	Strickland
Echols	Jones, H.	Summers
Esteves	Kennedy	Tillery
Ginn	Kirkpatrick	Watson, B.
Gooch	Lucas	Watson, S.
Goodman	Mallow	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Dolezal (Excused)	Merritt (Excused)	Tate (Excused)
Walker (Excused)	Setzler	

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Moore of the 53rd introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Chuck Ramsey of Alpharetta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Brett Cannon, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 816. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 20, 2024, as Spelman College Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Davenport of the 44th introduced Dr. Helene Gayle, President of Spelman College, and other representatives from Spelman College, commended by SR 803, adopted previously, and SR 816. Dr. Gayle addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Strickland of the 17th introduced the family of Jimmy Carter, Jr., in honor of his life and memory, commended by SR 741, adopted previously. Jake Carter, son of Jimmy Carter, Jr., addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Moore of the 53rd introduced the family of Laken Riley to honor her life and memory, commended by SR 756, adopted previously. Jason Riley, father of Laken Riley, addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 805. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Naomi Ruth Barber King; and for other purposes.

SR 808. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Morgan Faithe Harrell; and for other purposes.

SR 809. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Floyd Washington, Sr.; and for other purposes.

SR 810. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Abdur Hassan; and for other purposes.

SR 811. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Montell Jordan; and for other

purposes.

SR 812. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Merritt of the 9th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Representative Pedro Marin on his outstanding public service as a member of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

SR 813. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Gooch of the 51st, Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 8, 2024, as Henry Louis Aaron Day in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 814. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Sims of the 12th, Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Grace Latoya Hamilton; and for other purposes.

SR 815. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Goodman of the 8th, Sims of the 12th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of KeShawn Xavier Crumidy; and for other purposes.

SR 817. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Senator Horacena Tate for her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 818. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Matthew Christopher Littlefield; and for other purposes.

SR 819. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th and Williams of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jaime Kaplan; and for other purposes.

SR 820. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th and Payne of the 54th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing October 7-11, 2024, as Georgia Pre-K Week; and for other purposes.

SR 821. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th, Harrell of the 40th, Rahman of the 5th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gregg Kennard on his outstanding public service as a member of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

SR 822. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th and Davenport of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and celebrating March 2024 as Music in our Schools Month; and for other purposes.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that HB 814 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Rules from the General Calendar. The consent was granted, and HB 814 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Rules.

Senator Brass of the 28th moved that the following bills be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations and committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General):

HB 972. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Cameron of the 1st and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fort Oglethorpe to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1061. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Summerville to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1062. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Chattooga

County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1067. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the Town of Trion to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Summers
E Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	E Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 44, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and HB 972, HB 1061, HB 1062, and HB 1067 were committed to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that HB 625 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Rules from the General Calendar. The consent was granted, and HB 625 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Rules.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Davenport of the 44th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Davenport was excused.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Thirty-seventh Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 580 Strickland of the 17th
CITY OF MADISON

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Madison, approved October 6, 1891 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 827), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4137), so as to revise provisions related to the mayor's vote when the city council is electing a mayor pro tempore; to revise provisions related to the compensation of the mayor, mayor pro tempore, and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1346 Gooch of the 51st
Payne of the 54th
Hufstetler of the 52nd
COOSAWATTEE REGIONAL WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Coosawattee Regional Water and Sewerage Authority, approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3904), so as to repeal such Act and dissolve the authority; to provide for assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1374 Setzler of the 37th
CITY OF ACWORTH

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth, approved February 17,

1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4052), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1446 Dixon of the 45th
Cowsert of the 46th
Ginn of the 47th
BARROW COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act re-creating and establishing a Board of Commissioners of Barrow County, approved April 2, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4033), as amended, particularly by an Act approved September 7, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011 Ex. Sess., p. 260), so as to revise the power of the county manager in regard to employment decisions related to department directors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1447 Ginn of the 47th
CITY OF STATHAM

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Statham, Georgia; to repeal all prior charters for the City of Statham, Georgia, and enactments, local legislation or home rule amendments relating thereto made prior to the effective date of this enactment; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1448 Walker III of the 20th
DODGE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Dodge County; to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of the board and the selection, qualifications, terms, and removal of members; to provide for vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for the conduct of primaries and elections; to provide for meetings; to provide duties of the chairperson; to allow for joint primaries; to authorize the conduct of municipal elections; to provide for the election supervisor; to provide compensation for board members and staff; to provide for offices, supplies, and other materials; to provide for required training; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, facilities, and personal property; to provide for related matters; to

provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1451 Hickman of the 4th
CITY OF BROOKLET

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Brooklet; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, prohibitions, elections, terms, removal from office, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, and qualifications; to provide for a city attorney, city clerk, and other personnel; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1456 Bearden of the 30th
CITY OF MOUNT ZION

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Mount Zion, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3862), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3683), so as to revise provisions related to councilmembers vacating their office; to repeal an erroneous provision of a prior amendatory Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1458 Gooch of the 51st
PICKENS COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Pickens County, approved June 2, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 3704), as amended, so as to update and revise provisions relating to the powers, duties, and obligations of the board of commissioners; to revise and update provisions relating to the powers and duties of the chairperson; to revise provisions related to scheduling of meetings of the board of commissioners; to provide that state law shall governing bidding and procurement; to update provisions related to keeping of the minutes and records of the board of commissioners; to revise budgeting and audit procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following four local bills relating to homestead exemptions require a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 1319 Dixon of the 45th
Still of the 48th
Echols of the 49th
CITY OF BUFORD

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 6, 2005, (Ga. L. 2005 p. 3893), so as to lower the age for the exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1320 Dixon of the 45th
Still of the 48th
Echols of the 49th
CITY OF BUFORD

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $22,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of the City of Buford, approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3890), so as to increase the exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1460 Hatchett of the 50th
CITY OF COMMERCE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Commerce independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that

school district who are 62 years of age or over and an additional homestead exemption in the amount of $20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or over and whose net income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed $18,000.00, approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4349), as amended; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1461 Ginn of the 47th
Hatchett of the 50th
JACKSON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all Jackson County ad valorem taxes for $10,000.00 of the value of the homestead for certain residents of that county who have annual earned family incomes not exceeding $18,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved March 29, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4381), so as to provide for two classes of residents, to increase the exemption for each class, and to remove an income limitation; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still

E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	E Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross HB 808, HB 1015, and HB 1023, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

Senator Moore of the 53rd called for a division of the question, so as to have a separate vote on the motion to engross HB 1015.

Senator Gooch of the 51st objected.

The President overruled the objection, noting that, pursuant to Senate Rule 6-8.4, Senator Moore of the 53rd was entitled to a separate vote as requested.

On the motion to engross HB 808 and HB 1023, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers

Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	E Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 31, nays 22; the motion prevailed, and HB 808 and HB 1023 were engrossed.

On the motion to engross HB 1015, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Cowsert	James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	E Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 28, nays 21; the motion lost, and HB 1015 was not engrossed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate reconsider its action in defeating the motion to engross HB 1015.

Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers
Y Anavitarte
Y Anderson, L.
N Anderson, T.
Y Beach
Y Bearden
Y Brass
Y Burns
N Butler
Y Cowsert
N Davenport
Y Dixon
Y Dolezal
Y Echols
N Esteves
Y Ginn
Y Gooch
Y Goodman
N Halpern
Y Harbin
N Harbison
N Harrell
Y Hatchett
Y Hickman
Y Hodges
Y Hufstetler
N Islam Parkes
N Jackson
James
N Jones, E.
N Jones, H.
Y Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
Y Lucas
N Mallow
N McLaurin
N Merritt
N Moore
N Orrock
N Parent
Y Payne
N Rahman
N Rhett
Y Robertson
N Seay
Y Setzler
N Sims
Y Still
Y Strickland
Y Summers
E Tate
Y Tillery
Y Walker
Y Watson, B.
Y Watson, S.
Y Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 21; the motion prevailed, and the motion to engross HB 1015 was reconsidered.

On the motion to engross HB 1015 upon reconsideration, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers
Y Anavitarte
Y Anderson, L.
N Anderson, T.
Y Beach
Y Bearden
Y Brass
Y Burns
N Butler
Y Cowsert
N Davenport
Y Dixon
Y Dolezal
Y Echols
N Esteves
Y Ginn
Y Gooch
Y Harbin
Harbison
N Harrell
Y Hatchett
Y Hickman
Y Hodges
Y Hufstetler
N Islam Parkes
N Jackson
James
N Jones, E.
N Jones, H.
Y Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
N Lucas
N Mallow
N McLaurin
N Orrock
N Parent
Y Payne
N Rahman
N Rhett
Y Robertson
N Seay
Y Setzler
N Sims
Y Still
Y Strickland
Y Summers
E Tate
Y Tillery
Y Walker
Y Watson, B.
Y Watson, S.

Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 21; the motion prevailed, and HB 1015 was engrossed.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024
THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 285	Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; total percentage of funds invested in alternative investments; raise limit (RET-16th) Franklin-160th
HB 456	Local government; increase term for municipal court judges from one year to two years; provisions (Substitute) (JUDY-50th) Gunter-8th
HB 808	Ad valorem tax; increase a statewide exemption for tangible personal property (FIN-56th) Cheokas-151st
HB 935	Motor vehicles; standards for a conviction through the use of speed devices; provide (I&L-20th) Vance-133rd
HB 984	Insurance, Department of; Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; update practices (Substitute) (I&L-20th) Lumsden-12th
HB 1015	Income tax; reduce rate of tax (FIN-50th) McDonald-26th
HB 1023	Income tax; match tax rate imposed on corporations to that imposed on individual taxpayers (FIN-52nd) Williamson-112th
HB 1083	Community Health, Department of; adult residential mental health services licensing; extend grace periods (H&HS-1st) Williamson-112th
HB 1114	Data Analysis for Tort Reform Act; enact (I&L-18th) Wade-9th
HB 1122	Education; provide for funding requirements to apply to local agencies; charter schools; provisions (Substitute)(ED&Y-28th) Hilton-48th
HB 1201	Criminal procedure; vacating of sentences of victims of trafficking; provisions (Substitute) (JUDY-17th) Gaines-120th

HB 1237 Agriculture; agricultural commodity commissions; revise a definition (AG&CA-11th) Cannon-172nd

HB 1326 Crimes and offenses; Schedule I, Schedule III, and Schedule IV controlled substances; provide certain provisions (H&HS-1st) Stephens-164th

HB 1344 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; allow for certain officials on to be represented by a delegate or agent (Substitute) (RI&U-32nd) Dempsey-13th

HR 598 Georgia Tax Tribunal; vest judicial power; provide for venue and jurisdiction - CA (JUDY-17th) Martin-49th

HB 1267 Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025; enact (Substitute) (JUDY-17th) Martin-49th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 285. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th, Williams of the 148th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harbin of the 16th.

The following Fiscal Note was filed with the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

January 25, 2023

The Honorable John Carson
Chairman, House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill (LC 43 2562)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This bill would amend provisions relating to the Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law. Current law authorizes most eligible large retirement systems to invest up to 10 percent of their assets in alternative investments. However, the Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System are limited to a five percent investment in alternative investments. If this legislation is enacted, the limitation currently placed on the Employees' Retirement System would be removed and the System would be authorized to invest up to 10 percent of their assets in alternative investments.

This is to certify that this bill is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Harbin of the 16th, and Anavitarte of the 31st offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 285 (LC 43 2562) by replacing lines 4 and 5 with the following:
alternative investments; to provide for retirement system divestment from certain Chinese entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for a time line for compliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By replacing lines 24 and 25 with the following:

SECTION 2.
Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
"47-20-83.1.
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
(1) 'Investment activities' means acts of investing in or lending of assets of a retirement

system.

(2) 'Restricted entity' means:

(A) A Chinese entity:

(i) Designated by Presidential Executive Order 13959, relating to addressing the threat from securities investments that finance Communist Chinese military companies;

(ii) Designated by Presidential Executive Order 14105, relating to addressing United States investments in certain national security technologies and products in countries of concern;

(iii) Included in the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control;

(iv) Included on the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List maintained by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control under Presidential Executive Order 14032;

(v) That qualifies as a Chinese military company or a military-civilian fusion contributor and included on the list maintained by the Department of Defense in accordance with Section 1260H(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021;

(vi) That is included on the list required under Section 1237 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999;

(vii) That is included on the Denied Persons List described in Section 764.3(a)(2) of the federal government's Export Administration Regulations;

(viii) That is included on the Unverified List set forth in supplement No. 6 to Part 744 of the Export Administration Regulations;

(ix) That is included on the Military End User List set forth in supplement No. 7 to Part 744 of the Export Administration Regulations;

(x) That produces or provides communications equipment or services on the list published by the Federal Communications Commission under Section 2(a) of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019;

(xi) That is included on the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List, maintained by the Department of Homeland Security;

(xii) That is included on the Withhold Release Orders and Findings List maintained by the Commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection pursuant to the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act;

(xiii) That is included on the list of covered issuers maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 104 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; and

(xiv) That is otherwise included on any other list maintained by the United States government that designates Chinese entities for restriction relating to investment, contracting, or procurement;

(B) A Chinese entity otherwise subject to the control of a Chinese entity listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

(C) Any agency or instrumentality of the People's Republic of China.

(b) The state treasurer or his or her designee shall, on or before December 31, 2024, create a list of restricted entities and shall update such list every six months.

(c) No retirement system may engage in investment activities with an entity on the list maintained pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Upon publication or update of the restricted entity list provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, the governing body or board of trustees of each retirement system shall identify any holdings of the retirement system in such restricted entity and shall, acting as a prudent investor, divest from any holdings or other investment activity in any such within six months of such publication or update."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Parent of the 42nd objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
N Burns	Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 39, nays 14, and the Cowsert amendment #1 was adopted.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.6 (b), action on HB 285 was suspended, and HB 285 was

placed on the Senate General Calendar.

HB 456. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Lumsden of the 12th, Scoggins of the 14th, Silcox of the 53rd and Collins of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding municipal courts, so as to increase the term for municipal court judges from one year to two years unless otherwise provided for in a municipality's charter; to provide for removal of municipal court judges for breach of contract; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 456:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding municipal courts, so as to increase the term for municipal court judges from one year to two years unless otherwise provided for in a municipality's charter; to provide for removal of municipal court judges for breach of contract; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding municipal courts, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-32-2, relating to appointment of judges, as follows:

"(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any general or local Act, the governing authority of each municipal corporation within this state having a municipal court, as provided by the Act incorporating the municipal corporation or any amendments thereto, is authorized to appoint a judge of such court. Any individual appointed as a judge under this Code section shall possess such qualifications as set forth in Code Section 36-32-1.1 and shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the governing authority of the municipal corporation. Notwithstanding the failure of the governing body of a municipal corporation to enter into a written agreement or enact an ordinance as provided for in this paragraph, any individual appointed as a judge under this Code section shall serve for a minimum term of ~~one year~~ two years from the

date of appointment as reflected in the minutes of the municipal corporation, unless such municipal corporation's charter provides for a longer term, and until a successor is appointed or if the judge is removed from office as provided in Code Section 36-32-2.1. Such term shall be memorialized in a written agreement between such individual and the governing authority of the municipal corporation or in an ordinance or a charter. If such term is memorialized in a written agreement, such agreement shall not include any geographic limitation concerning a judge's eligibility to serve and shall not contain any provision that a judge serve in an at-will capacity."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 36-32-2.1, relating to removal of judges, as follows:

"(b)(1) A judge may be removed during his or her term of office by a two-thirds' vote of the entire membership of the governing authority of the municipal corporation for:

(A) Willful misconduct in office;

(B) Willful and persistent failure to perform duties;

(C) Habitual intemperance;

(D) Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings the judicial office into disrepute; or

(E) Disability seriously interfering with the performance of duties, which is, or is likely to become, of a permanent character.

(2) A municipality may define in its charter further conduct that may lead to a judge's removal.

(3) Where a municipality has entered into a written agreement with an individual memorializing the terms and conditions of his or her appointment as judge, and the municipality alleged a breach of the agreement:

(A) Written notice of such breach shall be given to the judge;

(B) The judge shall have up to 30 days after receiving the notice to cure the alleged breach;

(C) Where a municipality seeks to remove a judge for breach of the agreement, such removal during a judge's term shall only occur in the event of a material breach; and

(D) Removal for a material breach may only be done subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall apply to written agreements entered into on or after such date.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Harrell of the 40th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harrell was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 2.

HB 456, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 808. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Yearta of the 152nd, Mathiak of the 74th, Ridley of the 6th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to increase a statewide ad valorem tax exemption for tangible personal property; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 4, 2024

Honorable Chuck Hufstetler
Chairman, Senate Finance
121-C State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 808 (LC 50 0782S)

Dear Chairman Hufstetler:

The bill would raise the current property tax exemption on personal property found in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-42.1 from $7,500 to $20,000. If the bill is passed, the final decision on the change would be made by voters during the November 2024 election day.

The state does not collect property tax revenue on personal property; therefore, there is no expected impact on state revenue.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard E. Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	E Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
N Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	E McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 18.

HB 808, having failed to receive the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was lost.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Albers of the 56th gave notice that at the proper time he would move that the Senate reconsider its action on HB 808.

The President advised the Senate that pursuant to Senate Rule 6-7.1 (a), the time for entertaining the motion for reconsideration would be prior to the confirmation of the Journal on the following legislative day.

HB 935. By Representatives Vance of the 133rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Cameron of the 1st, Scoggins of the 14th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to use of speed detection devices and red light cameras, so as to provide for standards for a conviction through the use of speed devices; to provide for times when a school zone speed limit may be enforced through the use of an automated traffic enforcement safety device; to authorize a local governing body to apply for a permit to operate such devices; to provide for admissible evidence for refuting a violation of speed limit through the use of speed detection devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Walker III of the 20th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
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Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	E Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 935, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

At 1:24 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 2:30 p.m.

At 3:02 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 465. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hatchett of the 50th, Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of

the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homicide, so as to provide for the felony offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter; to provide for definitions; to provide for elements of the offense; to provide for penalties; to prohibit the sentencing court from suspending, probating, deferring, or withholding any portion of the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment; to prohibit merger; to provide for an exception; to provide for burden of proof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 984. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Williams of the 148th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 25 and 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety and insurance, respectively, so as to update the practices of the Department of Insurance and the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for the off-duty use of motor vehicles by certain law enforcement officers; to repeal a life insurance reserves requirement for small companies for accreditation purposes; to allow for the continuation of coverage of a developmentally disabled or physically disabled dependent child under certain policies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Walker III of the 20th.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to HB 984:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 25 and 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety and insurance, respectively, so as to modernize the practices of the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner and insurers to promote efficiency; to provide for the off-duty use of motor vehicles by certain law enforcement officers; to repeal a life insurance reserves requirement for small companies for accreditation purposes; to allow a plan sponsor of a health benefit plan to consent on behalf of a covered person to the electronic transmittal or electronic posting of such plan; to allow a covered person to opt out of such electronic transmittal or electronic posting; to allow for the continuation of coverage of a developmentally disabled or physically disabled dependent child under certain policies; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"25-2-8.1.

(a)(1) Certified law enforcement officers employed by the office of Safety Fire Commissioner may use an office motor vehicle while working an off-duty job if such job requires vested police powers as a condition of employment, has been approved by the Commissioner, and has been determined by the Commissioner to be in furtherance of the office's mission and service to the state. Office motor vehicles used for off-duty employment shall not be used at any political function.

(2) Except as otherwise provided for in this subsection, office motor vehicles shall be used only in the discharge of official duties.

(3) Any other office equipment shall be used only with the express written approval of the Commissioner.

(b) The Commissioner, in his or her sole discretion, in granting approval for such off-duty job in which an office motor vehicle is used, prior to the use of such vehicle, shall determine whether the off-duty employer provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall reimburse the office for use of the vehicle. When reimbursement is required, such off-duty employer shall enter into a written agreement with the office to pay an amount determined by the Commissioner to be sufficient to reimburse the office for the use of the vehicle and to pay the off-duty employee sufficient compensation. Pursuant to such agreement, the office shall pay the employee of the office the compensation earned on off-duty employment whenever such employee performs such service in an office motor vehicle; provided, however, that such compensation shall not be characterized as direct employment compensation but shall be paid as services under contract.

(c) Employees of the office operating an office motor vehicle pursuant to this Code section shall be deemed to be acting within the scope of their official duties and employment within the meaning of Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50, 'The Georgia Tort Claims Act,' and the commissioner of administrative services shall provide liability coverage for claims arising out of such use.

(d) The Commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations governing the use of office motor vehicles and equipment by off-duty office employees subject to Code Section 25-2-4."

SECTION 2.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to department and Commissioner, by revising Code Section 33-2-8, which is reserved, as follows:

"33-2-8.

(a)(1) Certified law enforcement officers employed by the department may use a

department motor vehicle while working an off-duty job if such job requires vested police powers as a condition of employment, has been approved by the Commissioner, and has been determined by the Commissioner to be in furtherance of the department's mission and service to the state. Department motor vehicles used for off-duty employment shall not be used at any political function.

(2) Except as otherwise provided for in this subsection, department motor vehicles shall be used only in the discharge of official duties.

(3) Any other department equipment shall be used only with the express written approval of the Commissioner.

(b) The Commissioner, in his or her sole discretion, in granting approval for such off-duty job in which a department motor vehicle is used, prior to the use of such vehicle, shall determine whether the off-duty employer provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall reimburse the department for use of the vehicle. When reimbursement is required, such off-duty employer shall enter into a written agreement with the department to pay an amount determined by the Commissioner to be sufficient to reimburse the department for the use of the vehicle and to pay the off-duty employee sufficient compensation. Pursuant to such agreement, the department shall pay the employee of the department the compensation earned on off-duty employment whenever such employee performs such service in a department motor vehicle; provided, however, that such compensation shall not be characterized as direct employment compensation but shall be paid as services under contract.

(c) Employees of the department operating a department motor vehicle pursuant to this Code section shall be deemed to be acting within the scope of their official duties and employment within the meaning of Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50, 'The Georgia Tort Claims Act,' and the commissioner of administrative services shall provide liability coverage for claims arising out of such use.

(d) The Commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations governing the use of department motor vehicles and equipment by off-duty department employees. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by repealing subsection (t) of Code Section 33-10-13, relating to standard valuation.

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 33-24-14.1, relating to electronic delivery of plan documentation, as follows:

"33-24-14.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Health benefit plan' means a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement entered into, offered by, or issued by an insurer to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of healthcare services, including a vision or dental benefit plan.

(2) 'Plan sponsor' means a person, other than a regulated entity, who establishes, adopts, or maintains a health benefit plan that covers residents of this state, including a plan

established, adopted, or maintained by an employer or jointly by an employer and one or more employee organizations, an association, a committee, a joint board of trustees, or any similar group of representatives who establish, adopt, or maintain a plan.

(b) The plan sponsor of a health benefit plan may, on behalf of a ~~party enrolled in the plan, provide the consent to the mailing~~ covered person, consent to the delivery of the plan by electronic transmittal or electronic posting, to the delivery of all communications related to the plan by electronic means ~~otherwise required by paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section 33-24-14~~, and to the electronic delivery of any health insurance identification card required by Code Section 33-24-57.1.

(c) Before consenting on behalf of a ~~party~~ covered person, a plan sponsor ~~must~~ shall confirm that the ~~party~~ covered person routinely uses electronic communications during the normal course of employment.

(c.1) Before providing delivery of a health benefit plan by electronic transmittal or electronic posting, the insurer for the plan shall:

(1) Provide the covered person an opportunity to opt out of the electronic transmittal or electronic posting of the plan; and

(2) Document that the remaining conditions under subparagraphs (a)(2)(B) through (a)(2)(E) of Code Section 33-24-14 are satisfied.

(d) Before providing delivery of communications related to the plan or a health insurance identification card by electronic means, the insurer for the health benefit plan ~~must~~ shall:

(1) Provide the ~~party~~ covered person an opportunity to opt out of delivery by electronic means; and

(2) Document that the remaining conditions under paragraphs (4) through (9) of subsection (d) of Code Section 33-24-14 are satisfied."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 33-24-28, relating to termination of coverage of dependent child upon attainment of specified age, as follows:

"33-24-28.

(a) An individual hospital or medical expense insurance policy or hospital contract which provides that coverage of a dependent child shall terminate upon attainment of the limiting age for dependent children specified in the policy or contract shall also provide in substance that attainment of the limiting age shall not operate to terminate the coverage of the child while the child is and continues to be ~~both incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of developmental disability or physical disability as determined by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and chiefly dependent upon the policyholder or subscriber for support and maintenance, provided proof of incapacity~~ developmentally disabled or physically disabled, provided that proof of disability and dependency is furnished to the insurer or hospital by the policyholder or subscriber within 31 days of the child's attainment of the limiting age and subsequently as may be required by the insurer or corporation but not more frequently than annually after the two-year period following the child's attainment of the limiting age.

(b) A group hospital or medical expense insurance policy or hospital contract which

provides that coverage of a dependent child of an employee or other member of the covered group shall terminate upon attainment of the limiting age for dependent children specified in the policy or contract shall also provide in substance that attainment of such limiting age shall not operate to terminate the coverage of the child while the child is and continues to be ~~both incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of developmental disability or physical disability as determined by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and chiefly dependent upon the employee or member for support and maintenance, provided proof of incapacity~~ developmentally disabled or physically disabled, provided that proof of disability and dependency is furnished to the insurer or hospital by the employee or member within 31 days of the child's attainment of the limiting age and subsequently as may be required by the insurer or corporation but not more frequently than annually after the two-year period following the child's attainment of the limiting age.

(c) This Code section shall apply equally to health insurance policies issued pursuant to Chapters 29 and 30 of this title, coverage by health maintenance organizations under Chapter 21 of this title, and health care plans under Chapter 20 of this title."

SECTION 6.

(a) This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Section 4 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall apply to all policies, certificates, or contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay

Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
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Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

HB 984, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 465. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hatchett of the 50th, Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homicide, so as to provide for the felony offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter; to provide for definitions; to provide for elements of the offense; to provide for penalties; to prohibit the sentencing court from suspending, probating, deferring, or withholding any portion of the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment; to prohibit merger; to provide for an exception; to provide for burden of proof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 465:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for the felony offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter; to provide for definitions; to provide for elements of the offense; to provide for penalties; to prohibit merger; to provide for an exception; to provide for burden of proof; to provide

a short title; to provide for the offense of unlawfully possessing a pill press, tableting machine, an encapsulating machine, or other controlled substance counterfeiting materials; to provide for exceptions; to provide for violation and penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Austin's Law."

SECTION 2.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by adding a new Code section to Article 1 of Chapter 5, relating to homicide, to read as follows:

"16-5-3.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Controlled substance' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-13-21 but shall not include marijuana as defined by such Code section.

(2) 'Fentanyl' means any substance included under paragraph (13) of Code Section 16-13-25 or subparagraph (F) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 16-13-26.

(3) 'Fentanyl overdose death' shall mean a death for which the toxic effect of fentanyl was either the sole cause of death or contributed to the cause of death of the human being.

(4) 'Selling' means to deliver goods for something of value and shall include distributing such goods with an agreement, express or implied, to be compensated with money at a later date.

(b) A person commits the offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter when he or she causes the fentanyl overdose death of another human being, without the intent to cause the death of said human being, by intentionally manufacturing or selling any substance that contains fentanyl, after representing that such substance was any controlled substance.

(c) A person who commits the offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than 10 years nor more than 30 years or life imprisonment.

(d) The offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter shall be considered a separate offense and shall not merge with any other offense.

(e) This Code section shall not apply to any manufacturing or selling of a controlled substance that is authorized in Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, the 'Georgia Controlled Substances Act.'

(f) For purposes of any criminal prosecution of violations of this Code section, the defendant's knowledge of the chemical identity of the substance manufactured or sold shall not be an essential element of the offense, and the state shall not have the burden of

proving that a defendant knew the chemical identity of such substance in order to be convicted of an offense under this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 2 of Chapter 13, relating to regulation of controlled substances, to read as follows:

"16-13-30.7.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Controlled substance' has the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-13-21.

(2) 'Controlled substance counterfeiting material' means a punch, die, plate, stone, or other item designed to print, imprint, or reproduce the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint, or device of another or any likeness of any of the foregoing upon a drug or container or the labeling thereof so as to render such drug a counterfeit substance.

(3) 'Counterfeit substance' has the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-13-21.

(4) 'Encapsulating machine' means manual, semiautomatic, or fully automatic equipment that may be used to fill shells or capsules with powdered or granular solids or semisolid material to produce coherent solid tablets.

(5) 'Pill press' means a mechanical device that compresses powder substances into tablets by running such powder substance through a machine fitted with a die mold that determines the shape and markings on such tablets.

(6) 'Regulated person' means a person or entity described in paragraph (22), (28), (29), (30), (33), or (41) of Code Section 26-4-5.

(7) 'Tableting machine' means manual, semiautomatic, or fully automatic equipment that may be used to compact or mold powdered or granular solids or semisolid material to produce coherent solid tablets.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a regulated person to possess, purchase, deliver, sell, or possess with intent to sell or deliver a pill press or tableting machine, an encapsulating machine, or other controlled substance counterfeiting materials knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe that such items or materials will be used to manufacture a controlled substance or counterfeit substance.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than ten years."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Goodman of the 8th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 465.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 53, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 465.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 1015. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 47th, Hong of the 103rd, Wade of the 9th and others:

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

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 6, 2024

Honorable Shaw Blackmon
Chairman, House Ways and Means
133 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 1015 (LC 50 0620EC)

Dear Chairman Blackmon:

The bill would lower the state's personal income tax rate in tax year 2024 from the current 5.49 percent to 5.39 percent.

Impact on State Revenue
Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would decrease state revenue as shown in **Table 1**. Due to an implementation date late in FY 2024, the impact in FY 2024 is lower than a 12-month period and in FY 2025 is higher than 12-month period. The appendix provides details of the analysis.

Table 1. Estimated State Revenue Effects of LC 46 0723

($ *millions*)	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
Estimate	($45.1)	($361.3)	($305.0)	($321.5)	($337.2)	($353.7)

Impact on State Expenditures
The Department of Revenue would be able to implement the provisions of the bill with existing resources.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard E. Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center
HB 1437 and SB 56 established that the existing progressive tax rate system be replaced

by the single rate of 5.49 percent effective January 1, 2024. Subject to specific criteria, this rate would decline by 0.10 percent every year until the rate reaches 4.99 percent. The look-forward and look-back conditions that trigger these reductions are not impacted by the subject bill.

HB 1015 proposes to reduce the flat rate applicable beginning with TY 2024 from 5.49 to 5.39 percent. With the existing conditions in place, the rate could therefore be further reduced to 5.29 percent as early as TY 2025, 5.19 percent as early as TY 2026, and so forth until reaching 4.99 percent, if the conditions are met.

The fiscal impacts detailed in Table 1 are based on the following data as assumptions:

- The current personal income tax budget projections were used to establish the expected income tax base (i.e., Georgia taxable income) for tax years 2024–29, shown in Table 2 below.
- Current budget projections already anticipate the proposed 0.10 percent rate reduction. Thus, the estimated effects, shown in Table 2 as the revenue value of 0.1 percent of the tax base, represent a reduction not from budget projections but from current-law revenues projected under a 5.49 percent flat rate.
- This rate reduction would impact withholding upon passage with 16.6 percent of the TY 2024 affect impacting FY 2024 revenues and the remainder impacting FY 2025 assuming withholding is adjusted effective May 1st, 2024. The amount of the revenue impact realized in FY24 depends on the timing of enactment and implementation of new withholding table, an earlier implementation increasing the FY24 impact and reducing that of FY25, and vice versa for a later implementation.
- After the initial year, tax year effects are converted to fiscal years assuming that approximately 46 percent of the effect impacts the fiscal year ending June 30 of the given tax year and the balance impacting the following fiscal year.

Table 2. Taxable Income and Revenue on the Marginal 0.1% Reduction

($ millions)	**TY 2024**	**TY 2025**	**TY 2026**	**TY 2027**	**TY 2028**	**TY 2029**
Individual Tax Base	$270,276	$296,910	$314,469	$329,813	$345,840	$362,991
PIT Revenue from 0.1%	$270	$297	$314	$330	$346	$363
	FY 2024	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
Revenue Impact	$45.1	$361.3	$305.0	$321.5	$337.2	$353.7

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent

Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 12.

HB 1015, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3-20-24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1015. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Dixon of the 45th

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

HB 1023. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Crowe of the 118th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to match the rate of the tax imposed on corporations to that imposed on individual taxpayers; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to repeal the corporate

net worth tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 21, 2024

Honorable Shaw Blackmon
Chairman, House Ways and Means
133 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 1023 (LC 50 0662)

Dear Chairman Blackmon:

The bill would set the corporate income tax rate at the same level as the personal income tax, effectively changing the rate from 5.75 percent to the current law personal income tax rate of 5.49. The corporate income tax rate would be permanently set to be equal to the personal rate. The bill would be effective for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

Impact on State Revenue
Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center estimated that the bill would reduce state revenue as shown in Table 1. The amounts are shown assuming both a 5.49 percent rate and the proposed 5.39 percent rate. In both cases, fiscal year 2025 would be the first full year of the bill's impact. The appendix provides details of the analysis.

Table 1. Estimated State Revenue Effects of HB 1023 LC 50 0662

($ *millions*)	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
Repeal CNWT	($11.2)	($64.9)	($67.8)	($70.8)	($74.0)	($77.4)
Match CIT and PIT Rate						
Cost at 5.49%	($59.3)	($126.9)	($133.3)	($136.8)	($143.8)	($151.5)
Cost at 5.39%	($82.1)	($175.7)	($184.5)	($189.5)	($199.1)	($209.7)

Total						
Repeal CNWT CIT- 5.49%	($70.4)	($191.7)	($201.0)	($207.7)	($217.9)	($228.8)
Repeal CNWT CIT- 5.39%	($93.2)	($240.5)	($252.3)	($260.3)	($273.2)	($287.1)

Impact on State Expenditures
The Department of Revenue would be able to implement the provisions of the bill without additional resources.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard E. Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center
HB 1023 proposes to replace the current statutory corporate income tax (CIT) rate of 5.75 so that the CIT rate is equal to the statutory personal income tax rate in all years. HB 1437 and SB 56 established that the existing progressive tax rate system be replaced by the single rate of 5.49 percent effective January 1, 2024, with subsequent, conditional rate reductions of 0.10 percent per year until the rate reaches 4.99 percent.

The fiscal impacts detailed in Table 1 are based on the following data and assumptions:

- Current net CIT revenue projections from OPB were used to establish the expected amount of revenues for FY 2024–29, shown in Table 2 below.
- These revenues were adjusted to remove the portion attributable to corporate net worth and financial institutions business occupation taxes (CNWT and FIBOT, respectively), which are included in the total corporate tax projections but are not affected by this bill. Together, CNWT and FIBOT accounted for approximately 2.8 percent of the total for these and CIT during FY 2022 and 2023. The FY 2024–29 projected CIT revenues were reduced by this percentage to isolate CIT revenues.
- The current statutory rate of 5.75 percent was used to establish the expected corporate income tax base (i.e., Georgia taxable corporate income) for FY 2024–29.
- Corporations' tax years frequently do not start on January 1, creating variation in effective tax rates during the early portion of calendar year 2024. IRS national data as to shares of corporate taxable income reported by month of firms' tax year-ends were used to estimate pro forma effective tax rates for FY 2024–29.
- Low fiscal impact estimates are based on a constant PIT rate of 5.49 percent and high estimates are based on constant 5.39 percent.

Baseline revenues, pro forma effective tax rates, and projected CIT revenues based on these data and assumptions, for the 5.49 percent and 5.39 percent scenarios, are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Baseline (5.75%) and Pro Forma Projected State CIT Revenues

($ *millions*)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Current-Law CIT Baseline[1]	$2,961.9	$2,976.7	$2,946.9	$3,026.5	$3,180.8	$3,349.4
Pro Forma CIT Effective Tax Rates						
5.49%	5.63%	5.50%	5.49%	5.49%	5.49%	5.49%
5.39%	5.59%	5.41%	5.39%	5.39%	5.39%	5.39%
Pro Forma CIT Revenue						
5.49%	$2,902.6	$2,849.8	$2,813.6	$2,889.6	$3,037.0	$3,197.9
5.39%	$2,879.8	$2,801.0	$2,762.4	$2,837.0	$2,981.7	$3,139.7

[1] Excludes CNWT and FIBOT

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HB 1023 also proposes to repeal Article Four of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A, the CNWT. Current CNWT projections from OPB were used to establish the expected amount of revenues for FY 2024–29, shown in Table 3 below. 17.99 percent of FY CBWT collections were received between April and June, based on data from DOR for FY 2019-23. This share was used to estimate the FY 2024 reduction in collections.

Table 3. Baseline Corporate Net Worth Tax Collections

($ *millions*)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
CNWT Revenues	$62.1	$64.9	$67.8	$70.8	$74.0	$77.4

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.

Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 17.

HB 1023, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1083. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th and Jones of the 25th:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to adult residential mental health services licensing, so as to extend grace periods applicable to the Department of Community Health, including creation and promulgation of rules and regulations and the issuance of a one-time provisional license; to extend the grace period for adult residential mental health programs to obtain licensure and the time during which they may continue to operate before being deemed an "unlicensed adult residential mental health program"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
>
> Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Williams of the 25th asked unanimous consent that Senator Burns of the 23rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Burns was excused.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Robertson of the 29th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Robertson was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
E Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims

Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 1083, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1114. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to enact the "Data Analysis for Tort Reform Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for data collection from certain insurers, insurance rating organizations, and state agencies; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for data analysis; to provide for reports; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
E Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still

N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 28, nays 22.

HB 1114, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th gave notice that at the proper time he would move that the Senate reconsider its action on HB 1114.

The President advised the Senate that pursuant to Senate Rule 6-7.1 (a), the time for entertaining the motion for reconsideration would be prior to the confirmation of the Journal on the following legislative day.

HB 1122. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Ballard of the 147th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary and elementary education, so as to provide for funding requirements to apply to local education agencies; to provide for one superintendent for each state charter school; to provide for funding for local and state charter school principals; to increase opportunities for students to attend and be enrolled in the public schools where their parents or guardians are employed, including charter schools, regardless of school attendance zone or school system residency; to limit the application of certain state charter school conflict of interest provisions to executive-level employees, rather than all employees, of local boards of education or local school systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Brass of the 28th.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to HB 1122:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for funding requirements to apply to local education agencies; to provide for one superintendent for each state charter school; to provide for funding for local and state charter school principals; to make conforming changes; to provide for definitions; to increase opportunities for students to attend and be enrolled in the public schools where their parents or guardians are employed, including charter schools, regardless of school attendance zone or school system residency; to limit the application of certain state charter school conflict of interest provisions to executive-level employees, rather than all employees, of local boards of education or local school systems; to clarify that accountability ratings are a single numerical score based on indicators of quality of learning for each public school and school system in the state; to require timely publication of such scores; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-186, relating to allocation of funds for local systems to pay beginning salaries of superintendents, secretaries, accountants, nurses, and certain other personnel, and eligibility of failing schools for funds, as follows:

"20-2-186.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Local charter school' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 20-2-2062.

(2) 'Local education agency' means any local school system, any charter school subject to the provisions of Article 31 or 31A of this chapter, and any completion special school subject to the provisions of Article 31C of this chapter, except this shall not include local charter schools or system charter schools, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-2062, or college and career academies that are charter schools.

(3) 'State charter school' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 20-2-2081.

(b) Funds provided under this article shall include the following for local ~~systems~~ education agencies to pay, on a 12 month basis, the beginning salaries of superintendents, assistant superintendents, and principals and the salaries of secretaries, accountants, and nurses, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly:

(1) Each local ~~system~~ education agency shall earn, for any number of full-time equivalent students equal to or under 5,000, funds sufficient to pay the beginning salaries of a superintendent and two assistant superintendents and the salaries of a secretary and an accountant; and

(2) For numbers of full-time equivalent students over 5,000 and less than 10,001, funds

sufficient to pay the beginning salaries of a superintendent and four assistant superintendents and the salaries of a secretary and an accountant; and

(3) For numbers of full-time equivalent students over 10,000, funds sufficient to pay the beginning salaries of a superintendent and eight assistant superintendents and the salaries of a secretary and an accountant; and

(4) Each local education agency ~~local system shall earn funds for the 2000-2001 school year sufficient to pay the beginning salary of a principal for each school in the local school system with a principal of record for the preceding year. Thereafter, each local school system~~ shall earn funds sufficient to pay the beginning salary of a principal for each school in the local school system that reported a principal on the October certified personnel information report; provided, however, that any school which operates as a combination school, which is defined as any of the elementary grades, kindergarten through grade five, contiguous with one or more of the middle grades, grades six through eight; or as a combination school of any of the middle grades, grades six through eight, contiguous with one or more of the elementary grades or contiguous with one or more of the high school grades, grades nine through 12; or as a combination school of any of the high school grades, contiguous with one or more of the middle grades, shall earn funds sufficient to pay the beginning salary of a principal for each of the elementary, middle, or high school combinations. For purposes of this paragraph, 'contiguous' means grade levels in sequence, regardless of whether schools operating as a combination school are on the same campus sharing facilities or at different locations. Beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, funds cannot be earned for more than one principal's salary for schools on the same campus sharing facilities unless the schools operate as a combination school as defined in this paragraph with separate facility codes issued by the Department of Education. A local ~~school system~~ education agency shall earn funds in the midterm adjustment sufficient to pay the beginning salary of a principal for a new school, if not otherwise earning the funds, when the school has reported full-time equivalent program counts in the October count, has an approved new school facility code issued by the department, and has reported a principal on the October certified personnel information report under the new facility code. It is further provided that funds for the salary of a principal shall not be earned under this paragraph for an evening school or alternative school; and

(5) Each local ~~school system~~ education agency shall earn funding for one nurse for every 750 full-time equivalent students at the elementary school level and one nurse for every 1,500 full-time equivalent students at the middle and high school levels. Such funding shall have a ratio of one registered professional nurse to five licensed practical nurses. Such funding shall be based on a contract length of 180 days and shall be sufficient to pay 50 percent of the average salary and benefits, as determined by the Department of Education, for a registered professional nurse or for a licensed practical nurse; provided, however, that such amount shall be phased in so that, in Fiscal Year 2013, such amount shall be 40 percent and, in Fiscal Year 2014, such amount shall be 45 percent. Local school systems shall not be required to provide any local matching funds for school nurses to receive funds pursuant to this paragraph. Local school

systems that do not meet the minimum full-time equivalent student counts set out in this paragraph shall receive a base amount of funding. Each local school system shall expend 100 percent of the funds earned pursuant to this paragraph for salaries and benefits for school nurses.

~~(b)~~(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section regarding the number of and the funding earned for superintendents and principals:

(1) Each state charter school shall earn, for any number of full-time equivalent students, funds sufficient to pay the beginning salary of one superintendent;

(2) Each local charter school and state charter school that reported a principal on the October certified personnel information report and serves students in any of grades kindergarten through grade eight shall earn funds sufficient to pay the beginning salary of one principal for every 300 full-time equivalent students; provided, however, that no such school shall earn such funds for more than two principals; and

(3) Each local charter school and state charter school shall earn funds sufficient to pay the beginning salary of one principal for each school that reported a principal on the October certified personnel information report and serves grades nine through 12.

~~(b)~~(d) All program weights, when multiplied by the base amount, shall reflect sufficient funds to pay the beginning salaries of a visiting teacher using a base size of 2,475 full-time equivalent students, for costs of operating an administrative office for certain local school systems as deemed warranted by the department, and for workers' compensation and employment security payments for personnel at the central office, school, and program levels, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. Further, the program weights for all special education programs pursuant to Code Section 20-2-152, when multiplied by the base amount, shall reflect sufficient funds to pay the beginning salaries of special education leadership personnel essential and necessary for the effective operation of such programs in a base size local school system. Further, the program weights for all programs, when multiplied by the base amount, shall reflect sufficient funds to pay the beginning salaries of school psychologists and psychometrists essential and necessary for the effective operation of such programs in a local school system using a base size of 2,475 full-time equivalent students, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly; provided, however, that beginning with Fiscal Year 2016, such base size shall be 2,420 full-time equivalent students.

~~(c)~~(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section to the contrary, no local ~~school system~~ education agency shall earn funds under this Code section, except for funds for nurses, accountants, visiting teachers, school psychologists, and secretaries, if the local board of education or other public school governing body has not implemented in a failing school within the system the interventions, as defined in Code Section 20-14-41, that are prescribed by the State Board of Education."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to organization of schools and school systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-293, relating to student attending school in system

other than system of student's residence, as follows:

"(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section or any other general law, and except as provided by the General Assembly by local law, a student shall be allowed to attend and be enrolled in the school in which a parent or guardian of such student is a full-time teacher, ~~professional~~ paraprofessional, or other employee, notwithstanding the fact that such school is not located in the local unit of administration in which such student resides. Each local unit of administration shall be authorized to allow a student to attend and be enrolled in the school in which a parent or guardian of such student is a part-time teacher, paraprofessional, or other employee who works for at least 20 hours per school week on average measured monthly, notwithstanding the fact that such school is not located in the local unit of administration in which such student resides. Each ~~school system~~ local unit of administration of this state shall provide procedures to implement the provisions of this subsection."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Article 31 of Chapter 2, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," by revising divisions (1)(A)(iii) and (1)(B)(ii) of subsection (a) and paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2066, relating to admission, enrollment, and withdrawal of students, as follows:

"(iii) A student whose parent or guardian is a member of the governing board of the start-up charter school or is a full-time teacher~~, professional,~~ or a full-time or part-time paraprofessional or other employee at the start-up charter school;"

"(ii) A student whose parent or guardian is a member of the governing board of the conversion charter school or is a full-time teacher~~, professional,~~ or a full-time or part-time paraprofessional or other employee at the conversion charter school;"

"(3) A student whose parent or guardian is a member of the governing board of the state chartered special school or is a full-time teacher~~, professional,~~ or a full-time or part-time paraprofessional or other employee at the state chartered special school;"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Article 31A of Chapter 2, relating to state charter schools, by revising subparagraph (e)(2)(E) of Code Section 20-2-2084, relating to petition for charter schools, requirements of school, governing board membership, annual training, and simultaneous service prohibited, as follows:

"(E) Be an officer, member, or executive-level employee of a local board of education or ~~an employee of~~ a local school system."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 14, relating to accountability assessment, by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 20-14-33, relating to indicators of quality of learning in individual schools and school systems, comparison to state standards, rating schools and school systems, providing information, and uniform definition of "dropout" and "below grade level," as follows:

"(d)(1) The office, in coordination with the Department of Education, shall establish and annually calculate individual school and school system ratings, which shall be a single numerical score on a scale of 0-100, for each public school and school system in this state based on the indicators of quality of learning adopted pursuant to this Code section for student achievement, achievement gap closure, and student progress with a majority of the score based on student achievement.

(2) Each year within 30 days of the date upon which the calculations required in paragraph (1) of this subsection are complete:

(A) All individual school and school system ratings shall be published on the public websites of the office and the Department of Education;

(B) Each school system shall publish on its public website its school system rating and the individual school ratings of each school in such school system and links to the public websites provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

(C) Each public school that maintains a public website shall publish its individual school rating and links to the public websites provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph on such school's public website."

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Parent of the 42nd and Brass of the 28th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to HB 1122 (LC 49 1892S) by replacing lines 163 through 176 with the following:

annually calculate individual school and school system ratings~~, which shall be~~ as a single numerical score on a scale of 0-100, for each public school and school system in this state based on the indicators of quality of learning adopted pursuant to this Code section for student achievement, achievement gap closure, and student progress with a majority of the score based on student achievement. The Department of Education shall also establish the disaggregated components of the single score as ratings based on the indicators adopted pursuant to this Code section for student achievement.

(2) Each year within 30 days of the date upon which the calculations required in paragraph (1) of this subsection are complete:

(A) All individual school and school system single score and disaggregated component scores shall be published on the public websites of the office and the Department of Education as school and school system ratings;

(B) Each school system shall publish on its public website its school system ratings and the individual school ratings of each school in such school system and links to the public websites provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

(C) Each public school that maintains a public website shall publish its individual school ratings and link to the public websites provided for in subparagraph (A) of this

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Parent amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
E Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 1122, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1201. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Smith of the 18th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 17-10-21 and 35-3-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants and review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, respectively, so as to provide for the vacating of

sentences of victims of trafficking sentenced under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to first offenders; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 1201:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 15, 17, 35, and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, criminal procedure, law enforcement officers and agencies, and social services, respectively, so as to provide for certain services and protections for victims of trafficking; to provide for definitions; to provide for the vacating of certain sentences of victims of trafficking sentenced under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to first offenders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code Section 15-11-2, relating to definitions relative to the juvenile code, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(13.05) 'Commercial sexual exploitation recovery center' means a child-caring institution certified as a victim assistance program, as provided for in subsection (e) of Code Section 15-21-132, which provides full-time residential care and support services to youth through 18 years of age who are victims of sexual exploitation as defined in Code Section 49-5-40."

SECTION 2.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating criminal procedure, is amended in Code Section 17-10-21, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants, by revising paragraphs (1), (4), and (5) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) A defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced, or a defendant who was sentenced pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2, as a direct result of the defendant being the victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46 may petition the court imposing the sentence to vacate such conviction and sentence or the sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2. Such court shall maintain the jurisdiction, power, and authority to vacate such conviction and sentence."

"(4) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, consents in writing to the vacatur of such conviction or fails to respond to such petition within 30 days of service, the court

imposing the conviction and sentence or the sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 shall, without notice or hearing, issue an order vacating the conviction and sentence or the sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 and shall also issue an order restricting access to criminal history record information for such offense.

(5)(A) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, objects in writing to the petition, the court shall hold a hearing within 90 days of the filing of the petition. The court shall hear evidence and determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the defendant committed such offense as a direct result of being the victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46. If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the defendant committed such offense as a direct result of being the victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46, the court may issue an order vacating the conviction and sentence or the sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2. The vacatur of a sentence under this paragraph which was imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 shall result in the discharge and dismissal of the action.

(B) If such order to vacate is issued, the court shall also issue an order restricting access to criminal history record information for such offense and no fee shall be charged by the Georgia Crime Information Center or any other entity for restricting access to criminal history record information under this paragraph.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'restrict' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-37."

SECTION 3.

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended in Code Section 35-3-37, relating to review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, by revising paragraph (6) of subsection (j) as follows:

"(6)(A) A defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced, or a defendant who was sentenced pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2, while such individual was a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46 may petition the court imposing the sentence to restrict such conviction and the sentence or sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2. Such court shall maintain the jurisdiction, power, and authority to restrict such conviction and sentence.

(B) The defendant shall serve the petition provided for under paragraph (1) of this subsection upon the prosecuting attorney, and such petition:

(i) Shall be submitted on a form promulgated by the Attorney General; and

(ii) May include documentation of a defendant's status as a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46 at the time of the offense; provided, however, that official documentation shall not be required to obtain relief under this paragraph. Such documentation shall create a rebuttable presumption that the defendant was a victim of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46. As used in this subparagraph, the term 'official documentation' includes, but is not limited to, the

following:

(I) A copy of an official record, certification, or eligibility letter from a federal, state, tribal, or local proceeding showing that the defendant was a victim of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46;

(II) An affidavit, a letter, or sworn testimony from a member of the clergy, medical professional, member of a victim services organization, or certified, licensed, or registered professional from whom the defendant has sought assistance, counseling, or legal counsel related to his or her victimization; or

(III) Any other evidence that the court determines is of sufficient credibility or probative value.

(C) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, consents in writing to the restriction of such conviction and sentence or the sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 or fails to respond to such petition within 30 days of service, the court imposing the conviction and sentence or the sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 shall, without notice or hearing, issue an order restricting ~~the conviction and sentence~~ access to criminal history record information for such offense.

(D) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, objects in writing to the petition, the court shall determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the defendant committed such offense while such individual was a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46. If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the defendant committed such offense while such individual was a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46, the court may issue an order restricting ~~the conviction and sentence~~ access to criminal history record information for such offense. The court shall hold a hearing within 90 days of the filing of the petition to hear evidence for purposes of making a determination under this subparagraph or make a determination upon the pleadings or record.

(E) When the petition provided for under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is filed, it shall be filed under seal.

(F) For purposes of considering such petition, testimony from the defendant or any other party may be taken by the court by remote electronic means.

(G) No fee shall be charged to an individual for restricting access to criminal history record information under this paragraph."

SECTION 4.

Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended in Code Section 49-5-3, relating to definitions relative to children and youth services, by revising paragraphs (3) and (13) and by adding new paragraph to read as follows:

"(3) 'Child-caring institution' means any institution, society, agency, or facility, whether incorporated or not, which either primarily or incidentally provides full-time care for children through 18 years of age outside of their own homes, subject to such exceptions as may be provided in rules and regulations of the board. Such term includes a commercial sexual exploitation recovery center."

"(6.1) 'Commercial sexual exploitation recovery center' means a child-caring institution certified as a victim assistance program, as provided for in subsection (e) of Code Section 15-21-132, which provides full-time residential care and support services to youth through 18 years of age who are victims of sexual exploitation as defined in Code Section 49-5-40."

"(13) 'Maternity home' means any place in which any person, society, agency, corporation, or facility receives, treats, or cares for, within any six-month period, more than one pregnant woman whose child is to be born out of wedlock, either before, during, or within two weeks after childbirth. This definition shall not include women who receive maternity care in the home of a relative or in general or special hospitals, licensed according to law, in which maternity treatment and care is part of the medical services performed and the care of children is only brief and incidental. Such term shall not include a commercial sexual exploitation recovery center."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
E Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery

Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 1201, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 233. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Still of the 48th, Moore of the 53rd, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for the establishment of promise scholarship accounts to be funded by the state in the amount of $6,000.00 per school year for each participating student; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 233:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for the establishment of promise scholarship accounts and related matters; to provide for the creation of the Georgia Education Savings Authority as a state-wide authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for its membership, manner of appointment, terms of office, and powers and duties; to provide for keeping of records and maintenance of accounts; to prohibit certain conflicts; to provide for assignment of such authority to the Georgia Student Finance Commission for administrative purposes; to provide for promise scholarship accounts to be funded by the state in the amount of $6,500.00 per school year for each participating student, subject to certain adjustments; to provide for such adjustments; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualified education expenses; to provide for qualifications for students to participate in the promise scholarship account program; to provide for requirements for participating schools and service providers; to provide for accounts and account funds; to establish a parent review committee to review expenditures upon request; to provide for statutory construction; to

authorize the Georgia Student Finance Commission to participate in the promise scholarship account program and to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for annual report on the program by the commission; to provide for annual testing of participating students; to provide for audits by the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for an annual report by the Office of Student Achievement; to provide for statutory construction; to require the State Board of Education to provide for procedures for student transfers between local school systems; to provide that only the receiving local school system shall have the authority to grant or refuse permission for such transfers; to provide for caps on tuition that can be charged to a student by an enrolling local unit of administration; to change the Quality Basic Education Formula program weights for funding purposes; to provide that capital outlay funds may be used for educational facilities for certain voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided by the school system; to provide that student projection counts may include pre-kindergarten; to revise a provision for grants to low-performing schools applicable by a nonprofit corporation incorporated by the Georgia Foundation for Public Education for such purpose; to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to increase the limits available to individuals, heads of household, married couples filing joint returns, and individuals who are members of certain companies, corporations, or partnerships; to provide for married couples filing separate returns; to increase the maximum allowed amount of tax credits; to remove a restriction that such tax credit not be allowed if the taxpayer's qualified education donation is designated for the direct benefit of any particular school or program which the taxpayer's child or children attend; to extend an automatic repealer; to provide for effective dates and for contingent effectiveness and applicability as to certain parts; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for a grandfather provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 2B
ARTICLE 1

20-2B-1.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Board of directors' or 'board' means the board of directors of the education savings authority.
(2) 'Commission' means the Georgia Student Finance Commission.
(3) 'Director' means a member of the board of directors.

(4) 'Education savings authority' means the Georgia Education Savings Authority created by this article.

20-2B-2.
There is created a public authority, a body corporate and politic, to be known as the Georgia Education Savings Authority, which shall be deemed to be an instrumentality of this state and a nonprofit public corporation.

20-2B-3.
(a) **Functions and composition.** The education savings authority shall be governed and all of its corporate powers, duties, and functions shall be exercised by a board of directors. The board of directors shall be composed of the same persons who are serving as members of the board of commissioners of the commission pursuant to Code Section 20-3-234. The executive director of the education savings authority, or president, if designated by such title by the board of directors, shall be an ex officio member of the board of directors. No director shall be eligible to become an officer or employee of the education savings authority for a period of one year after expiration of the director's period of service as a director of the education savings authority.
(b) **Organization and conduct of affairs.** Subsections (c) through (h) of Code Section 20-3-234, pertaining to the commission and relative to officers of the board of commissioners, meetings of the board of commissioners, executive committee, other committees, compensation of commissioners, and advisory councils, inclusively, are incorporated by reference into this subsection and shall apply to the board of directors in the same manner as if fully set out, with conformable language, in this subsection. The board of directors shall organize and conduct its affairs in accordance with such provisions of law; provided, however:
(1) That nothing in this Code section shall be construed to mean that the board of directors must elect the same persons to serve as officers of the board of directors as are elected by the board of commissioners of the commission to serve as officers of the board of commissioners;
(2) That no person serving as a public commissioner of the commission and thereby as a director of the education savings authority shall receive more than one day's per diem plus actual expenses incurred for one day's service or portion thereof rendered to the state; and
(3) That the limitation as to the number of days during any fiscal year that per diem may be paid to a public commissioner of the commission shall be inclusive of services rendered by such person as a director of the education savings authority.

20-2B-4.
The executive director of the commission, or president, if designated by such title by the board of commissioners, shall serve as the executive director or president, if designated by such title by the board of directors, and chief executive officer of the education savings authority. The executive director shall provide for maintenance of accurate and

permanent minutes and records of all proceedings and activities of the board of directors and the education savings authority and shall be responsible for and authorized to implement and carry out all administrative powers, duties, and functions of the education savings authority in accordance with governing state and federal laws and rules, regulations, and policies prescribed by the board of directors. The treasurer of the commission shall serve as treasurer of the education savings authority. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds made available to or for the use of the education savings authority by the General Assembly or otherwise in accordance with law and as may be directed by the board of directors. The secretary of the commission shall serve as secretary of the education savings authority. Other officers of the commission who are assigned duties and responsibilities relative to the purposes of the education savings authority may be designated as officers of the education savings authority. The foregoing officers and all other employees, professional personnel, agents, experts, consultants, and persons employed or retained by the commission who are assigned duties and responsibilities relative to the purposes of the education savings authority shall perform such assigned duties and responsibilities in accordance with this article. Fidelity bond coverage of officers, employees, and members of the commission provided pursuant to paragraph (4) of Code Section 20-3-235 and covering such persons who are performing duties and responsibilities relative to the education savings authority pursuant to this article shall also be conditioned as to the insured and in such respects and for such sums as the board of directors determines necessary to protect the interests of the education savings authority.

20-2B-5.

(a) In addition to all other provisions of this chapter and in furtherance of the purposes of the education savings authority, the education savings authority shall have the following general powers, duties, and functions:

(1) The education savings authority shall establish and administer each student assistance program provided for in this chapter in accordance with the provisions of this article. Pursuant thereto, the education savings authority is further authorized:

(A) To adopt rules, regulations, and policies necessary, appropriate, or convenient for the administration of its affairs; the execution of its powers, duties, and functions; and the accomplishment of its corporate purposes, as prescribed in this chapter;

(B) To receive all moneys made available by the General Assembly or otherwise for the purposes of the education savings authority and to use such moneys in accordance with this chapter;

(C) To administer federal funds allotted to the education savings authority or to the state for use by the education savings authority in respect of programs provided for in federal laws, related matters, and related administrative costs;

(D) To enter into contracts and agreements with schools upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the education savings authority or otherwise agreed upon between the education savings authority and the school, not inconsistent with this chapter, applicable state or federal law, or agreements entered into between

the education savings authority and any federal or state agency;

(E) To require that schools located in the state shall designate one or more persons who shall be responsible for receiving and controlling and disbursing, delivering, or crediting to accounts, as the case may be, funds that are required to be or which may optionally be disbursed to, delivered to, or otherwise provided to the school under this chapter, for further disbursement, delivery, or credit to the account of students enrolled therein; and to provide for matters relative thereto;

(F) To require that schools located in the state or, with approval of the education savings authority, a combination of schools jointly shall provide fidelity bond coverage of school employees who have access to funds that may be routed through the school to students enrolled therein to the extent expressly authorized in this chapter, in such sums and conditioned in such respects and as to the insured as may be reasonably necessary to protect the interests of the education savings authority; and to provide for matters relative thereto;

(G) To limit, suspend, or terminate the participation of a school in any financial assistance program administered by the education savings authority, in accordance with rules and regulations of the education savings authority that are consistent with this chapter, applicable state or federal laws, and agreements entered into between the educations savings authority and the school or any federal or state agency; and to provide for such formal and informal procedures in regard thereto as may be appropriate;

(H) To require that reports, in such form and containing such information as the education savings authority may prescribe, be furnished to the education savings authority by schools as it may deem necessary for the effective performance of its powers, duties, and functions under this chapter;

(I) To require that such administrative and fiscal procedures be used by the education savings authority and schools as may be necessary to protect the financial interests of the education savings authority and to ensure proper and effective administration of programs administered by the education savings authority;

(J) To keep and maintain, and to require that schools keep and maintain, such records as may be determined to be necessary for proper and efficient administration of the programs under this chapter; and to require that such school records be made available to employees of the education savings authority for examination and inspection as may be necessary or appropriate;

(K) To secure data, except where specifically prohibited by state or federal law, from any state agency, department, instrumentality, political subdivision of the state, or any other source, for the purpose of verifying information submitted by a student or a parent when applying for or receiving any financial resources administered by the education savings authority under this chapter; and to pay costs incurred by the provider of such data;

(L) Except where specifically prohibited by state or federal law, to obtain from each state agency, department, instrumentality, and political subdivision information contained in its records relative to the present or last known address and telephone

number of a borrower, comaker, cosigner, or endorser, identified to the provider by name and social security number, and to pay costs incurred by the provider of such information; and each state agency, department, instrumentality, and political subdivision is authorized and directed to provide the information specified in this subparagraph to the education savings authority upon its request;

(M) To advertise or otherwise promote the programs, functions, and purposes of the education savings authority and to expend funds available to the education savings authority for such purposes;

(N) To solicit, receive, and accept funds from any source, public or private, by gift, grant, bequest, loan, or otherwise, either absolutely or in trust, and to hold, use, administer, and expend such funds on its behalf and for any of its corporate purposes; and to acquire from any source, public or private, by purchase, lease, gift, bequest, or devise, any property, real, personal, or mixed, either absolutely or in trust, and to hold, use, administer, and dispose of such property on its behalf and for any of its corporate purposes;

(O) To provide for procedures consistent with the provisions of this chapter for the filing, hearing, and determination of an appeal made by an aggrieved party of a decision made by the education savings authority in the administration of programs provided for in this chapter and for all matters relative thereto;

(P) To enter into agreements and undertakings as may be necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its powers, duties, and functions under this chapter;

(Q) To perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out effectively the purposes of the education savings authority under this chapter consistent with the provisions of this chapter;

(R) To adopt an official seal and alter the seal at its pleasure;

(S) To maintain a principal office and such other offices as may be appropriate;

(T) To adopt bylaws and policies for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;

(U) To bring and defend actions in the name of the education savings authority and to plead and be impleaded;

(V) To do any and all things necessary, desirable, convenient, or incidental for the accomplishment of the objectives of this chapter and to exercise any power usually possessed by private corporations performing similar functions which is not in conflict with the public purposes of the education savings authority or the Constitution and laws of this state, including, but not limited to:

(i) The power to retain accounting and other financial services;

(ii) The power to purchase all kinds of insurance, including, without limitation, insurance against tort liability and against risks of damage to property;

(iii) The power to indemnify and hold harmless any parties contracting with the education savings authority or its agents from damage to persons or property; and

(iv) The power to act as a self-insurer with respect to any loss or liability and to create insurance reserves;

(W) To appoint officers, agents, and employees, to prescribe their duties and

qualifications, and to fix their compensation, as provided in this article; and

(Y) To incorporate one or more nonprofit corporations to aid the education savings authority in carrying out any of its powers, duties, and functions. Any such nonprofit corporation created pursuant to this subparagraph shall be a body corporate and politic and shall be created pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' and the Secretary of State shall be authorized to accept such filing. Upon dissolution of any such nonprofit corporation, any assets of such nonprofit corporation shall revert to the education savings authority or to any successor to the education savings authority, or failing such succession, to the State of Georgia. The education savings authority shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or bonds of any such nonprofit corporation or for the actions or omissions to act of any such nonprofit corporation unless the education savings authority so consents;

(2) Employees of the commission may perform management, supervisory, administrative, and clerical functions required by the education savings authority, and the commission will be compensated for such expenses as directed by the board of directors;

(3) To service or contract for the servicing of educational loans, including the servicing of such loans by the education savings authority on behalf of others, to contract in advance for the servicing of loans for educational purposes, and to contract for the performance by the education savings authority of loans for educational purposes; and

(4) To the extent that this article is inconsistent with any other state general or special law, rule, or regulation, this article shall be controlling.

(b) Pursuant to Code Section 50-18-70, the education savings authority shall not disclose and shall keep confidential, in each case unless identifying information has been redacted:

(1) Records that include information identifying a student or former student by name, address except for ZIP Code, telephone number, or emergency contact; and

(2) Records that reveal an individual's social security number, mother's birth name, credit card information, debit card information, bank account information, account number, utility account number, password used to access his or her account, financial data or information, insurance or medical information in all records, unlisted telephone number if so designated in a public record, personal email address or cellular telephone number, or month and day of birth.

(c) Except as prohibited by federal or state law and as limited by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 18-4-5, individuals who owe any amount to the education savings authority relating to any loan, scholarship, or grant made by the education savings authority, including loan repayments and refunds, are, without judicial action, subject to garnishment of their pay, loss of a professional license, offset of lottery winnings, and offset of a state tax refund in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the education savings authority. As used in this subsection, the term 'refund' means scholarship and grant amounts paid to or on behalf of individuals, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the education savings authority, subsequently determined to be ineligible to receive such scholarship and grant amounts. The remedies

set forth in this subsection shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law and in equity.

20-2B-6.
The education savings authority shall maintain a system of accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and standard accounting procedures and systems established by the state, where applicable, which shall, among other things, properly identify and account for all funds received by the education savings authority, the source of such funds, and all expenditures of the education savings authority. Agency, federal, and other funds of the education savings authority determined to be available for such purposes may be used to pay expenses and operating costs incurred by the education savings authority, including payments to the commission to defray expenses and operating costs of the education savings authority or to be paid by the commission for or on behalf of the education savings authority. No funds of the education savings authority shall lapse to the state as of the close of any fiscal year.

20-2B-7.
If any director, officer, or employee of the education savings authority shall be interested, either directly or indirectly, or shall be a director, officer, or employee of or have an ownership interest in, other than a noncontrolling stockholder interest, or the substantial equivalent thereof, in a lender or school, any firm or corporation interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract with the education savings authority, except any agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the state, such interest shall be disclosed to and shall be set forth in the minutes of the education savings authority; and the director, officer, or employee having such interest therein shall not participate on behalf of the education savings authority or such party in the negotiation or the authorization of the contract. No provision of this article shall be construed, however, to prevent any otherwise eligible director, officer, or employee of the education savings authority or member of his or her family from being eligible to apply for and receive financial aid assistance provided for under this chapter.

20-2B-8.
The education savings authority is assigned to the commission for administrative purposes only."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended by adding a new article to Chapter 2B to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

20-2B-20.
This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Promise Scholarship Act.'

20-2B-21.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Account' or 'promise scholarship account' means a consumer directed account established pursuant to this article and composed of state funds deposited on behalf of a participating student and which may be used for qualified education expenses.
(2) 'Account funds' means the funds awarded on behalf of a participating student.
(3) 'Curriculum' or 'curricula' means a complete course of study for a particular content area or grade level, including any supplemental materials required by the course of study.
(4) 'Education savings authority' means the Georgia Education Savings Authority.
(5) 'Parent' means a biological parent, legal guardian, custodian, or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a student.
(6) 'Participating school' means a private school that has notified the education savings authority of its intention to participate in the program, that complies with the education savings authority's requirements, and that meets the requirements of Code Section 20-2B-23.
(7) 'Participating student' means a student for whom an account has been established pursuant to this article.
(8) 'Private school' means a nonpublic school, sectarian or nonsectarian, which is accredited or in the process of becoming accredited by a recognized accrediting agency, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-14-96, or by one or more of the entities listed in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6) of Code Section 20-3-519.
(9) 'Program' means the account program provided pursuant to this article.
(10) 'Qualified education expenses' means any one or more of the following:
(A) Tuition, fees, and required textbooks for eligible core courses and eligible CTAE courses, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, at a participating school, accredited community college or postsecondary education institution, or nonpublic online learning program or course;
(B) Tutoring services provided by an educator certified by the Professional Standards Commission;
(C) Payment for the purchase of a curriculum, including any supplemental materials required by the curriculum;
(D) Services from a physician or therapist licensed pursuant to Chapter 10A, 28, 33, 34, or 44 of Title 43, including, but not limited to, for occupational, behavioral, physical, or speech-language therapies;
(E) No more than $500.00 per year to a fee-for-service transportation provider for transportation to or from a participating school or service provider;
(F) Fees for the management of account funds in accordance with subsection (e) of

Code Section 20-2B-26;

(G) Other expenses authorized by the State Board of Education or the education savings authority; or

(H) Individual education expenses authorized by a majority of the parent review committee as provided for in Code Section 20-2B-25.

(11) 'Resident school system' means the public school system in which the student would be enrolled based on his or her residence.

(12) 'Service provider' means a person or entity that provides services that are covered as qualified education expenses other than a participating school.

20-2B-22.

(a) A student shall qualify for a promise scholarship account under this article if:

(1) The student's parent resides within Georgia and has been a Georgia resident for at least one year; provided, however, that such one-year residency requirement shall not apply if the student's parent is an active duty military service member stationed in Georgia within the previous year;

(2) The student is currently enrolled and has been continuously enrolled in a Georgia public school for a period of time that includes at least two consecutive enrollment counts conducted pursuant to Code Section 20-2-160; provided, however, that such enrollment requirement shall not apply to a child who meets all other qualifications provided for in this subsection and is eligible to enroll in a qualified kindergarten program of the public school in which such child would be enrolled based on his or her residence;

(3) The student resides in the attendance zone of a public school that is included on the list of public schools provided for in Code Section 20-2B-29;

(4) The student does not meet any of the ineligibility criteria provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1;

(5)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the student's family income does not exceed 400 percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget.

(B) In the event that the amount of funds appropriated for the program exceeds the amount of funds necessary to include all students who meet the family income requirement provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and the student:

(i) Is already a participating student; or

(ii) Timely submitted an application for an account to the education savings authority by either of the two quarterly application deadlines immediately preceding July 1 as provided for in paragraph (9) of this subsection,

the student's family income exceeds 400 percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget; provided, however, that from among students provided for in this subparagraph, students who previously participated in the program shall be prioritized;

(6) The student is not the recipient or beneficiary of a scholarship or other benefit provided for under Article 33 of Chapter 2 of this title, the 'Georgia Special Needs

Scholarship Act,' nor shall the student or the student's parent seek to receive such scholarship or other benefit at any time during which such student is a participating student;

(7) The student is not the recipient or beneficiary of a scholarship, tuition grant, or other benefit from a student scholarship organization, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2A-1, nor shall the student or the student's parent seek to receive such scholarship, tuition grant, or other benefit at any time during which such student is a participating student;

(8) The student's parent signs an agreement promising:

(A) To provide an education for the student in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies, and science;

(B) Not to enroll the student in a local school system school, local charter school, state charter school, or completion special school while participating in the program; provided, however, that this subparagraph shall not be construed to prohibit students from part-time enrollment in a college and career academy, as such term is defined in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-37, which has been approved by the education savings authority to be a service provider; and

(C) To use account funds only for the student's qualified education expenses; and

(9) The student's parent submits an application for an account to the education savings authority no later than the deadline established by the education savings authority; provided, however, that the education savings authority shall provide quarterly application periods and deadlines that correspond with quarterly funding dates pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2B-24.

(b) Upon acceptance of the account, the parent assumes full financial responsibility for the education of the participating student, including transportation to and from the participating school or service provider.

(c) Students enrolled in a school operated by the Department of Juvenile Justice are not eligible for the program.

(d) A participating student shall continue to be eligible to receive account funds until the student returns to a public school, graduates from high school, or reaches the age of 20 years, or for special education students, reaches the age of 21 years; provided, however, that a student who participated in the program for any length of time before returning to a public school must submit a new application for an account in order to participate in the program for a second or subsequent time; and provided, further, that such students shall be prioritized for participation in the program over students who have not previously participated in the program, except as otherwise provided for in this article.

(e) The creation of the program or the granting of an account pursuant to this article shall not be construed to imply that a public school did not provide a free and appropriate public education for a participating student or constitute a waiver or admission by the state. A participating student's resident school system shall not be obligated to provide services to such student that would be required if such student were enrolled in such school system unless the student reenrolls in the resident school system.

(f) Any account funds directed to a participating school or service provider are so

directed on behalf of the participating student's parent, the recognized recipient of such participating student's account funds, and wholly as a result of the genuine and independent private choice of the parent.

(g) The parent of each student participating in the program shall comply fully with the participating school or service provider's rules and policies.

(h) Any parent who fails to comply with the provisions of this article and education savings authority regulations relating to the program shall forfeit the account and all account funds therein.

20-2B-23.

(a) To be eligible to enroll a participating student, a participating school shall:

(1) Demonstrate fiscal soundness by having been in operation for one school year or by submitting a financial information report for the school that complies with uniform financial accounting standards established by the education savings authority and conducted by a certified public accountant. The report shall confirm that the school desiring to participate is insured and the owner or owners of such school have sufficient capital or credit to operate the school for the upcoming school year serving the number of students anticipated with expected revenues from tuition and other sources that may be reasonably expected. The report shall be limited in scope to those records that are necessary for the education savings authority to make a determination on fiscal soundness of the school;

(2)(A) Beginning on August 1 of the first year following the year in which this article becomes effective and by August 1 each year thereafter, submit to the education savings authority and the Department of Education a report of:

(i) The aggregate data of student attendance rates and course completion rates for eligible core courses and eligible CTAE courses, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, of all participating students enrolled in such participating school;

(ii) The dates of enrollment for each participating student enrolled in such participating school during the previous school year; and

(iii) The amount of account funds, if any, received on behalf of each participating student during the previous school year.

(B) Beginning on August 1 of the fourth year following the year in which this article becomes effective and by August 1 each year thereafter, submit to the education savings authority and the Department of Education a report of the on-time graduation rate of participating students enrolled in such participating school. For purposes of this subparagraph, the on-time graduate rate shall be calculated using the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate criteria which are used by the Department of Education for state and federal accountability purposes;

(3) Comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d;

(4) Comply with all health and safety laws or codes that apply to private schools;

(5) Comply with all provisions of Code Section 20-2-690 and any other state law applicable to private schools; and

(6) Be located in Georgia.

(b) A participating school or service provider may apply to the education savings authority to participate in the program and accept account funds for providing services covered as qualified education expenses.

(c) The education savings authority shall, not later than 60 days after receiving a participating school's or service provider's application for approval, notify such school or service provider as to whether its application has been approved or denied. If the education savings authority denies an application, the education savings authority shall provide a reason and notify the school or service provider that it may appeal the decision to the parent review committee created pursuant to Code Section 20-2B-25.

(d) A participating school and service provider shall not refund, rebate, or share account funds with a parent or student in any manner.

(e) The creation of the program shall not be construed to expand the regulatory authority of the state, its officers, or any local school system to impose any additional regulation of nonpublic schools beyond those reasonably necessary to enforce the requirements of this article.

(f) The education savings authority shall not require a participating school or service provider to alter such school's or provider's creed, practices, admission policies, employment policies, or curricula in order to receive account funds under the program.

(g) A participating school or service provider shall not be deemed an agent of the state or federal government as a result of participating in the program or accepting account funds.

20-2B-24.

(a)(1) The total amount of state funds allotted to the program each fiscal year shall not exceed 1 percent of the total appropriation for the Quality Basic Education Program in the General Appropriations Act from the previous fiscal year.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, upon this article becoming effective, the account funds granted to each participating student pursuant to this article shall be $6,500.00 for the first school year. Each subsequent school year, the amount of account funds granted to each participating student shall reflect austerity adjustments, if any, and shall be adjusted by an amount equal to the difference between:

(A) The product of multiplying the base amount provided for in Code Section 20-2-161 for the current school year by the percentage at which the Quality Basic Education Formula is initially funded for such school year; and

(B) The base amount provided for in Code Section 20-2-161 for the previous school year.

(3) In the event that the total amount of state funds allotted to the program in a fiscal year is not sufficient to provide 100 percent of the amount of account funds to be granted to each participating student as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the amount of account funds to be granted to each participating student shall be adjusted according to rules and regulations adopted by the education savings authority as provided for in Code Section 20-2B-26; provided, however, that such rules and

regulations shall provide that such adjustment of account funds for students whose family income does not exceed 400 percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget shall be no more than 50 percent of the adjustment of account funds for students whose family income exceeds 400 percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget.

(b)(1) When a student enters the program, the education savings authority shall receive all documentation required for the student's participation during a quarterly enrollment period as provided for in paragraph (9) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2B-22 before the first quarterly account payment is made for the student.

(2) Upon proper documentation received by the education savings authority, the education savings authority shall make quarterly payments to the account of a participating student, beginning with the first quarterly payment that corresponds with the enrollment period in which the student's application was received. As nearly as practical, such quarterly payments shall be equal. The state auditor shall cite as an audit exception any failure by the education savings authority to meet any payment deadlines and shall include such audit exceptions on the website established pursuant to Code Section 50-6-32.

(3) The education savings authority shall develop a system for parents to direct account funds to participating schools and service providers by electronic funds transfer, automated clearing-house transfer, or another system that the education savings authority finds to be commercially viable, cost-effective, and easy for parents of participating students to use. The education savings authority shall not adopt a system that relies solely on reimbursing parents for out-of-pocket expenses, but may determine certain qualified education expenses that must require reimbursement or preapproval for purchase. The education savings authority is authorized to qualify private financial management firms to manage the payment system. The education savings authority, at its discretion, shall be authorized to create a system of individually funded accounts or notional accounts funded through a single state omnibus account.

(4) If the participating school requires partial payment of tuition prior to the start of the academic year to reserve space for students admitted to the school, such partial payment may be paid by the education savings authority prior to the first quarterly payment of the year in which the account is awarded, up to a maximum of $1,000.00, and deducted from subsequent account payments. If a student decides not to attend the participating school, the partial reservation payment shall be returned to the education savings authority by such school. Only one reservation payment per student may be made per school year.

(c) Funds received pursuant to this Code section shall not constitute taxable income of the parent of the participating student.

(d) Funds deposited into an account shall be used only for qualified education expenses for the participating student. Unused funds in an account, up to an amount not greater than 50 percent of the total funds deposited into the account for the current school year, shall roll over to the following school year; provided, however, that, if an account has

been inactive for two consecutive school years or the participating student graduates from high school, the funds in such account shall be returned to the state general fund and the account shall be closed.

(e) Nothing in this article shall be deemed to prohibit a parent or student from making a payment for any tuition, fee, service, or product described in this article from a source other than the account funds of the student.

20-2B-25.

(a) To assist in the determination of whether certain expenses meet the requirements to be considered a qualified education expense under this article, a parent review committee shall be established.

(b)(1) The parent review committee shall comprise one person with relevant knowledge, skills, and abilities and eight parents of participating students appointed by the executive director of the education savings authority. Four of the parents shall reside in local school systems with student enrollment greater than 10,000, and four of the parents shall reside in local school systems with student enrollment less than 10,000.

(2)(A) Members of the parent review committee shall serve for staggered three-year terms and may be reappointed; provided, however, that no individual shall be permitted to serve more than three terms.

(B) The education savings authority shall adopt rules for staggering the terms of members as required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(3) The executive director of the education savings authority or his or her designee shall serve as the chairperson of the parent review committee and shall only vote in the event of a tie.

(c) The education savings authority may request the parent review committee to determine whether an expenditure of account funds from an account qualifies as a qualified education expense under this article.

(d) The education savings authority may request the parent review committee to review appeals of participating schools or service provider application denials pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2B-23.

20-2B-26.

(a) The education savings authority shall adopt rules and regulations as necessary for the administration of the program and shall include rules and regulations prioritizing the selection of economically disadvantaged students over non-economically disadvantaged students and prioritizing participating students and students who previously were participating students over new applicants if either the number of participating students or the number of applications for accounts exceeds the funds available for the program. The education savings authority shall adopt rules and regulations regarding eligibility and participation of participating schools and service providers, including, but not limited to, timelines that will maximize student and private school participation, the calculation and distribution of accounts to participating students, and the application and approval procedures for participating students, participating schools, and service providers. The

education savings authority shall develop and utilize a compliance form for completion by participating schools and service providers. The education savings authority shall be authorized to require any pertinent information as it deems necessary from participating schools and service providers for the purpose of implementing the program. Participating schools and service providers shall be required to complete such forms and certify their accuracy.

(b) No liability shall arise on the part of the education savings authority or the state or of any local board of education based on the award or use of an account awarded pursuant to this article.

(c) The education savings authority shall have the authority to:

(1) Examine and audit accounts and records of participating student accounts, or contract for such examining and auditing of accounts, and shall, at a minimum, conduct random audits on an annual basis;

(2) Take or require that such corrective, remedial, or preventive actions be taken as may be necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the education savings authority, the state, the United States, schools, students, and the public at large; and

(3) Make any parent or participating student ineligible for the program in the event of misuse of account funds.

(d) The education savings authority shall have the authority to refer cases of substantial misuse of account funds to the Attorney General for investigation if evidence of fraudulent use is obtained.

(e) The education savings authority may deduct an amount from accounts to cover the costs of overseeing and administering the program, up to a maximum of 5 percent annually.

(f) The education savings authority may contract with a qualified organization to administer the program or specific functions of the program.

(g) The education savings authority shall provide parents of participating students with an explanation of the allowable uses of account funds, the responsibilities of parents, and the duties of the education savings authority.

20-2B-27.

(a)(1) In order to allow parents and taxpayers to measure the achievements of the program, the education savings authority shall annually approve no fewer than three nationally norm-referenced tests that measure student academic progress in math and language arts.

(2) Private schools enrolling participating students shall ensure that at least one of the following is administered each school year to each participating student:

(A) A nationally norm-referenced test approved by the education savings authority, as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

(B) A state-wide assessment administered pursuant to Code Section 20-2-281, if such participating student is enrolled in a grade for which such state-wide assessment is administered. Such state-wide assessment shall be made available to such participating student by his or her resident school system.

(3) The education savings authority shall develop a process for the annual administration of the nationally norm-referenced tests and the state-wide assessments provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection and for the collection of results for participating students not enrolled full time in a private school.

(b) The results of such norm-referenced tests and state-wide assessments shall be provided to and collected by the education savings authority or an organization chosen by the education savings authority on an annual basis.

(c) Student information shall be reported and collected in a manner that allows the state to aggregate data by grade level, gender, race, socioeconomic status, and English language proficiency.

(d) The education savings authority or an organization chosen by the education savings authority shall collect information regarding the high school graduation rate of all participating students.

20-2B-28.

(a) The education savings authority shall provide the General Assembly not later than December 1 of each year with a report regarding the program for the previous fiscal year. Such report shall also be posted on the education savings authority's public website.

(b) The report shall include, but not be limited to, numbers and demographics of participating students and numbers of participating schools. The report shall also include:

(1) Participating student performance on nationally norm-referenced tests or state-wide assessments, including aggregate information on long-term performance gains;

(2) The level of satisfaction with the program from parents of participating students;

(3) The percentage of funds used for each type of qualified education expense included in paragraph (11) of Code Section 20-2B-21; and

(4) The fiscal impact to the state and resident school systems of the program, taking into consideration both the impact on revenue and the impact on expenses. The fiscal savings associated with students departing public schools shall be explicitly quantified, even if the public school losing the student or students does not reduce its spending.

(c) The report shall apply appropriate analytical and behavioral science methodologies to ensure public confidence in such report.

(d) The report shall protect the identity of participating students through whatever means the education savings authority deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, by keeping anonymous all disaggregated data and complying with state and federal guidelines for student privacy. The names of participating schools and the number of participating students at each such school shall be included in the report.

(e) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall audit the program annually. Audit reports, including, but not limited to, any findings and recommendations by the Department of Audits and Accounts, shall be included in the first annual report submitted by the education savings authority pursuant to this Code section following completion of each audit of the program by the Department of Audits and Accounts. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of the Department of Audits and Accounts to conduct an audit at any time.

20-2B-29.
(a) In the annual report required by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-27, the Office of Student Achievement shall include a separate list of public schools that performed in the lowest 25 percent of all public schools based on the cumulative individual school ratings, as provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 20-14-33, for the two most recent school years for which the Office of Student Achievement issued such ratings; provided, however, that in the event of a tied rating, the public school with the lower performance in student achievement shall be prioritized; provided, further, however, that such list shall not include any school with more than 50 percent of its enrolled students assigned to an education program provided for in Code Section 20-2-154.1.
(b) By December 1 of each year, the Office of Student Achievement shall publish on its website the list provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

20-2B-30.
The provisions of this article shall not apply or be construed to apply to any student in a home study program provided for in Code Section 20-2-690 unless such student is a participating student as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2B-21.

20-2B-31.
(a) Nothing in this article shall be construed to alter or otherwise impact how the full-time equivalent (FTE) program count for each local school system is obtained as provided in Code Section 20-2-160 or how the total funds needed for the Quality Basic Education Program for each local school system are calculated as provided in Code Section 20-2-161. Until such time as a student is withdrawn from enrollment in a local school system in conjunction with qualifying for and accepting a promise scholarship account under this article, such student shall be included in the FTE program count for the local school system in which he or she is enrolled on all dates specified for such counts as provided in Code Section 20-2-160 and for such purposes as provided in Code Section 20-2-161.
(b) Nothing in this article shall be construed to alter or otherwise impact the right of parents to enroll their children in a public school that is located within the school system in which the student resides other than the one to which the student has been assigned by the local board of education if such school has classroom space available after its assigned students have been enrolled, as provided in Code Section 20-2-2131."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is amended further in Code Section 20-3-231, relating to legislative findings and purposes of commission, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) **Purpose of commission.** The purpose of the commission shall be to help improve the higher educational opportunities of citizens and persons in this state by serving as an agency and budget unit within the executive branch of state government for the purpose of carrying out and effectuating the powers, duties, and functions set forth in this part and in Chapter 2B of this title."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-161, relating to the Quality Basic Education Formula, as follows:

"(b) As the cost of instructional programs varies depending upon the teacher-student ratios and specific services typically required to address the special needs of students enrolled, state authorized instructional programs shall have the following program weights and teacher-student ratios:

(1) Kindergarten program	~~1.6724~~ 1.6901 weight and 1 to 15 ratio
(2) Kindergarten early intervention program	~~2.0678~~ 2.0951 weight and 1 to 11 ratio
(3) Primary grades program (1-3)	~~1.2948~~ 1.3029 weight and 1 to 17 ratio
(4) Primary grades early intervention program (1-3)	~~1.8180~~ 1.8388 weight and 1 to 11 ratio
(5) Upper elementary grades program (4-5)	~~1.0390~~ 1.0417 weight and 1 to 23 ratio

(6) Upper elementary grades early intervention program (4-5)	~~1.8125~~ 1.8340 weight and 1 to 11 ratio
(7) Middle school program (6-8)	~~1.1380~~ 1.1439 weight and 1 to 20 ratio
(8) High school general education program (9-12)	1.0000 weight and 1 to 23 ratio
(9) Career, technical, and agricultural education laboratory program (9-12)	~~1.1830~~ 1.1762 weight and 1 to 20 ratio
(10) Program for persons with disabilities: Category I.....	~~2.4118~~ 2.4763 weight and 1 to 8 ratio
(11) Program for persons with disabilities: Category II	~~2.8402~~ 2.9213 weight and 1 to 6.5 ratio
(12) Program for persons with disabilities: Category III	~~3.6188~~ 3.7151 weight and 1 to 5 ratio

(13) Program for persons with disabilities:
Category IV ..... ~~5.8710~~ 6.0106 weight and 1 to 3 ratio

(14) Program for persons with disabilities:
Category V ..... ~~2.4737~~ 2.5307 weight and 1 to 8 ratio

(15) Program for intellectually gifted students:
Category VI ..... ~~1.6794~~ 1.7340 weight and 1 to 12 ratio

(16) Remedial education program ..... ~~1.3576~~ 1.3698 weight and 1 to 15 ratio

(17) Alternative education program ..... ~~1.4881~~ 1.5026 weight and 1 to 15 ratio

(18) English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program ..... ~~2.5892~~ 2.6313 weight and 1 to 7 ratio"

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in Part 10 of Article 6, relating to capital outlay funds under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) and subsection (m) of Code Section 20-2-260, relating to capital outlay funds generally, as follows:

"(5) 'Educational facilities' shall include buildings, fixtures, and equipment necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the program of public education required by this article and of any voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided and operated by the local school system as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program, which, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include: classrooms; libraries; rooms and space for physical education; space for fine arts; restrooms; specialized laboratories; cafeterias; media centers; building equipment; building fixtures; furnishings; career, technical, and agricultural education labs and facilities to support industry credentialing; related exterior facilities; landscaping and paving; and similar items which the State Board of Education may determine necessary. The following facilities are specifically excluded: swimming pools, tracks, stadiums, and other facilities or portions of facilities used primarily for athletic competition and the central and area administrative offices of local units of administration."

"(m) The State Board of Education shall implement a computerized student projection program for each school system in Georgia as a component of the state-wide comprehensive educational information system. The program shall be used in this subsection to forecast facility needs in each system by projecting full-time equivalent student counts for each grade level and shall be written in the educational facilities survey. The projection program methodology at least must correlate live-birth data to full-time equivalent student counts and project full-time equivalent student counts for each of the grades, including kindergarten, for each of the next five years using cohort survival and may include projected student counts for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided and operated or anticipated to be provided and operated by the school system as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Said title is further amended in Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to organizations of schools and systems, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-293, relating to student attending school in system other than system of student's residence, as follows:

"(a)(1) The provisions of this article and other statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, the State Board of Education ~~is authorized to~~ shall provide a procedure whereby a student shall~~, for such compelling reasons and circumstances as may be specified by the state board,~~ be permitted to attend and to be included as an enrolled student in the public schools of a local unit of administration other than the local unit of administration wherein the student resides for the purpose of allotting state funds under this article, notwithstanding absence of an agreement between the two local units and a refusal by the board of education of the local unit wherein the student resides to approve voluntarily such transfer of the student to the public schools of the other local unit; provided, however, that the board of education of the local unit is willing to receive and to permit such student to enroll in and to attend the public schools of such local unit. The state board shall adopt such rules, regulations, and policies as may be necessary for

implementation of this Code section. Grant or refusal of permission for students to attend such schools, for the purpose of permitting state funds to follow such students, shall be ~~entirely discretionary with the state board and shall, in the absence of a clear abuse of discretion by the state board, be final and conclusive~~ subject only to approval of the enrolling student and the local unit of administration in which the student seeks to enroll. Local units of administration may contract with each other for the care, education, and transportation of students and for such other activities as they may be authorized by law to perform.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing thereafter, if a local unit of administration enrolls a student pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection and requires the student to pay tuition, the amount of tuition such local unit of administration may charge to such student shall not exceed total revenues less federal revenues less state revenues per full-time equivalent student for the local unit of administration that enrolls such student."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 2, relating to the State Board of Education, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (g.1) of Code Section 20-2-14.1, relating to the Georgia Foundation for Public Education, authorization to accept transfers of certain property held in trust by State Board of Education, authorization for nonprofit corporation, authorization to receive donations from taxpayers, requirements, and annual report, as follows:

"(g.1)(1) Effective January 1, 2022, a nonprofit corporation incorporated by the foundation pursuant to this Code section shall be authorized to receive donations from taxpayers pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.21 for the purpose of awarding grants to public schools for:

(A) The ~~the~~ implementation of academic and organizational innovations to improve student achievement~~, with priority given to~~ ; provided, however, that schools that have performed in the lowest ~~5~~ 25 percent of schools in this state identified in accordance with the state-wide accountability system established in the state plan pursuant to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act shall be prioritized to ensure that the total amount of grants awarded to such schools shall never be less than 200 percent of the total amount of grants awarded to all other schools~~,~~; and

(B) The ~~for the~~ dissemination of information regarding successful innovations to other public schools in this state.

(2) Funds received by the nonprofit corporation for such purpose may be awarded through a competitive grant process administered by the foundation. The criteria for awarding such grants shall include the potential to which the innovation is likely to result in the proposed improvement, the potential for widespread adoption of such innovation by other public schools in the state, the quality of the proposed project design, the reasonableness of the costs involved in conducting the project, and such

other criteria which the foundation may deem appropriate and necessary.

(3) The General Assembly may appropriate funds for purposes of this nonprofit corporation beginning in Fiscal Year 2022."

SECTION 5-2.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Article 2 of Chapter 7, relating to imposition, rate, computations, exemptions, and credits regarding income taxes, by revising subsections (b), (d), (f), and (j) of Code Section 48-7-29.21, relating to tax credits for qualified education donations for the purpose of awarding grants to public schools, as follows:

"(b) An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified education donations as follows:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, the actual amount donated or ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,500.00 per tax year, whichever is less;

(2) In the case of a married couple filing:

(A) A ~~a~~ joint return, the actual amount donated or ~~$2,500.00~~ $5,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or

(B) Separate returns, the actual amount donated per individual per tax year or $2,500.00 per individual per tax year, whichever is less; or

(3) Anything to the contrary contained in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection notwithstanding, in the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, the amount donated or ~~$10,000.00~~ $25,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; provided, however, that tax credits pursuant to this paragraph shall only be allowed for the portion of the income on which such tax was actually paid by such member of the limited liability company, shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or partner in a partnership."

"(d)(1) The tax credit shall not be allowed if the taxpayer designates the taxpayer's qualified education donation for the direct benefit of any particular school or program which the taxpayer's child or children attend.

~~(2)~~ In soliciting donations, the recipient shall not represent that, in exchange for donating to such recipient, the school a taxpayer's child or children attend shall receive a grant pursuant to subsection (g.1) of Code Section 20-2-14.1 or paragraph (2) of subsection (b.1) of Code Section 20-14-26.1."

"(f)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed:

(A) $5 million ~~per~~ for the tax year ending on December 31, 2023; or

(B) $15 million for the tax year 2024, and for all subsequent tax years.

(2) The commissioner shall allow the tax credits on a first come, first served basis.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the recipient shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a donation to the recipient, the taxpayer shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the department, of the total amount of donations that the taxpayer intends

to make to the recipient. The commissioner shall preapprove or deny the requested amount within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer and shall provide notice to the taxpayer and the recipient of such preapproval or denial which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer shall make the donation to the recipient within 60 days after receiving notice from the department that the requested amount was preapproved. If the taxpayer does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved donation amount when calculating the limit prescribed in paragraph (1) of this subsection. The department shall establish a web based donation approval process to implement this subsection.

(4) Preapproval of donations by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection. The department shall maintain an ongoing, current list on its website of the amount of tax credits available under this Code section."

"(j) This Code section shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, ~~2026~~ 2029."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b)(1) Part II of this Act shall become effective only if the "Quality Basic Education Act," as provided for in Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, is fully funded in an appropriations Act making specific reference to the full funding of the "Quality Basic Education Act" and shall become effective when funds so appropriated become available for expenditure; and

(2) Subject to paragraph (1) of this subsection, Part II of this Act shall be applicable to school years beginning on July 1, 2025, and continuing thereafter.

(3) Part II of this Act shall stand repealed in its entirety on June 30, 2035, or ten years after Part II becomes effective, whichever is later; provided, however, that any student who is qualified under the program prior to such repeal of Part II shall continue to be eligible under the program until the student returns to a public school, graduates from high school, or reaches the age of 20 years, or for any special education student, reaches the age of 21 years.

(c) Part V of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 6-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Albers of the 56th moved the previous question.

There was no objection, and the previous question was ordered.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 233.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 21; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 233.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 1237. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Dickey of the 145th, Meeks of the 178th, Campbell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-8-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding agricultural commodity commissions, so as to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 11th.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore, assumed the Chair.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 1237, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1326. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Jasperse of the 11th, Hawkins of the 27th and Cooper of the 45th:

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

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 1326, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1344. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Anulewicz of the 42nd and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, so as to allow for certain officials on the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to be represented by a delegate or agent; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services relative to children and adolescents with severe emotional problems, so as to repeal a provision relating to the submission of an annual report by the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to HB 1344:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, so as to allow for certain officials on the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to be represented by a delegate or agent; to repeal provisions relating to the formulation and publication of a state plan for disability services; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing provisions relative to professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to authorize the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists to waive certain requirements for applicants licensed in other jurisdictions; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services relative to children and adolescents with severe emotional problems, so as to repeal a provision relating to the submission of an annual report by the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, is amended in Code Section 37-2-4, relating to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, membership, meetings, and obligations, by revising subsection (c) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) Meetings of the council shall be held quarterly, or more frequently, on the call of the chairperson. Meetings of the council shall be held with no less than five days' public notice for regular meetings and with such notice as the bylaws may prescribe for special meetings. Each member shall be given written or electronic notice of all meetings. All meetings of the council shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 14 of Title 50. Minutes or transcripts shall be kept of all meetings of the council and shall include a record of the votes of each member, specifying the yea or nay vote or absence of each member, on all questions and matters coming before the council, and minutes or transcripts of each meeting shall be posted on the state agency website of each council member designee. No member may abstain from a vote other than for reasons constituting disqualification to the satisfaction of a majority of a quorum of the council on a recorded vote. Except as provided in subsection (c.1) of this Code section, no ~~No~~ member of the council shall be represented by a delegate or agent. Any member who

misses three duly posted meetings of the council over the course of a calendar year shall be replaced by an appointee of the Governor unless the council chairperson officially excuses each such absence.

(c.1) The commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities, the commissioner of early care and learning, the commissioner of community health, the commissioner of public health, the commissioner of human services, the commissioner of juvenile justice, the commissioner of corrections, the commissioner of veterans service, the commissioner of community supervision, the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia, the Commissioner of Labor, the State School Superintendent, and the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles shall each be authorized to be represented by a delegate or agent at any meeting of the council or subcommittee meeting. Any such delegate or agent shall be counted toward a quorum, shall have all voting privileges as the member's delegate or agent, and shall not be considered an absence of the member."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 37-2-7, relating to formulation and publication of state plan for disability services.

SECTION 3.

Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing provisions relative to professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, is amended by revising Code Section 43-10A-10, relating to licensure without examination, as follows:

"43-10A-10.

(a) The board may issue a license without examination to any applicant licensed in a specialty under the laws of another jurisdiction having requirements for licensure in that specialty which are substantially equal to the licensure requirements for that specialty in this state.

(b) The board shall be authorized to waive all or a portion of the experience requirements for any applicant licensed under the laws of another jurisdiction who has maintained full licensure in good standing in such jurisdiction for a minimum of two years."

SECTION 4.

Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services relative to children and adolescents with severe emotional problems, is amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 49-5-224, relating to annual report.

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th asked unanimous consent that Senator Robertson of the 29th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Robertson was excused.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

HB 1344, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HR 598. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Cannon of the 172nd, Williamson of the 112th, Jones of the 25th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to vest judicial power of the state in the Georgia Tax Court; to provide for venue and jurisdiction of the Georgia Tax Court; to provide for concurrent jurisdiction with superior courts; to provide for judges of the Georgia Tax Court and their qualifications; to provide for vacancies; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VI, Section I of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph I as follows:

"Paragraph I. ***Judicial power of the state***. The judicial power of the state shall be vested exclusively in the following classes of courts: magistrate courts, probate courts, juvenile courts, state courts, superior courts, state-wide business court, Georgia Tax Court, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude a superior court from creating a business court division for its circuit in a manner provided by law. Magistrate courts, probate courts, juvenile courts, and state courts shall be courts of limited jurisdiction. In addition, the General Assembly may establish or authorize the establishment of municipal courts and may authorize administrative agencies to exercise quasi-judicial powers. Municipal courts shall have jurisdiction over ordinance violations and such other jurisdiction as provided by law. Except as provided in this Paragraph and in Section X, municipal courts, county recorder's courts, and civil courts in existence on June 30, 1983, and administrative agencies shall not be subject to the provisions of this article. The General Assembly shall have the authority to confer 'by law' jurisdiction upon municipal courts to try state offenses."

SECTION 2.

Article VI, Section II of the Constitution is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph X. ***Venue of Georgia Tax Court***. All cases before the Georgia Tax Court may conduct pretrial proceedings in any county as provided by law. Any trial of a case that is before the Georgia Tax Court shall take place in the county as is otherwise prescribed by this section."

SECTION 3.

Article VI, Section III of the Constitution is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph III. ***Jurisdiction of Georgia Tax Court***. The Georgia Tax Court shall have state-wide jurisdiction as provided by law."

SECTION 4.

Article VI, Section IV of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph I as follows:

"Paragraph I. ***Jurisdiction of superior courts.*** The superior courts shall have jurisdiction in all cases, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution. They shall have exclusive jurisdiction over trials in felony cases, except in the case of juvenile offenders as provided by law; in cases respecting title to land; and in divorce cases. They shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state-wide business court and the Georgia Tax Court in equity cases. A superior court by agreement of the parties may order removal of a case to the state-wide business court or the Georgia Tax Court as provided by law. The superior courts shall have such appellate jurisdiction, either alone or by circuit or district, as may be provided by law."

SECTION 5.

Article VI, Section VII of the Constitution is amended in Paragraph I by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(c) Each Georgia Tax Court judge shall serve a term of four years; provided, however, that the initial term of each such judge shall be as provided by law. Each Georgia Tax Court judge shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a majority vote of the House Committee on Judiciary. Each judge may be reappointed for any number of consecutive terms so long as he or she meets the qualifications of appointment at the time of each appointment and is approved as required by this subparagraph. The Georgia Tax Court shall consist of the number of judges as provided for by law. For purposes of qualifications, Georgia Tax Court judges shall be deemed to serve the geographical area of this state."

SECTION 6.

Article VI, Section VII of the Constitution is amended in Paragraph II by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(b.2) Georgia Tax Court judges shall have such qualifications as provided by law."

SECTION 7.

Article VI, Section VII of the Constitution, relating to classes of courts of limited jurisdiction, is amended by revising Paragraph III as follows:

"Paragraph III. ***Vacancies***. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Governor except as otherwise provided by law in the magistrate, probate, and juvenile courts. Vacancies in the state-wide business court shall be filled by appointment of the Governor, subject to approval as specified in subparagraph (b) of Paragraph (I) of this section. Vacancies in the Georgia Tax Court shall be filled by appointment of the Governor, subject to approval as provided for in subparagraph (c) of Paragraph (I) of this section."

SECTION 8.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the

above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for the
( ) NO Georgia Tax Court to be vested with the judicial power of the state and to have venue, judges, and jurisdiction concurrent with superior courts?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

HR 598, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted.

HB 1267. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Gunter of the 8th, Blackmon of the 146th, Buckner of the 137th, Stoner of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to repeal Chapter 13A, relating to tax tribunals; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts; to provide for the application of Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act,' discovery, and attendance of witnesses; to amend Title 5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to declaratory judgments; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 23 of the O.C.G.A., relating to equity procedure; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments; to amend Code Section 15-21-209 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state operation assessment against adult entertainment establishments, determination of obligation, use of funds, and administration, Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, and Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to administrative procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 1267:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to repeal Chapter 13A, relating to tax tribunals; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to create the Georgia Tax Court; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for a seal; to provide for the appointment and terms of office of judges; to provide for the qualification, oath of office, and prohibition against other employment of judges; to provide for the terms of court, venue, bench trial, transfer of cases, and locations of the tax court; to provide for the jurisdiction of the tax court; to provide for the location of offices; to provide for the appointment of law assistants and role; to provide for the employment and compensation of other personnel; to provide for assignment as a budget unit; to provide for the assignment for budgetary and administrative purposes; to provide for the commencement of actions, service, pleadings and proceedings, and transitions and transfers; to provide a stay of enforcement and collection action; to provide for filing and other fees; to provide for the application of Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act,' discovery, and attendance of witnesses; to provide for the conduct of trials, evidence, and recording; to provide for the writing of judgment and orders and confidentiality; to establish and provide the jurisdiction and procedures for a small claims division of the tax court; to authorize the tax court to promulgate rules of practice and procedure and forms; to provide for the role

of the tax court in refund matters; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to amend Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appeal and error, so as to provide for jurisdiction, power, right of appeals, and review regarding the Georgia Tax Court; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to declaratory judgments, so as to provide for declaratory judgments, trials, and equity jurisdiction; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equity procedure, so as to provide for legal and equitable relief and decree in will or contract matters and consent of guardian or guardian ad litem; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to provide for the salary of the judge of the Georgia Tax Court; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to correct a reference; to amend Code Section 15-21-209 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state operation assessment against adult entertainment establishments, determination of obligation, use of funds, and administration, Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, and Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administrative procedure, so as to provide for cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by repealing in its entirety Chapter 13A, relating to tax tribunals.

SECTION 1-2.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 5B

15-5B-1.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.'

15-5B-2.
Except where the context may otherwise clearly require, all terms used in this chapter shall have the meaning given such term by Code Section 48-1-2. As used in this chapter, the term 'court' means the Georgia Tax Court established by Article VI, Section I, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution, which shall operate under the sole direction of the chief court judge.

15-5B-3.
The court shall have a seal engraved with the words 'Georgia Tax Court.' The court shall authenticate all of its orders, records, and proceedings with the seal, and the courts of this state shall take judicial notice of the seal.

15-5B-4.
(a) The chief court judge shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a majority vote of the House Committee on Judiciary. The Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Judiciary shall be authorized to meet jointly or separately, while in or out of a legislative session, as called in the discretion of each such chairperson, with notice provided by the chairpersons to such committee members, to consider the approval of such appointment. The chief court judge may appoint up to three assistant court judges.

(b)(1) The initial chief court judge shall be appointed by July 1, 2025, and approved by December 31, 2025, and the chief court judge shall serve an initial term beginning on July 1, 2026.

(2) Beginning on July 1, 2026, such initial chief court judge may perform the administrative duties required for establishing the court and, if so, shall receive compensation as a court judge beginning on such date and for such purposes.

(3)(A) The chief court judge shall serve for a term of four years and may be reappointed for any number of consecutive terms so long as he or she meets the qualifications for appointment at the time of each appointment and shall be reappointed and reapproved in the same manner as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

(B) Vacancies in the office of chief court judge shall be filled by appointment and approval in the same manner as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

(4) The chief court judge shall be deemed to serve the geographical area of this state.

15-5B-5.
(a) Each court judge shall be a citizen of the United States and, during the period of service, a resident of this state. No individual shall be appointed as court judge unless at the time of appointment the individual is an attorney licensed to practice in this state and has practiced primarily in the area of tax law for at least eight years.
(b) Before entering upon the duties of office, each court judge shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation that he or she shall faithfully discharge the duties of the office, and such oath shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.
(c) Each court judge shall devote his or her full time during business hours to the duties of the court. A court judge shall not engage in any other gainful employment or business that interferes with or is inconsistent with his or her duties as judge and shall not hold another office or position of profit in a government of this state, any other state, or the United States.

15-5B-6.
(a) The terms of court for the court shall be the same as the terms of court for the Supreme Court.
(b) The court shall sit at the seat of government in Atlanta and shall conduct proceedings and trials in locations as provided for in this Code section.
(c) Proper venue in the Georgia Tax Court shall be in Fulton County, as the principal place of business of the Department of Revenue. The pleadings to initiate an action to the court do not need to establish venue.
(d) The court may also hold hearings at any place within this state, with a view toward securing to taxpayers a reasonable opportunity to appear before the court with as little inconvenience as practicable. When the court holds hearings outside of its principal location, it shall do so in a place that is physically separate from facilities regularly occupied by the state revenue commissioner.
(e) All cases before the Georgia Tax Court may have pretrial proceedings or trials, in the sole discretion of the court judge to whom the case is assigned, conducted via video, telephone, or other efficient technological means as may be deemed necessary or useful to conserve the resources of the parties or the court.
(f) The court judge to whom a case is assigned shall preside over a bench trial.
(g) When a court judge is disqualified from presiding over a case or proceeding pursuant to Code Section 15-1-8 or any other applicable law, the case shall be transferred to another court judge, if applicable, and if no other court judge may preside over such case, then the Supreme Court shall order a sitting judge of the Court of Appeals, a superior court, or a state court to sit by designation as a court judge.

15-5B-7.
(a) The offices of the judges and clerk of the Georgia Tax Court shall sit at the seat of government in Atlanta.
(b) The chief court judge, in coordination with the clerk, shall be responsible for designating an electronic filing system.

15-5B-8.
(a) The chief court judge shall be authorized to appoint law assistants for the use of the court and to remove them at pleasure. Each law assistant of the court shall have been admitted to the bar of this state as a practicing attorney; provided, however, that an individual who graduated from law school but who is not a member of the bar of this state may be appointed as a law assistant so long as he or she is admitted to the bar of this state within one year of such appointment.
(b) It shall be the duty of a law assistant to attend all sessions of the court, if so ordered, and generally to perform the duties incident to the role of law assistant.

15-5B-9.
The chief court judge may employ and fix the salaries of a clerk, stenographers, clerical assistants, and such other employees as may be deemed necessary by the court, and the

salaries therefor shall be paid by the clerk from the amount appropriated by the General Assembly for such purposes.

15-5B-10.
The Georgia Tax Court shall be a budget unit as defined in Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act'; provided, however, that the court shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

15-5B-11.
(a) On and after August 1, 2026, any person may petition the court for relief as set forth in Code Sections 48-2-18, 48-2-35, 48-2-59, 48-5-519, 48-6-7, and 48-6-76 and subparagraph (d)(2)(C) of Code Section 48-7-31. The court shall have jurisdiction over actions for declaratory judgment that fall within subsection (a) of Code Section 50-13-10 and involve a rule of the state revenue commissioner that is applicable to taxes administered by the state revenue commissioner under Title 48.
(b) The court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts over all matters arising from petitions filed under subsection (a) of this Code section and all related legal claims.
(c) The court shall not have jurisdiction to hear any matter arising under Title 3 or Title 40.
(d) No person shall be required as a condition either to initiating or maintaining an action before the court to provide a surety bond or other security for any amounts that may be in dispute in such action. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the state revenue commissioner from requiring a bond under those circumstances set forth in Code Section 48-2-51.
(e) The court shall also have jurisdiction over refund petitions filed pursuant to Code Section 48-5-342.

15-5B-12.
(a) Actions before the court shall be commenced by filing a petition with the court, naming the state revenue commissioner as respondent in his or her official capacity, within the time periods prescribed by Code Section 48-2-18, 48-2-35, 48-2-59, 48-5-519, 48-6-7, or 48-6-76 or subparagraph (d)(2)(C) of Code Section 48-7-31, as the case may be, or as otherwise provided by law.
(b) A pleading, petition, or other document as provided in this Code section that is filed with the court shall be deemed filed as of the time of its receipt by the filing service provider of the court.
(c) The petition shall include a summary of the facts and law upon which the petitioner relies in seeking the relief requested. The petition shall contain complete information and shall be substantially in the form prescribed by the court.
(d) In lieu of service pursuant to Code Section 9-11-4, the petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition on the state revenue commissioner and the Attorney General and attach a certificate of service to the petition filed with the court. In the case of a refund action

pursuant to Code Section 48-6-7 or 48-6-76, the petition also shall be served on the clerk of the superior court or collecting officer who is made a party to the action. Service shall be accomplished by certified mail, return receipt requested, or statutory overnight delivery. The petition shall include a summary statement of facts and law upon which the petitioner relies in seeking the requested relief.

(e) The state revenue commissioner and any other respondents shall file a response to the petitioner's statement of facts and law which constitutes his or her answer with the court no later than 30 days after the service of the petition. The state revenue commissioner and any other respondents shall serve a copy of their response on the petitioner's representative or, if the petitioner is not represented, on the petitioner, and shall file a certificate of such service with the response. If in any case a response has not been filed within the time required by this subsection, the case shall automatically become in default unless the time for filing the response has been extended by agreement of the parties, for a period not to exceed 30 days, or by the court judge. The default may be opened as a matter of right by the filing of a response within 15 days of the day of default and payment of costs. At any time before final judgment, the court judge, in his or her discretion, may allow the default to be opened for providential cause that prevented the filing of the response or for excusable neglect or when the court judge, from all the facts, determines that a proper case has been made for the default to be opened on terms to be fixed by the court judge.

(f) Every pleading subsequent to the original petition shall be served upon the parties by mailing or delivery to the address of the of the taxpayer given on the taxpayer's petition or to the address of the taxpayer's representative of record, if any, and to the usual place of business of the counsel of record of the state revenue commissioner. However, the chief court judge may by rule prescribe other means of notice for subsequent filings, including statutory electronic service, through the service provider in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-5.

(g) As soon as reasonably practicable, the court judge shall schedule a prehearing conference to address discovery, scheduling, and other matters.

(h) The court judge may remand a matter in dispute to the state revenue commissioner for further consideration upon motion by all parties to the proceeding, for good cause shown on the motion of any party, or sua sponte when the court judge reasonably determines that circumstances warrant. Any such remand shall not divest the court of jurisdiction, and the court judge's order shall provide that any party, upon appropriate advance notice to all other parties, shall be entitled to have such matter returned to the court for resolution.

(i) Contested cases pending before the Georgia Tax Tribunal on and before December 31, 2025, and cases when any party made a written demand for a hearing before August 1, 2026, shall not be transferred to the court. If, on or after August 1, 2026, a written petition for relief or a demand for hearing is filed with the court or by the affected party directly with the Georgia Tax Tribunal in a matter falling within the court's jurisdiction under subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5B-11, such matter shall be transferred to the court, and the remaining provisions of this chapter shall be applicable.

15-5B-13.
(a) Except as provided for in Code Section 48-2-51, involving jeopardy assessments, the filing of a petition with the court shall operate as a stay of any enforcement or collection action by the state revenue commissioner with respect to any tax, penalty, interest, or collection costs that are disputed in the petition until the court decision is finalized, including appeals to any appellate court.
(b) Upon petition by the state revenue commissioner, and for good cause shown, the court judge may lift the stay provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

15-5B-14.
(a) Upon filing a petition, the petitioner shall pay to the clerk of the court a fee as determined by the rules established by the court.
(b) A similar fee shall be paid by other parties making an appearance in the proceeding, except that no fee shall be charged to a government body or government official appearing in a representative capacity.
(c) The chief court judge may fix a fee, not in excess of the fees charged and collected by the clerks of the superior courts of this state, for compiling, or for preparing and compiling, a transcript of the record, or for copying any record, entry, or other paper and the compilation and certification thereof.
(d) All fees collected by the clerk of the court pursuant to this Code section shall be the property of the state, and the same shall be paid into the state treasury.

15-5B-15.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act,' shall govern proceedings before the court; provided, however, that the parties to a proceeding shall make every effort to conduct discovery by informal consultation or communication. Upon motion of a party, the frequency or extent of formal discovery methods may be limited by the court if it determines that the discovery is unduly burdensome or expensive when taking into account the amount in controversy, limitations on the parties' resources, and the importance of the issues at stake in the litigation.
(b) The chief court judge shall, by rules and regulations or by order in a particular proceeding, prescribe the period during which any discovery shall be commenced and completed. After the period for completing discovery has expired, or earlier as the parties may agree, the parties to a proceeding shall stipulate all relevant and nonprivileged matters to the fullest extent to which a complete or qualified agreement can be reached or fairly should be reached. Neither the existence nor the use of the discovery mechanisms authorized by this Code section shall excuse failure to comply with this provision.
(c)(1) A party shall disclose to other parties at a reasonable time prior to the hearing the identity of any individual who may be called at trial to present expert testimony.
(2) Except as otherwise stipulated or directed by the court judge, expert witness disclosure shall, with respect to a witness who is retained or specially employed to

provide expert testimony in the case or whose duties as an employee of the party regularly involve giving expert testimony, be accompanied by a written report prepared and signed by the witness if one has been prepared or will be offered at the hearing.

(d) A court judge or the clerk of the court, on the request of any party to the proceeding, shall issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and giving of testimony and subpoenas requiring the production of evidence or things.

(e) Any employee of the court designated in writing for such purpose by a court judge, or by the chief court judge if more than one judge has been appointed, may administer oaths.

(f) Any witness who is subpoenaed or whose deposition is taken shall receive the same fees and mileage as a witness in a superior court of this state.

(g) In proceedings before the court, if any party or an agent or employee of a party disobeys or resists any lawful order of process; neglects to produce, after having been ordered to do so, any pertinent book, paper, or document; refuses to appear after having been subpoenaed; upon appearing, refuses to take the oath or affirmation as a witness; or, after taking the oath or affirmation, refuses to testify, the court judge shall have the same rights and powers given any other court under Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act.' If any person or party refuses as specified in this subsection, the court judge may certify the facts to the superior court of the county where the offense is committed for appropriate action, including a finding of contempt.

15-5B-16.

(a) Trials in proceedings before the court shall be de novo and without a jury. All questions of law decided by the court, including interpretations of constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions, shall be made without any deference to any determination or interpretation, whether written or unwritten, that may have been made on the matter by the department, except such requirement shall have no effect on the judicial standard of deference accorded to rules promulgated pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' Hearings shall be open to the public, but on motion of any party, if such party shows good cause to protect certain information from being disclosed to the public, the court judge may issue a protective order or an order closing part or all of a hearing to the public.

(b) The court shall take evidence, and the court judges shall conduct hearings and issue final judgments and interlocutory orders.

(c) The court judges shall apply the rules of evidence as applied in the trial of civil nonjury cases in the superior courts; provided, however, that, for hearings conducted in the small claims division, the court judge may, when necessary to ascertain facts not reasonably susceptible of proof under such rules, consider evidence not otherwise admissible thereunder if it is of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs.

(d) Testimony before a court judge shall be given only on oath or affirmation.

(e) The petition and other pleadings in the proceeding shall be deemed to conform to the proof presented at the hearing, unless a party satisfies the court judge that presentation of

the evidence would unfairly prejudice the party in maintaining its position on the merits or unless deeming the taxpayer's petition to conform to the proof would confer jurisdiction on the court over a matter that would not otherwise come within the court's jurisdiction.
(f) Except for hearings conducted in the small claims division of the court as provided in Code Section 15-5B-18, all hearings before the court shall be recorded by means acceptable for use in courts of this state.

15-5B-17.
(a) Except with regard to proceedings in the small claims division of the court pursuant to Code Section 15-5B-18, the court judge shall render all final judgments and interlocutory orders in writing, as appropriate, including therein a concise statement of the facts found and the conclusions of law reached. The court judge's final judgment or interlocutory order shall, subject to law, grant such relief, invoke such remedies, and issue such orders as the court judge deems appropriate to carry out its final judgment or interlocutory order.
(b) The chief court judge shall adopt rules and regulations to address confidentiality of taxpayer information and proceedings before the court.
(c) The court judges shall adhere to the principle of stare decisis. The court judge's interpretation of a tax statute subject to contest in one case shall be followed by the court in subsequent cases involving the same statute, and its application of a statute to the facts of one case shall be followed by court judges in subsequent cases involving similar facts, unless the court judge's interpretation or application conflicts with that of an appellate court or the court judge provides satisfactory reasons for departing from prior precedent.
(d) Except as to a final judgment of the small claims division, all other final judgments of the court shall be indexed and published in such print or electronic form as the chief court judge deems best adapted for public convenience. Such publications shall be made permanently available and constitute the official reports of the court.

15-5B-18.
(a) There is hereby established a small claims division of the court.
(b) Court judges shall sit as the judges of the small claims division.
(c) Within 90 days of filing a petition pursuant to Code Section 15-5B-12, a taxpayer may elect to have the small claims division have jurisdiction over any proceeding with respect to which the amount of tax and penalties in controversy, exclusive of interest, is less than a threshold amount determined by the rules of the court. A taxpayer shall not revoke such election to proceed in the small claims division after this 90 day period. For good cause, the court judge may, on his or her own motion or on the motion of a party to the case, remove a case from the small claims division.
(d) In proceedings before the small claims division of the court, accountants and other tax return preparers designated by the taxpayer shall be permitted to accompany and appear with the taxpayer in order to provide factual information regarding positions taken on tax returns of the taxpayer. An accountant or tax return preparer accompanying and

appearing with a taxpayer for this purpose shall not be deemed to be acting as an advocate of the taxpayer or representing the taxpayer before the court.

(e) At any time prior to entry of judgment, a taxpayer may dismiss a proceeding in the small claims division by notifying the clerk of the court in writing. Such dismissal shall be without prejudice.

(f) Hearings in the small claims division shall be conducted in a manner consistent with proceedings before magistrate courts, as specified in Article 3 of Chapter 10 of this title. The court judge may receive such evidence as the judge deems appropriate for determination of the case. Testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation.

(g) A judgment of the small claims division shall be conclusive upon all parties and shall not be appealed. A judgment of the small claims division shall not be considered or cited as precedent in any other case, hearing, or proceeding.

15-5B-19.

The court shall adopt rules of practice and procedure and adopt all reasonable rules and forms as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent and purposes of this chapter.

15-5B-20.

(a) The court shall docket the declaratory judgments of the state revenue commissioner pursuant to subsection (h) of Code Section 48-2-35 as actions in the court without the filing of a petition for relief.

(b)(1) The court shall determine by interlocutory order the party at fault for the delay in finally determining a claim for refund.

(2) If the court determines that the department is primarily at fault, the order shall require that the department pay all interest due to the taxpayer on the claim for refund, including the interest due on the local sales and use tax deemed to have been illegally or erroneously collected. The court shall thereafter remand the matter back to the department for determination on the underlying claim for refund.

(3) If the court determines that the taxpayer who made the claim for refund is primarily at fault, the order shall prohibit the accrual of any interest due to the taxpayer on the finally determined claim for refund. The court shall thereafter remand the matter back to the department for determination on the underlying claim for refund.

(4) If the court determines that the delay is justified, the order shall remand the matter back to the department for determination and for further hearings at the court's discretion.

(c) The court, at its discretion, may award reasonable attorney's fees to either party in such proceedings.

(d) Orders of the court issued pursuant to this Code section shall be excluded from the provisions of subsection (d) of Code Section 15-5B-17.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, such actions shall follow the procedures and court rules applicable to other proceedings within the court."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appeal and error, is amended in Code Section 5-3-4, relating to jurisdiction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The superior courts shall not have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter over any state court. The state courts shall not have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter over any superior court. In addition, neither a superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter over the following courts or matters:

(1) Juvenile courts;
(2) The Municipal Court of Columbus;
(3) The Civil Court of Macon-Bibb County;
(4) The Civil Court of Richmond County;
(5) The Georgia State-wide Business Court;
(6) The Georgia Tax Court;
(7) A civil case in an Article 6 probate court;
~~(7)~~(8) An order appointing a temporary administrator; and
~~(8)~~(9) Any other court from which an appeal directly to the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court is authorized."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 5-5-1, relating to power of probate, superior, state, juvenile, State-wide Business, and City of Atlanta courts, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The superior, state, and juvenile courts, the Georgia State-wide Business Court, the Georgia Tax Court, and the City Court of Atlanta shall have power to correct errors and grant new trials in cases or collateral issues in any of the respective courts in such manner and under such rules as they may establish according to law and the usages and customs of courts."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 5-6-33, relating to right of appeal generally, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Either party in any civil case and the defendant in any criminal proceeding in the superior, state, or city courts, or in the Georgia State-wide Business Court or the Georgia Tax Court, may appeal from any sentence, judgment, decision, or decree of the court, or of the judge thereof in any matter heard at chambers."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 5-6-34, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments

in child custody cases, by revising the introductory language of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Appeals may be taken to the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals from the following judgments and rulings of the superior courts, the Georgia State-wide Business Court, the Georgia Tax Court, the constitutional city courts, and such other courts or tribunals from which appeals are authorized by the Constitution and laws of this state:"

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 5-6-41, relating to reporting, preparation, and disposition of transcript, correction of omissions or misstatements, preparation of transcript from recollections, filing of disallowed papers, filing of stipulations in lieu of transcript, and reporting at party's expense, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) In all civil cases tried in the superior and city courts, in the Georgia State-wide Business Court or the Georgia Tax Court, and in any other court, the judgments of which are subject to review by the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals, the trial judge thereof may require the parties to have the proceedings and evidence reported by a court reporter, the costs thereof to be borne equally between them; and, where an appeal is taken which draws in question the transcript of the evidence and proceedings, it shall be the duty of the appellant to have the transcript prepared at the appellant's expense. Where it is determined that the parties, or either of them, are financially unable to pay the costs of reporting or transcribing, the judge may, in the judge's discretion, authorize trial of the case unreported; and, when it becomes necessary for a transcript of the evidence and proceedings to be prepared, it shall be the duty of the moving party to prepare the transcript from recollection or otherwise."

SECTION 2-6.

Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to declaratory judgments, is amended in Code Section 9-4-2, relating to declaratory judgments authorized and force and effect, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) In cases of actual controversy, the respective superior courts of this state and the Georgia State-wide Business Court and the Georgia Tax Court shall have power, upon petition or other appropriate pleading, to declare rights and other legal relations of any interested party petitioning for such declaration, whether or not further relief is or could be prayed; and the declaration shall have the force and effect of a final judgment or decree and be reviewable as such.

(b) In addition to the cases specified in subsection (a) of this Code section, the respective superior courts of this state and the Georgia State-wide Business Court and the Georgia Tax Court shall have power, upon petition or other appropriate pleading, to declare rights and other legal relations of any interested party petitioning for the declaration, whether or not further relief is or could be prayed, in any civil case in which it appears to the court that the ends of justice require that the declaration should be made; and the declaration shall have the force and effect of a final judgment or decree and be reviewable as such."

SECTION 2-7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 9-4-5, relating to filing and service, time of trial, and drawing of jury, as follows:

"9-4-5.

A proceeding instituted under this chapter shall be filed and served as are other cases in the superior courts of this state or in the Georgia State-wide Business Court or the Georgia Tax Court; provided, however, that a proceeding instituted in the probate court pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-9-127 shall be filed and served in the manner provided for proceedings in the probate courts of this state in Chapter 11 of Title 53. A proceeding instituted under this chapter may be tried at any time designated by the court not earlier than 20 days after the service thereof, unless the parties consent in writing to an earlier trial. If there is an issue of fact that requires a submission to a jury, the jury may be drawn, summoned, and sworn either in regular term or specially for the pending case."

SECTION 2-8.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 9-4-10, relating to equity jurisdiction not impaired, as follows:

"9-4-10.

Nothing in this chapter is intended to impair the equity jurisdiction of the superior courts of the state or of the Georgia State-wide Business Court or the Georgia Tax Court."

SECTION 2-9.

Chapter 4 of Title 23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equity procedure, is amended by revising Code Section 23-4-3, relating to claim of legal and equitable relief by defendant, as follows:

"23-4-3.

A defendant to any action in the superior court or in the Georgia State-wide Business Court or the Georgia Tax Court, whether the action is for legal or equitable relief, may claim legal or equitable relief, or both, by framing proper pleadings for that purpose and sustaining them by sufficient evidence."

SECTION 2-10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 23-4-33, relating to decree in will or contract matters and consent of guardian or guardian ad litem, as follows:

"23-4-33.

When it becomes impossible to carry out any last will and testament in whole or in part, and in all matters of contract, the judges of the superior courts, ~~and~~ the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and the judge of the Georgia Tax Court in matters of contract only, shall have power to render any decree that may be necessary and legal, provided that all parties in interest shall consent thereto in writing and there shall be no issue as to the facts or, if there is such an issue, that there shall be a like consent in writing that the judge presiding may hear and determine such facts, subject to a review on appeal,

as in other cases. In all cases where minors are interested, the consent of the guardian at law or the guardian ad litem shall be obtained before the decree is rendered."

SECTION 2-11.

Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(19.2) Judge of the Georgia Tax Court ..... 174,500.00"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-5A-16, relating to assignment for budgetary and administrative purposes, as follows:

"15-5A-16.

The Georgia State-wide Business Court shall be a budget unit as defined in Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act'; provided, however, that the Georgia State-wide Business Court shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the ~~Court of Appeals~~ Administrative Office of the Courts."

SECTION 3-2.

Code Section 15-21-209 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state operation assessment against adult entertainment establishments, determination of obligation, use of funds, and administration, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The assessments imposed by this Code section shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as taxes due the state in Title 48 and appeals of such assessments shall be within the jurisdiction of the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50.~~ Chapter 5B of this title, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.'"

SECTION 3-3.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-2-18, relating to State Board of Equalization and duties, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) As chairperson and chief administrative officer of the board, the commissioner shall furnish to the board all necessary records and files and in this capacity may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and records or other documents as the commissioner is empowered to do in the administration of the tax laws. After final approval by the State Board of Equalization of the digest of proposed assessments made by the commissioner and after any adjustments by the board as authorized by this Code section are made, the commissioner shall notify within 30 days each taxpayer in writing

of the proposed assessment of its property. At the same time, the commissioner shall notify in writing the board of tax assessors of such county, as outlined in Code Section 48-5-511, of the total proposed assessment of the property located within the county of taxpayers who are required to return their property to the commissioner. If any such taxpayer notifies the commissioner and the board of tax assessors in any such county of its intent to dispute a portion of the proposed assessment within 20 days after receipt of the notice, the county board of tax assessors shall include in the county digest only the undisputed amount of the assessment, and the taxpayer may challenge the commissioner's proposed assessment in an appeal filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County or with the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' within 30 days of receipt of the notice. In any such appeal to the superior court, the taxpayer shall have the right of discovery as provided in Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act.' In any such appeal to the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court, discovery shall be as provided in ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the ~~'Georgia Tax Tribunal Act of 2012.'~~ 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.' All questions of law decided by a court or the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court pursuant to this subsection, including interpretations of constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions, shall be made without any deference to any determination or interpretation, whether written or unwritten, that may have been made on the matter by the department, except such requirement shall have no effect on the judicial standard of deference accorded to rules promulgated pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act. Upon conclusion of the appeal, the taxpayer shall remit to the appropriate counties any additional taxes owed, with interest at the rate provided by law for judgments. Such interest shall accrue from the date the taxes would have been due absent the appeal to the date the additional taxes are remitted."

SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-2-35, relating to refunds, by revising paragraphs (4) and (7) of subsection (c) and paragraph (5) of subsection (h) as follows:

"(4) Any taxpayer whose claim for refund is denied by the commissioner or the commissioner's delegate or whose claim is not decided by the commissioner or the commissioner's delegate within one year from the date of filing the claim shall have the right to bring an action for a refund in the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' or in the superior court of the county of the residence of the taxpayer, except that:

(A) If the taxpayer is a public utility or a nonresident, the taxpayer shall have the right to bring an action for a refund in the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' or in the superior court of the county in which is located the taxpayer's principal place of doing business in this state or in which the taxpayer's chief or highest corporate officer or employee resident in this state maintains an

office; or

(B) If the taxpayer is a nonresident individual or foreign corporation having no place of doing business and no officer or employee resident and maintaining an office in this state, the taxpayer shall have the right to bring an action for a refund in the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' or in the Superior Court of Fulton County or in the superior court of the county in which the commissioner in office at the time the action is filed resides."

"(7) In an action for a refund pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection, all questions of law decided by a court or the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court, including interpretations of constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions, shall be made without any deference to any determination or interpretation, whether written or unwritten, that may have been made on the matter by the department, except such requirement shall have no effect on the judicial standard of deference accorded to rules promulgated pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

"(5) Any refund claims of local significance pending with the department for two years after the claim for refund was filed shall be automatically transferred to the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court as a declaratory judgment of the commissioner requesting a show cause proceeding pursuant to ~~Code Section 50-13A-19.1.~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.'"

SECTION 3-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-2-35.1, relating to refund of sales and use taxes and expedited refunds, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) For refunds of overpayments of state and local sales and use taxes made pursuant to a direct payment permit issued in accordance with Code Section 48-8-49.1, interest shall be paid on the overpaid amount of the taxes or fees pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-2-35, and subject to the provisions of ~~Code Section 50-13A-19.1~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025'; provided, however, that interest shall begin to accrue on the overpaid amount of taxes or fees from the date an amended return or refund claim claiming a refund is filed."

SECTION 3-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-2-36, relating to extension of time for returns, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(3) Filing a petition with the superior court, the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50,~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' or the Office of State Administrative Hearings as allowed under the laws of this state;"

SECTION 3-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-2-50, relating to review of assessments

and certifications, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The commissioner's assessments shall not be reviewed except by the procedure provided in this chapter or ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50.~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.' No trial court shall have jurisdiction of proceedings to question the assessments, except as provided in this chapter or ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50.~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.'"

SECTION 3-8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-2-59, relating to appeals, payment of taxes admittedly owed, bond, and costs, as follows:

"48-2-59.

(a) Except with respect to claims for refunds, either party may appeal from any order, ruling, or finding of the commissioner to the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' or the superior court of the county of the residence of the taxpayer, except that:

(1) If the taxpayer is a public utility or nonresident, the appeal of either party shall be to the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' or the superior court of the county in which is located the taxpayer's principal place of doing business or in which the taxpayer's chief or highest corporate officer residing in this state maintains such officer's office; or

(2) If the taxpayer is a nonresident individual or a foreign corporation having no place of doing business and no officer or employee residing and maintaining such officer's office in this state, the taxpayer shall have the right to appeal to the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' or the Superior Court of Fulton County or to the superior court of the county in which the commissioner in office at the time the action is filed resides.

(b) The taxpayer shall commence an appeal by filing a petition with the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' or the superior court within 30 days from the date of decision by the commissioner or at any time after the department records a state tax execution pursuant to Code Section 48-3-42.

(c) Before the superior court shall have jurisdiction to entertain an appeal filed by any aggrieved taxpayer, the taxpayer shall file with the clerk of the superior court a written statement whereby the taxpayer agrees to pay on the date or dates the taxes become due all taxes for which the taxpayer has admitted liability. Additionally, the taxpayer shall file with the clerk of the superior court within 30 days from the date of decision by the commissioner, except when the value of the appellant's title or interest in real property owned in this state is in excess of the amount of the tax in dispute, a surety bond or other security in an amount satisfactory to the clerk, conditioned to pay any tax over and above that for which the taxpayer has admitted liability and which is found to be due by a final

judgment of the court, together with interest and costs. It shall be ground for dismissal of the appeal if the taxpayer fails to pay all taxes admittedly owed upon the due date or dates as provided by law. This subsection shall not apply to appeals filed with the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court as provided in ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50.~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.'

(d)(1) If the final judgment of the court places upon the taxpayer any tax liability which has not already been paid and if the tax or any part of the tax has:

(A) Not become due on the date of the final judgment of the court, then the taxpayer shall pay the amount of the unpaid tax liability on the due date or dates as provided by law; or

(B) Already become due at the time of final judgment of the court, the taxpayer shall immediately pay the tax or as much of the tax as has already become due, with interest.

(2) In the event the final judgment of the court is adverse to the taxpayer, the taxpayer shall pay the court costs regardless of whether the tax or any part of the tax has or has not become due at the time of the final judgment of the court.

(3) This subsection shall not apply to appeals filed with the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court as provided in ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50.~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.'

(e) In an action pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, all questions of law decided by a court or the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court, including interpretations of constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions, shall be made without any deference to any determination or interpretation, whether written or unwritten, that may have been made on the matter by the department, except such requirement shall have no effect on the judicial standard of deference accorded to rules promulgated pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 3-9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-342, relating to commissioner to examine digests, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (e) as follows:

"(3) If a property has been found by the commissioner to not be subject to taxation under this chapter and if such nontaxable property has appeared on a county digest in any year within the preceding five-year period, then the taxpayer shall be entitled to file a petition directly with the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court for a refund of all such taxes illegally collected or taxes paid, interest equal to the bank prime loan rate as posted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in statistical release H. 15 or any publication that may supersede it plus 3 percent calculated from the date of payment of such taxes, and attorney's fees in an amount of not less than 15 percent nor more than 40 percent of the total of the illegally charged taxes and accrued interest. Such petition shall name the board of tax assessors and the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the county as the respondent in their official capacities and shall be served upon such board and tax receiver or tax commissioner. Service shall be

accomplished by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery. The petition shall include a summary statement of facts and law upon which the petitioner relies in seeking the requested relief. The respondents shall file a response to the petitioner's statement of facts and law which constitutes their answer with the ~~tribunal~~ court no later than 30 days after the service of the petition. The respondents shall serve a copy of their response on the petitioner's representative or, if the petitioner is not represented, on the petitioner and shall file a certificate of service with such response. If in any case a response has not been filed within the time required by this paragraph, the case shall automatically become in default unless the time for filing the response has been extended by agreement of the parties, for a period not to exceed 30 days, or by the judge of the ~~tribunal~~ court. The default may be opened as a matter of right by the filing of a response within 15 days of the day of the default and payment of costs. At any time before the final judgment, the judge of the ~~tribunal~~ court, in his or her discretion, may allow the default to be opened for providential cause that prevented the filing of the response, for excusable neglect, or when the ~~tribunal~~ court judge, from all the facts, determines that a proper case has been made for the default to be opened on terms to be fixed by the ~~tribunal~~ court judge. The ~~tribunal~~ court judge shall proceed to hear and decide the matter and may grant appropriate relief under the law and facts presented."

SECTION 3-10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-519, relating to taxation of railroad equipment companies doing business in state, exemption of railroad company operating railroad, collecting and remitting taxes, and execution for failure to make return, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The returns shall be made to the commissioner by the chief executive officer in charge of the cars in this state. The final assessment of the property of railroad equipment companies shall be fixed in the same manner as the proposed assessments of property of public utilities under this article and Code Section 48-2-18, except that with respect to railroad equipment companies, such assessment shall be final rather than proposed. By following the procedure set forth in subsection (c) of Code Section 48-2-18 for appeals of proposed assessments of public utility property, any railroad equipment company may bring in the Superior Court of Fulton County or in the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' a de novo action of the final assessment so fixed."

SECTION 3-11.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-605, relating to appeal of commissioner's decisions by taxpayer or county board, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) Such appeals shall be made as an appeal to the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' within 30 days of the commissioner's publication of such decision.

(2) The ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court shall issue a final decision on such appeals on or before September 1 of the year in which an appeal is filed."

SECTION 3-12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-606, relating to appeal of commissioner's decisions by taxpayers or groups, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) Such appeals shall be made as an appeal to the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025,' within 60 days of the commissioner's publication of such manual.

(2) The ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court shall issue a final decision on such appeals on or before September 1 of the year in which an appeal is filed."

SECTION 3-13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-6-7, relating to refund of erroneously or illegally collected tax, procedure for filing claim, action for refund in superior court upon denial of claim, and manner of paying refund, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) A taxpayer whose claim for a refund is denied by the commissioner or the commissioner's delegate or with respect to whose claim no decision is rendered by the commissioner or the commissioner's delegate within one year from the date of filing the claim shall have the right to bring an action for a refund in the superior court of the county where the disputed tax was originally collected or in the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50.~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.' The taxpayer shall bring the action for refund against the clerk of superior court of the county which collected the disputed tax. The commissioner in the commissioner's official capacity shall be made a party defendant to the action in order that the interests of the state may be represented in the action. The Attorney General shall represent both defendants in the action. If it is determined in the action that an amount claimed by the taxpayer was erroneously or illegally collected, the taxpayer shall be entitled to judgment against the defendant clerk of the superior court in the clerk's official capacity for the amount erroneously or illegally collected, without interest to the date of judgment."

SECTION 3-14.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-6-76, relating to procedure for protesting intangible recording tax, payment under protest, special escrow fund, filing claim, approval or denial by commissioner, and action for refund, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (e) as follows:

"(e)(1) Any taxpayer whose claim for refund is denied entirely or in part by the commissioner or with respect to whose claim no decision is rendered by the commissioner within 30 days from the date of filing the claim shall have the right to bring an action for refund of the amount so claimed and not approved against the

collecting officer or said officer's successor who collected the amount, in said officer's official capacity, in the superior court of the county whose official collected the amount or in the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of Title 50.~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.'"

SECTION 3-15.

Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administrative procedure, is amended in Code Section 50-13-13, relating to opportunity for hearing in contested cases, notice, counsel, subpoenas, record, enforcement powers, and revenue cases, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Subsection (a) of this Code section and the other provisions of this chapter concerning contested cases shall not apply to any case arising in the administration of the revenue laws, which case is subject to a subsequent de novo trial of the law and the facts in the superior court or in the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of this title.~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.'"

SECTION 3-16.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 50-13-42, relating to applicability of article, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) This article shall not apply with respect to any matter as to which an aggrieved party is permitted to file a petition with the ~~Georgia Tax Tribunal~~ Georgia Tax Court in accordance with ~~Chapter 13A of this title.~~ Chapter 5B of Title 15, the 'Georgia Tax Court Act of 2025.'"

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

(a) Section 1-2 of this Act shall become effective for administrative purposes only on January 1, 2025, only if an amendment to the Constitution to provide that the Georgia Tax Court shall have state-wide jurisdiction as provided by law and that decisions of such court shall be appealed to the Court of Appeals, subject to review by the Supreme Court of Georgia, is ratified by the voters at the November, 2024, state-wide general election. If such an amendment is not so ratified, then this Act shall not become effective and shall stand repealed on January 1, 2025.

(b) Section 3-1 of this shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

(c) This Act shall become effective for all other purposes on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	E Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy (PRS)	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 1.

HB 1267, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

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Mr. David Cook
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Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Sam Watson of the 11th as an ex-officio member of the Senate Insurance & Labor Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 3/20/2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and Senator Kennedy of the 18th, President Pro Tempore, announced the Senate adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Thirty-eighth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 12:00 p.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th asked unanimous consent that the Senate reconsider its action in defeating the following bill:

HB 1114. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to enact the "Data Analysis for Tort Reform Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for data collection from certain insurers, insurance rating organizations, and state agencies; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for data analysis; to provide for reports; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

There was no objection, and the consent was granted; the motion prevailed, and HB 1114 was reconsidered and placed on the General Calendar.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that the Senate reconsider its action in defeating the following bill:

HB 808. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Yearta of the 152nd, Mathiak of the 74th, Ridley of the 6th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to increase a statewide ad valorem tax exemption for tangible personal property; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related

matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

There was no objection, and the consent was granted; the motion prevailed, and HB 808 was reconsidered and placed on the General Calendar.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Russ Goodman of the 8th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Education & Youth Committee for the committee meeting to be held on March 20, 2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Matt Brass of the 28th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Finance Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 3/20/2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Carden Summers of the 13th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 3/20/2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Larry Walker of the 20th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 3/20/2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Timothy Bearden of the 30th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 3/20/2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of

determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Marty Harbin of the 16th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 3/20/2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Greg Dolezal of the 27th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 3/20/2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

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Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Payne of the 54th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Ethics Committee for the committee meeting to be held on March 21, 2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

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March 21, 2024

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Secretary Cook,

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Ethics Committee for the committee meeting to be held on March 21, 2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Dolezal of the 27th District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Ethics Committee for the committee meeting to be held on March 21, 2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,
/s/ Burt Jones
Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1473. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Fort Valley; to repeal specific Acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1474. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Holland of the 54th, Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1475. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Henderson of the 113th and Carter of the 93rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Covington, approved May 6, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 4011), so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1476. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Cox of the 28th, Clark of the 100th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Forsyth County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1477. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Henderson of the 113th and Carter of the 93rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Oxford, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4195), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to

repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1479. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Corbett of the 174th:

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

HB 1480. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 47th, Thomas of the 65th, Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the number of members and for the election of members of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 10, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3591), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4203), so as to provide for salaries for the members of such board; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1481. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Schofield of the 63rd, Holland of the 54th, Evans of the 57th, Evans of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Atlanta independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of homesteads in certain designated zip codes; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1482. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Jackson of the 165th and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to provide for the establishment of fire protection districts in Chatham County, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2835), so as to repeal such Act and all amendatory Acts thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1485. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Tran of the 80th, Taylor of the 92nd, Barnes of the 86th, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4256), so as to revise provisions related to changes in boundaries of the DeKalb County School District following certain annexations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1486. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Oliver of the 82nd, Tran of the 80th, Barnes of the 86th, Draper of the 90th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Brookhaven in DeKalb County, approved April 16, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5527), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 362. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Still of the 48th, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for requirements relative to employee representation by a labor organization for employers to receive certain economic development incentives from the state; to provide for definitions; to provide for a penalty; to provide for applicability; to provide for oversight; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 412. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Summers of the 13th, Harbison of the 15th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to change certain provisions relating to administrative and civil sanctions against charitable organizations, paid solicitors, and solicitor agents for certain violations; to provide for suspension and revocation of registrations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 424. By Senators Robertson of the 29th and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia to be known as the West Georgia Judicial Circuit and to be composed of Carroll County and Heard County; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, so as to revise the composition, terms of court, and number of judges of the Coweta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the composition, terms of court, and number of judges of the West Georgia Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 533. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to proceedings upon plea of mental incompetency to stand trial, so as to provide for jail-based competency restoration programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 328. By Senators Albers of the 56th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise many provisions of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; to revise provisions related to eligibility and full-time employment; to revise provisions related to the appointment, terms of office, and duties of the board of trustees; to provide for related matters; to provide for conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 340. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearm safes and firearm safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 455. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, so as to revise certain provisions to comply with federal law; to bar liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a health care item or service did not receive prior authorization; to require a third-party payer to respond to a state inquiry regarding a health care claim within 90 days; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 464. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to establish the School Supplies for Teachers Program, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the availability of other funds for such purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 493. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sexual offender risk review board, so as to provide for additional penalties for registered sexual offenders convicted of photographing a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian; to provide that such persons are prohibited from possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person without his or her consent; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1488. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize Forsyth County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to define an area where such powers may be exercised; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1489. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Corbett of the 174th and Knight of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Camden County Spaceport Authority, approved May 6, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 3952); to provide for assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1494. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended, so as to revise provisions regarding the mayor and the mayor pro tempore and organizational meetings of the city council; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1495. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandersville, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4823), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3733), so as to revise the powers of the mayor; to restate provisions related to the mayor pro tempore; to provide for a council-manager form of government; to provide for the selection, qualifications, and duties of the city manager; to update and restate provisions related to the administration of the city government; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1496. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Oconee County; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal a local constitutional amendment proposed by a certain resolution act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1500. By Representative Wilkerson of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Powder Springs, approved March 13, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2760), as amended, so as to adopt by reference a certain map to update the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1502. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, New of the 64th, Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Paulding County Airport Authority, approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3645), so as to revise the membership of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1503. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Cartersville and Bartow County, Georgia, approved February 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2270), so as to provide for additional members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1504. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 74th, Dickey of the 145th, Crowe of the 118th, Knight of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create and establish the Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority, a new regional airport authority in and for the County of Spalding, the City of Griffin, the County of Butts, the County of Lamar, the County of Pike, and the County of Monroe; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 531. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4094), so as to change the compensation of the members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 368. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit foreign nationals from contributing to candidates or campaign committees; to prohibit candidates and campaign committees from accepting contributions from foreign nationals; to provide for definitions; to require agents of foreign principals to register with the State Ethics Commissioner; to provide for registration requirements; to require agents of foreign principals to disclose to government agencies and the General Assembly when such agents are advocating on behalf of a foreign principal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 472. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Strickland of the 17th, Esteves of the 6th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 36 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online marketplace requirements, so as to revise certain definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 520. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Hatchett of the 50th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of

Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to change and clarify provisions relating to income withholding orders; to provide for definitions; to align state law terminology with that of federal law by replacing the term "income deduction order" with "income withholding order"; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 112. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to provide for a pilot program whereby qualifying private nonprofit entities provide instruction and other services for eligible students 21 years of age and older to attain a high school diploma; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 230. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Echols of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, so as to revise provisions relating to the foster parents bill of rights; to provide for definitions; to provide that such rights include relative caregivers and fictive kin; to provide for the development of administrative procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 469. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Butler of the 55th, Gooch of the 51st, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, so as to increase the maximum amount of contributions allowed per beneficiary of savings trust accounts for higher education expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 586. By Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Jackson of the 41st, Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, so as to provide for procedures when a person is denied parole after completing certain prerequisites; to provide for a video conference hearing where prospective parolees can be heard and seek information from the board; to provide that the board submit written findings if the tentative parole month is delayed; to provide notice to members of the board when majority votes to deny or delay release; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 587. By Senators Bearden of the 30th and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties; to amend Code Section 4-8-27, Titles 16 and 17, Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42, and Code Section 45-12-37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certificates of registration for dog ownership, requirements for issuance of certificate, individuals excluded from receiving registration, limitation of ownership, and annual renewal, crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, and reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of person selling dangerous or narcotic drugs generally and rewards by counties and municipalities, respectively; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 826. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 41st, Esteves of the 6th, Merritt of the 9th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Saving Georgia's Pollinators Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 1473. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Fort Valley; to repeal specific Acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the

City of Oxford, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4195), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to provide for the establishment of fire protection districts in Chatham County, approved March 3, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2835), so as to repeal such Act and all amendatory Acts thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1485. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Tran of the 80th, Taylor of the 92nd, Barnes of the 86th, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4256), so as to revise provisions related to changes in boundaries of the DeKalb County School District following certain annexations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1486. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Oliver of the 82nd, Tran of the 80th, Barnes of the 86th, Draper of the 90th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Brookhaven in DeKalb County, approved April 16, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5527), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following

recommendation:

HB 916	Do Pass by substitute
HR 302	Do Pass by substitute
HR 1042	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Tillery of the 19th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 298	Do Pass by substitute	HB 338	Do Pass by substitute
HB 409	Do Pass by substitute	HB 846	Do Pass by substitute
SR 692	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dixon of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 976	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Burns of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 264	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1021	Do Pass
HB 1116	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1180	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1182	Do Pass by substitute	HR 96	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1037	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1314	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 56	Do Pass
HB 1231	Do Pass by substitute
SR 770	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Hickman of the 4th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 384	Do Pass
HB 451	Do Pass by substitute
HB 945	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Walker III of the 20th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation

and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 231	Do Pass by substitute	HB 470	Do Pass by substitute
HB 505	Do Pass by substitute	HB 508	Do Pass by substitute
HB 881	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1075	Do Pass
HB 1247	Do Pass by substitute	HB 1371	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Strickland of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 348	Do Pass by substitute
HB 498	Do Pass by substitute
HB 959	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 625	Do Pass by substitute	HB 814	Do Pass by substitute
SR 37	Do Pass	SR 123	Do Pass
SR 152	Do Pass	SR 156	Do Pass
SR 203	Do Pass	SR 251	Do Pass
SR 286	Do Pass	SR 392	Do Pass
SR 634	Do Pass	SR 718	Do Pass
SR 786	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Brass of the 28th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1327	Do Pass	HB 1399	Do Pass
HB 1425	Do Pass	HB 1436	Do Pass
HB 1438	Do Pass	HB 1454	Do Pass
HB 1462	Do Pass	HB 1463	Do Pass
HB 1466	Do Pass	HB 1467	Do Pass
HB 1468	Do Pass	HB 1483	Do Pass
SB 567	Do Pass	SB 579	Do Pass
SB 584	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1061	Do Pass
HB 1062	Do Pass
HB 1067	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 56	HB 231	HB 409	HB 451	HB 505	HB 846
HB 881	HB 916	HB 945	HB 959	HB 976	HB 1021
HB 1037	HB 1061	HB 1062	HB 1067	HB 1075	HB 1116
HB 1180	HB 1182	HB 1231	HB 1247	HB 1314	HB 1371
HR 96	HR 302	HR 1042	SR 152	SR 156	SR 392
SR 634	SR 692	SR 718	SR 770	SR 786	

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rhett of the 33rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rhett was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Butler of the 55th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Butler was excused.

Senator Harrell of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Moore
Anavitarte	Harbison	Orrock
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Payne
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Rhett
Beach	Hickman	Robertson
Brass	Hodges	Seay
Burns	Hufstetler	Setzler
Cowsert	Islam Parkes	Sims
Davenport	James	Still
Dixon	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dolezal	Jones, H.	Summers
Echols	Kennedy	Tillery
Esteves	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Ginn	Lucas	Watson, B.
Gooch	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Goodman	Merritt	Williams
Halpern		

Not answering were Senators:

Butler (Excused)	Jackson (Excused)	Mallow (Excused)
Parent (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Bearden

Senator Bearden of the 30th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Brass of the 28th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. David Hughes of Carrollton, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Luke Lathrop, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized Samuel L. Dumas, commended by SR 772, adopted previously. Mr. Dumas addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 823. By Senators Bearden of the 30th and Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Central High School Lions wrestling team for winning the 2024 GHSA Class 4A State Wrestling Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 824. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Westside High School Patriots boys basketball team for winning the 2024 GHSA Class AA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 825. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Lucas of the 26th, Payne of the 54th, Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Broken Shackle Ranch Inc.; and for other purposes.

SR 827. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Rahman of the 5th, Anderson of the 43rd, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Brookwood High School girls swim &

dive team for winning the 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A State Swimming and Diving Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 828. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Merritt of the 9th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Karen "Alphia" Rachel Broughton Hamilton; and for other purposes.

SR 829. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the 2024 Senate Aides and Senate Academic Aides for their exemplary service; and for other purposes.

SR 830. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending William "Ross" King; and for other purposes.

SR 831. By Senators Davenport of the 44th and James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Booker T. Washington High School, Atlanta, Georgia, on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration, 1924-2024; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 21, 2024
Thirty-eighth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 567 Summers of the 13th
LEE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Lee County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for

the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 579 Summers of the 13th
CITY OF CORDELE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Cordele, approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4122), so as to transition the office of chairperson to at large commission member; to provide for a mayor to be selected by and among the commission members; to redesignate the office of vice chairperson to mayor pro tempore; to revise voting and quorum provisions related to the commission; to make conforming changes; to provide that the city manager shall recommend the annual budget to the commission in place of the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1327 Esteves of the 6th
Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
Rhett of the 33rd
Setzler of the 37th
Tate of the 38th
Albers of the 56th
CITY OF MARIETTA

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a system of public schools for the City of Marietta in the County of Cobb, approved December 29, 1890 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 1014), as amended particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, 3701), so as to provide for compensation of the board; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1399 Setzler of the 37th
Hufstetler of the 52nd
CITY OF WHITE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of White; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, prohibitions, elections, terms, removal from office, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, and

qualifications; to provide for conflict of interest and holding other offices; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1425 Watson of the 1st
Mallow of the 2nd
Hickman of the 4th
CHATHAM COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Weeping Time Cultural Heritage Corridor Authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for the purpose and powers of the authority; to provide for appointment, eligibility, and terms of members of the authority; to provide for organization, quorum, meetings, and expenses of the authority; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for agents and employees; to provide for accountability and for financial and other records; to provide for audits; to limit the powers of the authority; to provide for open meetings and public records; to provide for judicial jurisdiction; to provide that the powers of the authority are supplemental; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1436 Summers of the 13th
LEE COUNTY

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

HB 1438 Summers of the 13th
CITY OF CORDELE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Cordele, approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4122), so as to transition the office of chairperson to at large commission member; to provide for a mayor to be selected by and among the commission members; to redesignate the office of vice chairperson to

mayor pro tempore; to revise voting and quorum provisions related to the commission; to make conforming changes; to provide that the city manager shall recommend the annual budget to the commission in place of the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1462 Brass of the 28th
James of the 35th
CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Chattahoochee Hill Country (now known as City of Chattahoochee Hills) in Fulton County, approved April 28, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3821), as amended, so as to revise the term and other provisions related to the mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1463 Brass of the 28th
James of the 35th
CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Chattahoochee Hills to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1466 Bearden of the 30th
Anavitarte of the 31st
PAULDING COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Paulding County, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3562), so as to provide an additional judge for such court; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge of such court; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for a chief judge; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1467 Hatchett of the 50th
CITY OF GILLSVILLE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter

for the City of Gillsville, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3421), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of the city council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1468 Hodges of the 3rd
CAMDEN COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Camden County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1483 Anderson of the 24th
CITY OF WASHINGTON

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Washington, Georgia, approved February 14, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 2139), as amended, so as to provide for term limits for the offices of mayor and councilmember; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following local bill relating to homestead exemptions requires a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

SB 584 Jones of the 10th
Strickland of the 17th
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for new homestead exemptions from City of Stockbridge ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for residents, certain seniors, and residents with septic systems; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemptions and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal

conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Anavitarte	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Islam Parkes	Setzler
E Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 38, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross HB 461 and HB 1090, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 16; the motion prevailed, and HB 461 and HB 1090 were engrossed.

NOTICE OF MOTION TO RECONSIDER:

HB 808 Ad valorem tax; increase a statewide exemption for tangible personal property (FIN-56th) Cheokas-151st

HB 1114 Data Analysis for Tort Reform Act; enact (I&L-18th) Wade-9th

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024
THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 285 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; total percentage of funds invested in alternative investments; raise limit (Amendment) (RET-16th) Franklin-160th
Passage of HB 285 was suspended pursuant to Rule 7-1.6(b)

HB 301 Motor vehicles and traffic; revise amount of civil monetary penalty for violations of improperly passing a school bus or speeding in a school zone (Substitute) (PUB SAF-56th) Ridley-6th

HB 1058 Motor vehicles; federal regulations regarding safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; update reference date (TRANS-29th) McDonald-26th

HB 1072 Health; drug repository program; revise definitions; provide for pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratios (Substitute) (H&HS-28th) Cooper-45th

HB 1090 Income tax; contributions to foster child support organizations; expand tax credit (Substitute) (FIN-28th) Newton-127th

HB 1105 The Georgia Criminal Alien Track and Report Act of 2024; enact (Substitute) (PUB SAF-56th) Petrea-166th

HB 1193 Motor vehicles; require operation of flashing or revolving amber lights upon certain vehicles (TRANS-29th) McDonald-26th

HB 1240 Uniform Commercial Code Modernization Act of 2024; enact (JUDY-18th) Reeves-99th

HB 1026 State government; Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby as official soap box derby of the State of Georgia; designate (Substitute) (ED&T-29th) Hagan-156th

HB 1312 Agriculture, Department of; regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations; extend effective date of provisions (Substitute) (RI&U-18th) Jasperse-11th

HB 1203 Dispossessory proceedings; authorize landlords to use certain off-duty sheriffs, constables, or marshals to execute writs of possession; provisions (Substitute) (JUDY-50th) Kelley-16th

HB 1223 Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976; provide for a new prohibited act (Substitute) (AG&CA-24th) Leverett-123rd

HB 1149 Local government; require local constitutional officers to annually report audits of discretionary funds to the General Assembly (SLGO(G)-48th) Mainor-56th

HB 1046 Health; advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services; authorize (Substitute) (RI&U-45th) Clark-100th

HB 1053 State government; prohibit governmental agencies from using central bank digital currency as payment (B&FI-27th) Barrett-24th

HB 1183 Education; local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes; require (ED&Y-48th) Dempsey-13th

HB 1335 Health; personal care homes, assisted living communities, and memory care centers; revise staffing requirements (H&HS-1st) LaHood-175th

HB 51 Education; local boards of education use vehicles other than school buses for transport of students; authorize (Substitute) (ED&Y-29th) Pirkle-169th

HB 185 Education; provide for HOPE Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) grants (Substitute) (H ED-16th) Gaines-120th

HB 461 Revenue and taxation; proceeds to local government regulatory fees be used to pay for regulatory activity and not general operations; require (Substitute) (RULES-4th) Thomas-21st

HB 499 Domestic relations; authorize child support and insurance policies for certain disabled children; provisions (Substitute) (C&F-17th) Hitchens-161st

HB 516 Transportation, Department of; increase minimum amount for a public road construction or maintenance contract that prohibits negotiation (Substitute) (TRANS-27th) McCollum-30th

HB 872 Medical professionals; rural assistance; expand service cancelable loan program for health care providers to include dental students (H&HS-32nd) Hawkins-27th

HB 874 Schools; automated external defibrillators; require (ED&Y-1st) Hawkins-27th

HB 896 Domestic relations; process by which individuals may change their married surname to previous surname following divorce; provide (JUDY-31st) New-64th

HB 1123 Handicapped persons; require establishment of an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team in each judicial circuit (JUDY-18th) Barrett-24th

HB 158 Courts; change name of Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit to DeKalb Judicial Circuit (JUDY-42nd) Mitchell-88th

HB 404 Safe at Home Act; enact (Substitute) (JUDY-52nd) Carpenter-4th

HB 663 No Patient Left Alone Act; enact (Substitute) (H&HS-50th) Hatchett-155th

HB 1010 Public officers and employees; increase number of hours permitted for paid parental leave (Substitute)(C&F-17th) Jones-47th

HB 1341 State symbols; white shrimp as official state crustacean; designate (ED&T-1st) Sainz-180th

HB 1410 State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Act; enact (Substitute) (ED&T-32nd) Efstration-104th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read and put upon its passage:

HB 285. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th, Williams of the 148th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harbin of the 16th.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

January 25, 2023

The Honorable John Carson
Chairman, House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill (LC 43 2562)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This bill would amend provisions relating to the Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law. Current law authorizes most eligible large retirement systems to invest up to 10 percent of their assets in alternative investments. However, the Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System are limited to a five percent investment in alternative investments. If this legislation is enacted, the limitation currently placed on the Employees' Retirement System would be removed and the System would be authorized to invest up to 10 percent of their assets in alternative investments.

This is to certify that this bill is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.6 (b), final passage of HB 285 was suspended on March 20, 2024, due to the adoption of the Cowsert floor amendment #1.

The Cowsert floor amendment #1 to HB 285 was automatically reconsidered pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.6 (b) and put upon its adoption.

Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Harbin of the 16th, and Anavitarte of the 31st offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 285 (LC 43 2562) by replacing lines 4 and 5 with the following:
alternative investments; to provide for retirement system divestment from certain Chinese entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for a time line for compliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By replacing lines 24 and 25 with the following:

SECTION 2.

Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"47-20-83.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Investment activities' means acts of investing in or lending of assets of a retirement system.

(2) 'Restricted entity' means:

(A) A Chinese entity:

(i) Designated by Presidential Executive Order 13959, relating to addressing the threat from securities investments that finance Communist Chinese military companies;

(ii) Designated by Presidential Executive Order 14105, relating to addressing United States investments in certain national security technologies and products in countries of concern;

(iii) Included in the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control;

(iv) Included on the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List maintained by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control under Presidential Executive Order 14032;

(v) That qualifies as a Chinese military company or a military-civilian fusion contributor and included on the list maintained by the Department of Defense in accordance with Section 1260H(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021;

(vi) That is included on the list required under Section 1237 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999;

(vii) That is included on the Denied Persons List described in Section 764.3(a)(2) of the federal government's Export Administration Regulations;

(viii) That is included on the Unverified List set forth in supplement No. 6 to Part 744 of the Export Administration Regulations;

(ix) That is included on the Military End User List set forth in supplement No. 7 to Part 744 of the Export Administration Regulations;

(x) That produces or provides communications equipment or services on the list published by the Federal Communications Commission under Section 2(a) of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019;

(xi) That is included on the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List, maintained by the Department of Homeland Security;

(xii) That is included on the Withhold Release Orders and Findings List maintained by the Commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection pursuant to the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act;

(xiii) That is included on the list of covered issuers maintained by the Securities

and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 104 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; and

(xiv) That is otherwise included on any other list maintained by the United States government that designates Chinese entities for restriction relating to investment, contracting, or procurement;

(B) A Chinese entity otherwise subject to the control of a Chinese entity listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

(C) Any agency or instrumentality of the People's Republic of China.

(b) The state treasurer or his or her designee shall, on or before December 31, 2024, create a list of restricted entities and shall update such list every six months.

(c) No retirement system may engage in investment activities with an entity on the list maintained pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Upon publication or update of the restricted entity list provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, the governing body or board of trustees of each retirement system shall identify any holdings of the retirement system in such restricted entity and shall, acting as a prudent investor, divest from any holdings or other investment activity in any such within six months of such publication or update."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Harbin of the 16th, Cowsert of the 46th, and Robertson of the 29th offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend Amendment 1 to HB 285 (LC 43 2562) by replacing lines 3 and 4 with the following:

entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for a time line for compliance; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System, so as to match the retirement benefit amounts payable to former legislators upon retirement and to currently retired legislators in retirement to those benefits which are payable upon retirement to legislators who are in office on or after January 1, 2022; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By replacing lines 65 and 66 with the following:

SECTION 3.

Chapter 6 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System, is amended by revising Code Section 47-6-80, relating to eligibility and application for a retirement allowance, early retirement, monthly retirement allowance, amount of retirement allowance, compliance with federal tax laws, and increases in retirement allowance, as follows:

"47-6-80.

(a) Upon the written application to the board, any member of the system who (1) has attained age 65 and has completed eight or more years of creditable service or (2) has

attained age 62 and has completed eight or more years of membership service shall be retired by the board on a retirement allowance and shall thereupon become a beneficiary of the system, provided that he or she is no longer in the service of the state, whether as a member of the General Assembly or otherwise. In lieu of eight years of service, a member may substitute four terms of office in the General Assembly.

(b) The effective date of retirement shall be the first day of the month in which the application is received by the board, but such effective date shall not, in any case, be earlier than the first day of the month following the final month of the applicant's employment. Applications for retirement shall not be accepted more than 90 days in advance of the effective date of retirement.

(c) Normal retirement age for a member with at least eight years of membership service shall be the date the member has reached 62 years of age. Normal retirement age for a member with less than eight years of membership service but with at least eight years of creditable service shall be the date the member has reached 65 years of age. Any member of the system who has completed eight or more years of membership service and who has attained age 60 may elect to retire prior to age 62, provided that in such event, the member's retirement allowance shall be reduced by 5 percent for each year below age 62.

~~(c.1) In lieu of the monthly service retirement allowance provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, for any person who was a contributing member on January 1, 2022, or who first becomes a contributing member after January 1, 2022, upon retirement under subsection (a) of this Code section such member shall receive a monthly service retirement allowance equal to the sum of $50.00 for each year of such member's creditable service and an additional $200.00 for each year of such member's presiding creditable service. Any inactive or retired member who was not a contributing member on January 1, 2022, and who becomes a contributing member again after January 1, 2022, shall be eligible for the monthly service retirement allowance provided in this subsection for his or her membership service earned after January 1, 2022.~~

(d) Upon such retirement under subsection (a) of this Code section, the retired member shall receive a monthly service retirement allowance which shall be equal to ~~$28.00~~ $50.00 multiplied by the number of years of the member's creditable service and an additional $200.00 for each year of such member's presiding creditable service.

(d.1) The board of trustees is authorized to provide for the payment of benefits to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system at a time and under circumstances not provided for in this chapter to the extent that such payment is required to maintain the retirement system as a qualified retirement plan for purposes of federal income tax laws and regulations.

(e) Any increase in benefits payable under the retirement system which becomes effective as a result of a change in the benefit formula provided for by subsection (d) of this Code section shall be applicable to beneficiaries of the system who are receiving benefits at the time the increase becomes effective.

(f) Subject to the terms and limitations of this Code section, the board of trustees is authorized to adopt from time to time a method or methods of providing for increases in the retirement allowance provided in subsection (d) of this Code section for persons

theretofore or thereafter retiring under this article. Such method shall be based upon:

(1) The recommendation of the actuary of the board of trustees;

(2) The maintenance of the actuarial soundness of the fund in accordance with the standards provided in Code Section 47-20-10 or such higher standards as may be adopted by the board; and

(3) Such other factors as the board deems relevant;

provided, however, that any such increase shall be uniform and shall apply equally to all members of this retirement system.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, no member who becomes a member of this retirement system on or after July 1, 2009, shall be entitled to receive any postretirement benefit adjustment."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2024, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

On the adoption of amendment #1A, there were no objections, and the Harbin amendment #1A to amendment #1 was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #1 as amended, there were no objections, and the Cowsert amendment #1 was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay

Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 5.

HB 285, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 420. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Beach of the 21st, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, so as to prohibit the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for civil actions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for disclosures; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 301. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Smith of the 18th, Collins of the 71st, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the amount of civil monetary penalty for violations of improperly passing a school bus and

speeding in a school zone when captured by cameras; to restrict other additional fines, fees, penalties, or charges; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 301:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to provide legislative findings; to provide procedures for residents to seek declaratory judgments when a local governing body has violated the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies; to provide for actions in the superior court; to provide for notification and publication of such judgments; to provide that governing bodies found to be in violation of such prohibition shall lose their eligibility for certain state and federal funds; to authorize the removal of such judgments and penalties when a local governing body rescinds prohibited sanctuary policies; to waive sovereign and governmental immunities for local governments and their officials and employees for violating the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies; to provide for the removal of members of local governing authorities under certain circumstances; to provide for hearings and procedures regarding such removals; to provide for reinstatement in certain circumstances; to prohibit the use of government funds related to such removal procedures; to provide for reimbursement of costs in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, is amended by revising Code Section 36-80-23, relating to prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities and certification of compliance, as follows:

"36-80-23.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Federal officials or law enforcement officers' means any person employed by the United States government for the purpose of enforcing or regulating federal immigration laws and any peace officer certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council where such federal official or peace officer is acting within the scope of his or her employment for the purpose of enforcing federal

immigration laws or preserving homeland security.

(2) 'Immigration status' means the legality or illegality of an individual's presence in the United States as determined by federal law.

(3) 'Immigration status information' means any information, not including any information required by law to be kept confidential but otherwise including but not limited to any statement, document, computer generated data, recording, or photograph, which is relevant to immigration status or the identity or location of an individual who is reasonably believed to be illegally residing within the United States or who is reasonably believed to be involved in domestic terrorism as that term is defined in Code Section 16-11-220 or a terroristic act as that term is defined by Code Section 35-3-62.

(4) 'Local governing body' means any political subdivision of this state, including any county, consolidated government, municipality, authority, school district, commission, board, or any other local public body corporate, governmental unit, or political subdivision.

(5) 'Local official or employee' means any elected or appointed official, supervisor or managerial employee, contractor, agent, or certified peace officer acting on behalf of or in conjunction with a local governing body.

(6) 'Sanctuary policy' means any regulation, rule, policy, or practice adopted by a local governing body which prohibits or restricts local officials or employees from communicating or cooperating with federal officials or law enforcement officers with regard to reporting immigration status information while such local official or employee is acting within the scope of his or her official duties.

(b) No local governing body, whether acting through its governing body or by an initiative, referendum, or any other process, shall enact, adopt, implement, or enforce any sanctuary policy.

(c) Any local governing body that acts in violation of this Code section shall be subject to the withholding of state funding or state administered federal funding other than funds to provide services specified in subsection (d) of Code Section 50-36-1.

(d) As a condition of funding, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Transportation, or any other state agency that provides funding to local governing bodies shall require certification pursuant to Code Section 50-36-4 as proof of compliance with this Code section.

(e)(1) The General Assembly finds that the prohibition in this Code section is a matter of state-wide concern and that any resident of this state is a stakeholder when a local governing body fails to comply with the law and has a public right in the enforcement of such prohibition.

(2) In addition to any other remedies provided by law, in any case in which a local governing body violates subsection (b) of this Code section, any resident of this state may bring an action for declaratory judgment seeking a declaration that the local governing body is in violation of subsection (b) of this Code section. Any such action shall be brought in the superior court of the county wherein the legal situs of the local governing body is located.

(3) If a judgment is entered pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection declaring a

local governing body in violation of subsection (b) of this Code section, the clerk of the superior court shall file a certified copy of the judgment with the Secretary of State, the Office of Planning and Budget, and the legislative counsel. A local governing body declared to be in violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall have all state funding and all state administered federal funding, other than funds to provide services specified in subsection (d) of Code Section 50-36-1, withheld by the state from the date of such judgment.

(4) If a judgment is entered pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection declaring a local governing body in violation of subsection (b) of this Code section and the local governing body repeals, retracts, or withdraws its sanctuary policy, such local governing body may petition the superior court for relief from any declaration entered under this subsection. Following a determination that the local governing body has in fact repealed, retracted, or withdrawn its sanctuary policy, the superior court shall enter a judgment relieving the local governing body from any declaration entered under this subsection and shall enter a permanent injunction barring the local governing body from enacting, adopting, implementing, or enforcing any new sanctuary policy. Following entry of such judgment, the clerk of the superior court shall file a certified copy of the judgment issued pursuant to this paragraph with the Secretary of State, the Office of Planning and Budget, and the legislative counsel. Following the entry of a judgment pursuant to this paragraph, the local governing body shall become eligible to receive state funding and state administered federal funding; provided, however, that such local governing body shall not be eligible to receive any state funding or state administered federal funding withheld during the period in which a declaration issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection was in effect.

(5) The Secretary of State shall provide for the publication and distribution of copies of all judgments issued pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (4) of this subsection at least annually in the same manner as provided for in Code Section 36-35-5 for the publication of municipal home rule charter amendments.

(6) The sovereign immunity of local governing bodies is waived for actions brought pursuant to this subsection as well as to any judgments, whether declaratory or injunctive, issued by a superior court pursuant to this subsection.

(f) In the event that a local governing body enacts, adopts, implements, or enforces any sanctuary policy in violation of this Code section, the sovereign immunity of such local governing body and the governmental immunity of all local officials and employees of such local governing body is waived for any cause of action arising during the period in which any sanctuary policy enacted, adopted, implemented, or enforced by such local governing body is in effect."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-80-23.1.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, if the governing authority of any county, consolidated government, or municipality, through action or

inaction, fails to comply with any provision of Code Section 36-60-6 or 36-80-23 or Chapter 36 of Title 50, any resident of this state may file a written complaint with the Board of Community Affairs detailing such failure and the Board of Community Affairs shall conduct a hearing in not less than ten days nor more than 90 days of receiving such complaint. Upon completion of such hearing, the Board of Community Affairs shall recommend to the Governor whether to suspend all eligible members of the governing authority with pay.

(2) A majority of the members of a governing authority may petition the Board of Community Affairs to continue any hearing scheduled under this subsection. Upon a showing of good cause, the board may in its sound discretion continue any such hearing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, deliberations held by the Board of Community Affairs pursuant to this subsection to formulate its recommendation to the Governor shall not be open to the public; provided, however, that testimony shall be taken in an open meeting and a vote on the recommendation shall be taken in an open meeting following the hearing or at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If the Board of Community Affairs makes such recommendation, the Governor may, in his or her discretion, suspend all eligible members of the governing authority with pay and, in consultation with the Board of Community Affairs, appoint temporary replacement members who shall be otherwise qualified to serve as members of such governing authority.

(b) Any member of a governing authority suspended under this Code section may petition the Governor for reinstatement no earlier than 30 days following suspension and no later than 60 days following suspension. In the event that a suspended member does not petition for reinstatement within the allotted time period, his or her suspension shall be converted into permanent removal, and the temporary replacement member shall become a permanent member and serve out the remainder of the term of the removed member or until the next general election which is at least six months after the member was permanently removed, whichever is sooner.

(c) Upon petition for reinstatement by a suspended member of a governing authority, the Governor or his or her designated agent shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relative to whether the member's continued service on the governing authority is more likely than not to improve the ability of the county, consolidated government, or municipality to comply with the provisions of Code Section 36-60-6 or 36-80-23 or Chapter 36 of Title 50. The appealing member shall be given at least 30 days' notice prior to such hearing. Such hearing shall be held not later than 90 days after the petition is filed and in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' except that the individual conducting the hearing shall have the power to call witnesses and request documents on his or her own initiative. For purposes of said chapter and any hearing conducted pursuant to this Code section, the Governor shall be considered the agency, and the Attorney General or his or her designee shall represent the interests of the Governor in the hearing. If it is determined that the member's continued service on the governing authority is more likely than not to improve the ability of the county, consolidated government, or municipality to comply with the

provisions of Code Section 36-60-6 or 36-80-23 or Chapter 36 of Title 50, the member shall be immediately reinstated; otherwise, the member shall be permanently removed, and the temporary replacement member shall become a permanent member and serve out the remainder of the term of the removed member or until the next general election which is at least six months after the member was permanently removed, whichever is sooner. Judicial review of any such decision shall be in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50.

(d) For purposes of this Code section, an eligible member of a governing authority of a county, consolidated government, or municipality shall mean a member who was serving on the governing authority at the time of the alleged failure to comply with any provision of Code Section 36-60-6 or 36-80-23 or Chapter 36 of Title 50.

(e) A governing authority of a county, consolidated government, or municipality shall not expend any public funds for attorney's fees or expenses of litigation relating to proceedings initiated pursuant to this Code section except to the extent such fees and expenses are incurred prior to and through the recommendation of the Board of Community Affairs as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit an insurance provider from covering attorney's fees or expenses of litigation under an insurance policy.

(f) Any suspended member of a governing authority who is reinstated by the Governor pursuant to this Code section may be reimbursed by the governing authority for his or her reasonable attorney's fees and related expenses incurred in pursuing such reinstatement."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with HB 301.

Senator Hodges of the 3rd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to HB 301 (LC 47 3002S) by replacing line 15 with the following:

in certain circumstances; to provide for timing when actions may be brought to challenge the abandonment of a public road; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for

By inserting between lines 178 and 179 the following:

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-80-32.

All actions challenging the validity of the abandonment of any public road or portion of a public road of the state highway system or a county road system or municipal street system or the disposition of such abandoned road shall be brought within two years of the date of certification of such abandonment pursuant to Code Section 32-7-2, or in the absence of such certification, the date by which the abandonment was officially made."

SECTION 4.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Hodges amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 18.

HB 301, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1058. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 33rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Collins of the 71st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as

to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Robertson of the 29th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

HB 1058, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/20/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1058. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Davenport of the 44th

HB 1072. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Parrish of the 158th, Jackson of the 128th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the drug repository program, so as to revise definitions; to provide for pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratios in the program; to require reverse drug distributors to make and document diligent efforts to donate drugs rather than destroy them; to provide for substitution of drugs in some instances; to provide for the intent of the General Assembly with respect to settlement funds received by the state relating to prescription drugs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales to or by certain eligible recipients; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Brass of the 28th.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 1072:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 26, 31, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to increase the public's access to prescription drugs by increasing the number of pharmacy technicians authorized to be supervised by a pharmacist in certain circumstances and by revising provisions relative to the drug repository program; to authorize the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy to increase the maximum ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians in closed-door pharmacies; to provide definitions; to provide for additional pharmacy technicians for certain non-dispensing related duties in the drug repository program; to require reverse drug distributors to make and document diligent efforts to donate drugs rather than destroy them; to provide for an eligible recipient to substitute a drug under certain circumstances; to provide for legislative intent regarding certain settlement funds received by the state; to provide for referrals to the drug repository program; to exempt sales to or by certain eligible recipients in the drug repository program; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

Closed-door pharmacies

SECTION 1-1.

Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, is amended in Code Section 26-4-82, relating to duties requiring professional judgment and responsibilities of a licensed pharmacist, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The board of pharmacy shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding the activities and utilization of pharmacy technicians in pharmacies, including the establishment of a registry as required in paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-28; provided, however, that the pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio shall not exceed one pharmacist providing direct supervision of four pharmacy technicians. The board may consider and approve an application to increase the ratio in a pharmacy located in a licensed hospital or in a closed-door pharmacy. Such application must be made in writing and must be submitted to the board by the pharmacist in charge of a specific hospital pharmacy in this state or a specific closed-door pharmacy. At any time during which the pharmacist directly supervises four or more pharmacy technicians, two of such technicians must be certified. At any time during which the pharmacist directly supervises three pharmacy technicians, one of such technicians must be certified. No certification is required for pharmacy technicians in pharmacies at any time during which the pharmacist directly supervises one or two pharmacy technicians. In order to be certified, pharmacy technicians must:

(1) Have successfully passed a certification program approved by the board of pharmacy;

(2) Have successfully passed an employer's training and assessment program which has been approved by the board of pharmacy; or

(3) Have been certified by either the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or any other nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board of pharmacy.

As used in this subsection, the term 'closed-door pharmacy' means a pharmacy that provides specialized services and is not open to the general public."

PART II

Drug repository program

SECTION 2-1.

The General Assembly finds:

(1) Access to affordable medications is a public health issue that disproportionately impacts vulnerable patients, and a state's drug repository program can serve as a solution to thousands of families for life-saving and life-preserving medications; and

(2) Participating recipient organizations can provide a valuable community benefit to families in need by making donated medications available and will be authorized to utilize additional pharmacy technicians to distribute donated medications under the drug repository program.

SECTION 2-2.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-8-300, relating to definitions relative to the drug repository program, as follows:

"31-8-300.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Controlled substance' means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules I through V of Code Sections 16-13-25 through 16-13-29 and Schedules I through V of 21 C.F.R. Part 1308 as of January 1, 2023.

(2) 'Disposition' means destroy, dispose of, return, quarantine, or otherwise prevent from further distribution.

(3) 'Eligible drug' means an over-the-counter or prescription drug, including drugs labeled specifically for investigational use and approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration as such, which may be donated to the program pursuant to Code Section 31-8-301.

~~(2)~~(4) 'Eligible patient' means an individual who is indigent, uninsured, underinsured, or enrolled in a public assistance health benefits program, in accordance with criteria established by the Department of Public Health pursuant to Code Section 31-8-304. Other individuals may be considered eligible patients if the need for donated drugs for indigent, uninsured, underinsured, and public assistance health benefits program patients is less than the supply of donated drugs.

~~(3)~~(5) 'Eligible recipient' means a pharmacy, hospital, federally qualified health center, nonprofit clinic, or other entity meeting the criteria established by the Department of Public Health pursuant to Code Section 31-8-304.

(6) 'Expiration date' means the original expiration date provided by the manufacturer or repackager or the expiration date provided on the medication's packaging or prescription drug label.

~~(4)~~(7) 'Health care facility' means a:

(A) Nursing home licensed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 7 of this title;

(B) Personal care home licensed pursuant to Code Section 31-7-12;

(C) Assisted living community licensed pursuant to Code Section 31-7-12.2;

(D) Hospice licensed pursuant to Article 9 of Chapter 7 of this title; and

(E) Home health agency licensed pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 7 of this title.

~~(5)~~(8) 'Health care professional' means any of the following who provide medical, dental, or other health related ~~diagnosis~~ diagnoses, care, or treatment:

(A) Physicians licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43;

(B) Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses licensed under Chapter 26 of Title 43;

(C) Physician assistants licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43;

(D) Dentists and dental hygienists licensed under Chapter 11 of Title 43;

(E) Optometrists licensed under Chapter 30 of Title 43; and

(F) Pharmacists licensed under Chapter 4 of Title 26.

~~(6)~~(9) 'Hospital' means a facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 7 of this title.

~~(7)~~(10) 'Program' means the drug repository program established pursuant to Code Section 31-8-301.

(11) 'Short-dated' means within five months of a drug's expiration date."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-8-301, relating to the establishment of a drug repository program and criteria and requirements for unused over-the-counter and prescription drugs, as follows:

"31-8-301.

(a) The Department of Public Health shall establish a drug repository program to accept and dispense over-the-counter and prescription drugs donated for the purpose of being dispensed to eligible patients.

(b) Drugs shall only be dispensed pursuant to the program if:

(1) For prescription drugs, ~~they do~~ with an expiration date that does not expire before the completion of the medication by the eligible patient based on the prescribing health care professional's directions for use and, for over-the-counter drugs, ~~they do~~ with an expiration date that does not expire before use by the eligible patient based on the directions for use on the manufacturer's label; and

(2) The drugs were donated in unopened tamper-evident packaging as defined by United States Pharmacopeia General Chapter 659, Packaging and Storage Requirements, including but not limited to unopened unit-dose and multiple-dose packaging.

(c) The following drugs shall not be donated to the program:

(1) Controlled substances;

(2) Drugs subject to a federal Food and Drug Administration managed risk evaluation and mitigation strategy pursuant to Section 355-1 of Title 21 of the United States Code if inventory transfer is prohibited by such strategy; or

(3) Drugs that there is reason to believe are adulterated pursuant to Code Section 26-3-7."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-8-302, relating to procedures for donation and dispensing of unused over-the-counter and prescription drugs, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(f) In addition to the maximum number of pharmacy technicians that are authorized to be under the direct supervision of a pharmacist pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 26-4-82, a participating pharmacy may utilize up to two additional pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of such pharmacist for duties related to the program; provided, however, that the two such additional pharmacy technicians shall not be authorized to assist the supervising pharmacist in connection with any activities related to completing a prescription drug order or preparation of a prescription drug for a patient, but shall only be authorized to perform non-dispensing related duties, such as, but not limited to, receiving and stocking inventory.

(g) A reverse drug distributor permitted or licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy shall:

(1) Make and document diligent efforts to donate eligible drugs within 30 days of taking possession to the program in accordance with Code Section 31-8-301 rather than destroy such drugs;

(2) Not directly or indirectly by transferring to another entity or by other means, cause eligible drugs to be dispositioned, become short-dated, expire, or otherwise become ineligible for donation; and

(3) Make and document diligent efforts to ensure that any policy, contract, or other business arrangement between the reverse drug distributor and its clients or other parties does not prohibit the donation of eligible drugs received from any such client or other party to the program in accordance with Code Section 31-8-301; provides for the same rate of compensation for the client or other party for donation of eligible drugs and other disposition of such drugs; and does not require an eligible drug to be dispositioned, become short-dated, expire, or otherwise become ineligible for donation.

(h) Any person or entity eligible to donate drugs under the program shall be allowed to donate eligible drugs in the same manner, at the same rate of compensation, and paid for by the same parties as applies to the disposition of drugs regardless of any policy, contract, or other business arrangement that would have otherwise directly or indirectly by transferring to another entity or by other means required an eligible drug to be dispositioned, become short-dated, expire, or otherwise become ineligible for donation.

(i) The donation, brokering, or other facilitation of a donation of a drug pursuant to this program shall not be considered wholesale distribution as defined in Code Section 26-4-201 and shall not be subject to or require licensure as a wholesale distributor pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 26.

(j) Eligible recipients that provide pharmacy related services only for the purpose of dispensing donated or purchased drugs pursuant to the program shall not be subject to comprehensive formulary or minimum supply of drugs requirements contained in Chapter 4 of Title 26."

SECTION 2-5.

Said article is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"31-8-305.

(a) Notwithstanding Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 26, an eligible recipient may substitute:

(1) A prescribed drug with a therapeutically equivalent drug; or

(2) A biological product with an interchangeable biological product.

(b) Substitutions made pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Splitting a combination drug into two or more drugs;

(2) Combining two or more drugs into a combination drug; and

(3) Substituting a different form of a prescribed drug, including, but not limited to, an oral tablet or capsule.

(c) If an eligible recipient dispenses or administers a substitute drug pursuant to this Code section, such substitution shall be communicated to the patient and the prescribing health care professional, unless the program's substitution policy is readily available on the eligible recipient's website.
(d) Whenever a substitution is made, the eligible recipient shall record on the original prescription or the patient's prescription drug label that there has been a substitution and the identity of the dispensed drug product or interchangeable biological product.

31-8-306.
(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that a portion of the proceeds of settlements received by the state relating to prescription drugs that are not controlled substances be appropriated for purposes of the program and distributed to eligible recipients in proportion to each such recipient's participation rate in the program.
(b) It is further the intent of the General Assembly that if funds are appropriated for purposes of this article, the department shall be required to distribute such appropriations to eligible recipients in proportion to each such recipient's level of participation in the program.

31-8-307.
(a) Hospitals and pharmacies licensed in this state and state programs that provide health care coverage or health care services to patients, recipients, or other individuals in this state, including, but not limited to, Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids Program, alcohol and drug awareness programs, and the Department of Corrections shall provide such patients, recipients, or other individuals with referral information to the program for eligible drugs available through the program for:
(1) Drugs not currently covered under a state program;
(2) Patients who do not meet the eligibility coverage for a state program or become unenrolled or leave a state program;
(3) Drugs that are covered under a state program but are otherwise inaccessible to a patient due to, but not limited to a gap in coverage or out-of-pocket costs that are too high for a specific patient, recipient, or other individual; a prior authorization requirement; step therapy requirements; or high co-payments; or
(4) A patient, recipient, or other individual for a drug that is covered under a state program but that the claim for coverage is denied with respect to the specific patient, recipient, or other individual.
(b) Recipients of the federal Title X Family Planning Program shall make and document diligent efforts to subcontract with interested eligible recipients participating in the program to offer family planning services to rural and low-income populations.
(c) If an eligible recipient offers value-added services and referrals, in addition to just providing medicine, such eligible recipient may also be eligible for discounted medication pricing to help widen such eligible recipient's formularies of medication and increase financial sustainability of its participation in the program."

SECTION 2-6.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, by deleting "or" at the end of paragraph (103), by replacing the period with "; or" at the end of paragraph (104), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(105) Sales to or by an eligible recipient, as defined in Code Section 31-8-300, which provides pharmacy related services only for the purpose of dispensing donated or purchased drugs pursuant to the drug repository program established under Article 10 of Chapter 8 of Title 31, if such organization qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or is an organization that is treated for federal income tax purposes as a disregarded entity of a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

PART III

Effective date and repealer

SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval; provided, however, that Section 2-6 of this Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland

Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

HB 1072, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1090. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Wiedower of the 121st, Gullett of the 19th, Crowe of the 118th and Hutchinson of the 106th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against certain tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting requirements; to remove the prohibition of allowing such a tax credit for qualified contributions that were utilized as a deduction or exemption from taxable income; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Brass of the 28th.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 4, 2024

Honorable Chuck Hufstetler
Chairman, Senate Finance
121-C State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 1090 (LC 50 0761S)

Dear Chairman Hufstetler:

The bill would revise provisions associated with the tax credits for contributions to qualified foster child support organizations. The bill expands qualified donations to those made to programs supporting justice-involved youth. It would also allow tax credits to be taken against the insurance premium taxes (IPT) and allow for the use of tax-deductible income as credit-earning donations. The bill would be effective for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

Impact on State Revenue
Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would decrease state revenue as shown in Table 1. FRC estimated the same revenue impact as a previous version of the bill (LC 50 0670). The appendix provides details of the analysis.

Table 1. Estimated State Revenue Effects of HB 1090 LC 50 0761S

($ *millions*)	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
Estimates	($2.8)	($4.0)	($4.5)	($3.6)	($1.8)

Impact on State Expenditures
The Department of Revenue would be able to implement the provisions of the bill with existing resources.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard E. Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center
Under current law, as established by O.C.G.A. § 48-7-29.24, terms and conditions are set forth for a preapproved tax credit that taxpayers can claim based on the donations made to foster child support organizations, subject to an aggregate limit of $20 million per year. These organizations operate certain programs that support aging foster children. Specific credit limits are imposed on each taxpayer for preapproved applications that are submitted annually from January 1 to June 30.

Credits utilized in any year cannot exceed the taxpayer's tax liability for the year, but any unused credits can be carried forward and used against future tax liabilities for up to five years. The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) is responsible for qualifying foster child support organizations, while the Georgia Department of Revenue oversees the preapproval of contributions to ensure they qualify for the tax credit.

HB 1090 proposes to make multiple changes to the administration of the program and credit terms. Among the changes that affect programs or organizations eligible to receive qualified contributions, thus potentially increasing the demand for contributions, the bill:

- Expands eligibility for programs receiving qualified contributions to include programs that support justice-involved youth age 18–21, or up to age 25 if legally permissible, as defined by the bill.
- Extends the scope of wraparound services within qualified expenditures to cover enrollment in additional educational programs, such as obtaining a high school diploma, attending vocational school, and participating in apprenticeship programs.
- Clarifies definitions of certain terms, including the definition of mentorship services.

Other changes likely expand the supply of contributions. In this regard, the bill:

- Broadens the definition of taxpayers eligible to make donations to include insurance companies and their headquarters, which may utilize credits against insurance premium tax liability.
- Removes the restriction that disallows a tax credit when contributions have been used as a deduction or exemption from taxable income.
- Creates a new provision that allows—to the extent the aggregate cap has not been reached after the June 30 end of the initial application window—submission of preapproved applications by individual taxpayers or business enterprises without individual limits from July 1 to December 31. These applications will be processed, and the remaining balance will be allocated on a first- come, first-served basis.

We analyze similar donation-based tax credit programs in Georgia to assess the fiscal impact of the proposed revisions in the current bill on the Qualified Foster Child Donation (QFCD) credit. This includes tracking preapproval amounts and credit utilization rates for the Qualified Education Expense Credit (QEEC) and the Rural Hospital Tax Credit (RHTC). QEEC was established in 2009 and has reached its cap annually since 2011. RHTC started at 70 percent of its cap in 2017, grew by 43 percent between its first and second years of the policy, and reached its cap after 2020, maintaining that level thereafter.

To model the fiscal impact of the current bill, we identify the revenue effects under two scenarios. First, we outline the estimates under the current law, referring to this scenario as the baseline case. Next, we outline the accelerated case that models the fiscal impact

considering the revenue-impacting expansions of HB 1090 explained above.

The QCFD credit program, which became effective on January 1, 2023, started at a more modest level of preapproval amounts as a percentage of its cap (about 60 percent) in its first year compared to the RHTC and others. Based on the time it took previous donation-based tax credit programs in Georgia to reach their annual cap, we expect that, following its current trajectory, the QFCD program will likely reach its annual aggregate cap of $20 million for the first time in tax year (TY) 2029. This scenario assumes a moderate growth in yearly preapprovals as a percentage of its cap and constitutes our baseline. Its revenue estimates are reported in Table 2 below.

Considering the fiscal impact of HB 1090, especially the six-month extension of the donation window and the inclusion of insurance companies as eligible taxpayers, we model estimates for a pro forma, accelerated scenario. Analyzing the trends in credit usage by corporations and insurance companies in similar tax credit programs in Georgia, we anticipate a quicker increase in yearly preapprovals relative to the aggregate cap in the accelerated case. Consequently, the QFCD is projected to reach its aggregate cap sooner. These estimates of donations (credits generated) are detailed in Table 2.

Finally, based on historical data from similar programs in Georgia, we assume a tax utilization rate for the current law and pro forma estimates of 80 percent in the tax year the credit is earned, with the balance carried forward and utilized in the following year. Tax-year utilization of the credit is converted to fiscal years, assuming one-third is realized as a reduction in estimated tax payments before the June 30 fiscal year-end and the balance-reducing estimated and final tax payments in the subsequent fiscal year. The resulting fiscal year utilization estimates are differenced to calculate the net revenue effects presented in Table 1.

Table 2. Estimated State Revenue Effects under Current Law versus Pro Forma

($ *millions*)	**TY 2025**	**TY 2026**	**TY 2027**	**TY 2028**	**TY 2029**
Credits Generated					
Current law (Baseline)	($14.0)	($15.0)	($16.0)	($18.0)	($20.0)
Pro Forma (Accelerated)	($18.0)	($20.0)	($20.0)	($20.0)	($20.0)
Credits Utilized					
Current law (Baseline)	($13.7)	($14.7)	($15.7)	($17.5)	($19.5)
Pro forma (Accelerated)	($17.3)	($19.5)	($19.9)	($20.0)	($20.0)

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 1090:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against certain tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting and public website requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for a sunset; to provide for information sharing and limitations thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-29.24, relating to tax credits for contributions to foster child support organizations, as follows:

"48-7-29.24.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Aging foster children' means:

(A) Foster children aged 16 through 18 ~~that would benefit based on projected status at age 18, as determined by the division~~; and

(B) Former foster children ~~up to and including age 21, or age 25 if legally possible,~~ aged 16 through 25 who ~~have not been adopted or reunited with families~~ were:

(i) In foster care for at least six months after reaching age 14 and who have not been or were not adopted or reunited with family prior to reaching age 18;

(ii) Adopted after reaching age 14; or

(iii) In foster care for at least six months after reaching age 14 and:

(I) Meet the definition of 'homeless children and youths' pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a(2), the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; or

(II) Qualify by reason of low income for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(2) 'Aging-out program' means a program with the primary function of supporting aging foster children and justice involved youth.

(2.1) 'Business enterprise' means any insurance company or the headquarters of any insurance company required to pay the tax provided for in Code Section 33-8-4.

(3) 'Division' means the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(4) 'Foster child support organization' means:

(A) The aging-out program of the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation;

(B) The aging-out program of the University System of Georgia Foundation, provided that such program is certified by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget as an aging-out program; or

(C) Any domestic nonprofit corporation which maintains nonprofit status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and tax exempt status under Code Section 48-7-25, that has the primary function of:

(i) Operating an aging-out program that primarily supports aging foster children or operating as or supporting a Georgia licensed child-placing agency; or

(ii) Disbursing funds directly to one or more of the entities identified in subparagraphs (A) or (B) or division (C)(i) of this paragraph.

(4.1) 'Justice involved youth' means youth aged 16 through 25 who:

(A) Were previously or are currently committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to a court order as authorized by paragraph (11) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-601; and

(B) As a result of such commitment, have been previously placed or are currently placed in a nonsecure facility or community setting.

(4.2) 'Mentorship services' means support services directly provided to an aging foster child or justice involved youth by a mentor, such as role modeling, informal counseling, guiding, motivating, and sharing time together.

(5) 'Qualified contributions' means the preapproved contribution of funds made during the taxable year by a taxpayer or a business enterprise to a qualified organization under the terms and conditions of this Code section.

(6) 'Qualified expenditures' means expenditures made by a qualified organization for:

(A) The costs associated with tuition waivers granted pursuant to Code Section 20-3-660;

(B) Wraparound services for ~~individuals~~ aging foster children and justice involved youth who are:

(1) Enrolled in ~~attending~~ a public postsecondary educational institution ~~under a waiver granted pursuant to Code Section 20-3-660~~; ~~or~~

(2) Enrolled in a program to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent;

(3) Enrolled in a recognized vocational school; or

(4) Participating in a registered apprenticeship program, provided that the participant and the organization for which the participant is an apprentice document that the participant is compliant with the rules of the apprenticeship program.

(C) Mentorship services provided to aging foster children and justice involved youth, provided that such expenditures shall not include:

(1) Compensation for a single mentor which exceeds ~~no mentor shall be compensated in excess of~~ $100.00 per month for an aging foster child or justice involved youth or ~~$500.00~~ $1,200.00 per year for any aging foster child or justice involved youth; or

(2) Payments made to employees of a qualified organization who perform duties other than providing mentorship services for the organization.

(7) 'Qualified organization' means a foster child support organization that has been

certified and listed by the division pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(8) 'Wraparound services' means services provided directly to aging foster children or justice involved youth to support their education through high school completion, vocational, and postsecondary education services, housing services, vocation services, medical services, counseling services, mentorship services, nutrition services, transportation services, ~~or~~ daily living essentials and clothing, and up to ~~$150.00~~ $200.00 per month in direct cash payments for use on personal necessities.

(b)(1) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed ~~$20~~ $30 million per calendar year.

(2) Subject to the aggregate limit provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the limitations of ~~subsection~~ subsections (b.1), (b.2), and (k) of this Code section, each:

(A) Taxpayer ~~taxpayer~~ shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified contributions ~~made by the taxpayer on or after January 1, 2023~~, as follows:

~~(A)~~(i) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, the actual amount of qualified contributions made;

~~(B)~~(ii) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, the actual amount of qualified contributions made;

~~(C)~~(iii) Anything to the contrary contained in ~~subparagraph (A) or (B)~~ division (i) or (ii) of this ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph notwithstanding, in the case of an individual taxpayer who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, the actual amount of qualified contributions it made; provided, however, that tax credits pursuant to this paragraph shall only be allowed for the portion of the income on which such tax was actually paid by such member of the limited liability company, shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or partner in a partnership; or

~~(D)~~(iv) In the case of a ~~A~~ corporation or other entity not provided for in ~~subparagraphs (A)~~ divisions (i) through ~~(C)~~ (iii) of this ~~paragraph shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter, for qualified contributions in an amount not to exceed~~ subparagraph, the actual amount of qualified contributions made.

(B) Business enterprise shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 33-8-4 in an amount equal to its qualified contributions.

(b.1) For the period beginning on January 1 and ending on June 30 of each year, ~~an individual~~ a taxpayer shall not be allowed a credit for contributions, and the commissioner shall not preapprove any contributions, that exceed the following limits:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, $2,500.00;

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, $5,000.00;

(3) In the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, $5,000.00; or

(4) In the case of a corporation or other entity not provided for in paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection, 10 percent of such entity's ~~income~~ tax liability.

(b.2) For the period beginning on July 1 and ending on December 31 of each year, to the extent that the aggregate amount of tax credits authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section has not been reached, the commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate additional requested amounts on a first come, first served basis and shall provide notice to such taxpayer and the qualified organization of such preapproval, denial, or proration.

(c) ~~Not later than October 1, 2022, the~~ The commissioner shall establish a page on the department's public website for the purpose of implementing this Code section. Such page shall contain, at a minimum:

(1) A link to the division's web based application for certification as a qualified organization as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section;

(2) The current list of all qualified organizations;

(3) The total amount of tax credits remaining and available for preapproval for each year;

(4) A web based method for taxpayers or business enterprises seeking the preapproval status for contributions; and

(5) The information received by the department from each qualified organization pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (g) except for division (g)(1)(B)(iv) of this Code section.

(d)(1) The division shall establish and maintain a web based application process for the purpose of certifying foster child support organizations as qualified organizations. At a minimum such application created by the division shall include an agreement submitted by the applicant to fully comply with the terms and conditions of this Code section.

(2) The division shall certify any valid foster child support organization as a qualified organization upon successful completion of such application process.

(3) The division shall certify any foster child support organization operating as a Georgia licensed child-placing agency as a qualified organization within ten days of receipt of a written request or application.

(4) The ~~division shall accept a first round of applications for certification as qualified organizations by October 1, 2022, and shall certify and notify such applicants of the division's decision on or before November 30, 2022. Thereafter the~~ division shall establish a process for rolling applications and certifications.

(e)(1) Prior to making a contribution to any qualified organization, the taxpayer or business enterprise shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the commissioner, of the total amount of contribution that such taxpayer or business enterprise intends to make to such qualified organization.

(2) Within 30 days after receiving a request for preapproval of contributions, the commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate requested amounts on a first come, first served basis and shall provide notice to such taxpayer or business enterprise and the qualified organization of such preapproval, denial, or proration. Such notices shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer or business enterprise. The preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under

paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(3) Within 60 days after receiving the preapproval notice issued by the commissioner pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the taxpayer or business enterprise shall contribute the preapproved amount to the qualified organization or such preapproved contribution amount shall expire. The commissioner shall not include such expired amounts in determining the remaining amount available under the aggregate limit for the respective calendar year.

(f)(1) Each qualified organization shall issue to each contributor a letter of confirmation of contribution, which shall include the taxpayer's or business enterprise's name, address, tax identification number, the amount of the qualified contribution, the date of the qualified contribution, and the total amount of the credit allowed to the taxpayer or business enterprise.

(2)(A) In order for a taxpayer or business enterprise to claim the tax credit allowed under this Code section, all such applicable letters as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be attached to the taxpayer's tax return or a business enterprise's tax return provided for in Code Section 33-8-6.

(B) If ~~When~~ the taxpayer files an electronic return, such confirmation shall only be required to be electronically attached to the return if the Internal Revenue Service allows such attachments to be affixed and transmitted to the department. In any such event, the taxpayer shall maintain such confirmation and such confirmation shall only be made available to the commissioner upon request.

(C) With respect to a business enterprise's tax return provided for in Code Section 33-8-6, the Commissioner of Insurance is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the manner in which such letters of confirmation of donations shall be filed in the case of tax returns filed electronically.

(3) The commissioner shall allow tax credits for any preapproved contributions made to a qualified organization at the time the contributions were made if such organization was a qualified organization at the time of the commissioner's preapproval of the contributions and the taxpayer or business enterprise has otherwise complied with this Code section.

(g)(1) Each qualified organization shall annually submit to the department no later than ~~May 15~~ July 15 of each year:

(A) A complete copy of its IRS Form 990 including applicable attachments, or for any qualified organization that is not required by federal law to file an IRS Form 990, such organization shall submit to the commissioner equivalent information on a form prescribed by the commissioner; provided, however, that, if the organization's IRS Form 990 is not prepared by the filing deadline, the organization shall provide such form at the same time it submits such form to the Internal Revenue Service; and

(B) A report detailing the contributions received during the calendar year pursuant to this Code section on a date determined by, and on a form provided by, the commissioner which shall include:

(i) The total number and dollar value of individual contributions and tax credits approved. Individual contributions shall include contributions made by those filing

income tax returns as a single individual or head of household and those filing joint returns;

(ii) The total number and dollar value of corporate contributions and tax credits approved;

(iii) The total number and dollar value of all qualified expenditures made; ~~and~~

(iv) A list of contributors, including the dollar value of each contribution and the dollar value of each approved tax credit; and

(v) An accounting of the funds withheld from qualified contributions demonstrating that no more than 20 percent of such funds were withheld from qualified expenditures, as required by subparagraph (j)(1)(a) of this Code section.

(2) Except for the information published in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section, all information or reports relative to this Code section that were provided by qualified organizations to the department shall be confidential taxpayer information, governed by Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, whether such information relates to the contributor or the qualified organization.

(h) By April 1 of each year, each qualified organization shall ~~publicly~~ post on its public website in a prominent place:

(1) A ~~a~~ copy of its prior year's annual budget containing the total amount of funds received from all sources relative to the amount of qualified contributions it received and the total amount and a description of how such contributions were utilized~~.~~; and

(2) A certification, signed by the chief executive officer of the qualified organization, which substantially complies with the following statement:

'I hereby certify that the foregoing financial declarations, including the amount of qualified contributions received by [the qualified organization] and the description of how [the qualified organization] utilized such contributions is true and correct. I further certify that no more than 20 percent of qualified contributions were retained by [the qualified organization].'

(i)(1) A taxpayer or business enterprise shall not be allowed to designate or direct the taxpayer's or business enterprise's qualified contributions to any particular purpose or for the direct benefit of any particular individual.

(2) A taxpayer or business enterprise that operates, owns, or is a subsidiary of an association, organization, or other entity that contracts directly with a qualified organization shall not be eligible for tax credits allowed under this Code section for contributions made to such qualified organization.

(3) In soliciting contributions, no person shall represent or direct that, in exchange for making qualified contributions to any qualified organization, a taxpayer or business enterprise shall receive any direct or particular benefit. The status as a qualified organization shall be revoked for any qualified organization determined to be in violation of this paragraph and shall not be renewed for at least two years.

(j)(1)(A) Each qualified organization shall use at least 80 percent of the funds received by it from qualified contributions to make qualified expenditures. Each qualified organization shall maintain accurate and current records of all expenditures of such funds and provide such records to the commissioner upon his or her request.

In no event shall a qualified organization retain for its own use or apply to its overhead or administrative expenses more than 20 percent of the funds received pursuant to this Code section.

(B) No foster child support organization that meets only the definition of such term as provided in division (a)(4)(C)(ii) of this Code section shall retain more than 2.5 percent of qualified contributions for itself for any reason and shall only serve to pass all of its qualified contributions to one or more qualified organizations that are foster child support organizations as such term is defined in subparagraphs (a)(4)(A), (a)(4)(B), or division (a)(4)(C)(i) of this Code section.

(2) A qualified organization that fails to comply with any of the requirements under this Code section shall be given written notice by the department of such failure to comply by certified mail and shall have 90 days from the receipt of such notice to correct all deficiencies.

(3) Upon failure to correct all deficiencies within 90 days, the department shall revoke the foster child support organization's status as a qualified organization and such entity shall be immediately removed from the department's list of organizations. All applications for preapproval of tax credits for contributions to such foster child support organization under this Code section made on or after the date of such removal shall be rejected.

(4) Each foster child support organization that has had its status revoked and has been delisted pursuant to this Code section, shall immediately cease all expenditures of funds received relative to this Code section, and shall transfer all of such funds that are not yet expended, to a properly operating qualified organization within 30 calendar days of its removal from the department's list of qualified organizations.

(k)(1) No credit shall be allowed under this Code section to a taxpayer for any amount of qualified contributions that were utilized as deductions or exemptions from taxable income.

(2) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability or such business enterprise's state insurance premium tax liability owed pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4. Any unused tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer or business enterprise against the succeeding five years' tax liability. No such credit shall be allowed the taxpayer or business enterprise against prior years' tax liability.

(l) The chairperson of the House Appropriations Committee and the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Appropriations shall have the authority to request an audit concerning this Code section as a whole or of any one or more qualified organizations. The commissioner, the state auditor, each qualified organization, each aging-out program, and the director of the division shall cooperate to the full extent necessary to conduct such audits.

(m) At the discretion of the commissioner or the director of the division, any suspected misuse of funds contributed or expended pursuant to this Code section shall be forwarded to the Attorney General for investigation and prosecution.

(n) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement

and administer the provisions of this Code section.

(o) This Code section shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2029."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-7-60, relating to confidentiality of tax information, exceptions, authorized inspection by certain officials, furnishing information to local tax authorities, furnishing information to nonofficials, conditions, and effect of Code section, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d.1) The commissioner shall be authorized in his or her sole discretion to share information necessary to efficiently administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of tax credit administration when another state agency has statutory authority to administer such tax credits. Any confidential information furnished pursuant to this Code section shall retain its character as confidential and privileged information. Any person who divulges confidential information obtained pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to the same penalties as provided under Code Section 48-7-61 for unlawful divulgence of confidential taxpayer information."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland

Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 1090, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1105. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Collins of the 71st, Bonner of the 73rd, Dunahoo of the 31st, Barton of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to require the commissioner of corrections to report certain information regarding the immigration status, offenses, and home countries of persons who are confined under the authority of the Department of Corrections; to provide for standard procedures for intake and booking of aliens and foreign nationals; to provide for quarterly reports by jailers regarding foreign born inmates; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 1105:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 17 of Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to authorize immigration status verification prior to issuance of citation in lieu of arrest for certain offenses; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for acceptable documentation for purposes of attempting to verify immigration status; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require local agencies to seek memorandums of understanding and agreement relative to assisting federal agencies with immigration laws; to provide for penalties; to amend Code Section 36-80-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities and certification of compliance, so as to provide for penalties

relating to local immigration sanctuary policies; to revise definitions; to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to provide for reporting of certain information on inmates in custody of the Department of Corrections; to require custodial authorities to honor immigration detainer notices; to provide for definitions; to provide for standard procedures for intake of persons into a county jail or municipal detention facility; to provide for required documentation; to provide for contact to certain federal agencies in certain instances; to provide for penalties; to provide for quarterly reports regarding foreign-born inmates in county jail or municipal detention facility; to provide for violation and penalties; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Attorney General, so as to provide for prosecutorial and investigative authority in certain instances; to amend Chapter 36 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to verification of lawful presence within United States, so as to revise required annual reporting requirements for agencies and political subdivisions; to require the Department of Audits and Accounts to review and audit such reports; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to require DNA collection of convicted persons in custody subject to an immigration detainer notice; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Criminal Alien Track and Report Act of 2024."

SECTION 2.

(1) The provisions of this Act relating immigration terminology and definitions shall be construed to have the same meanings as provided under federal immigration law.

(2) The provisions of this Act shall be implemented in a manner consistent with federal laws governing immigration and civil rights.

(3) The Georgia General Assembly implores the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to not release any illegal alien from confinement prior to completion of his or her sentence unless such board is assured that federal immigration authorities will deport such illegal alien upon release.

SECTION 3.

Title 17 of Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in Code Section 17-4-23, relating to procedure for arrests by citation for motor vehicle violations, issuance of warrants for arrest for failure of persons charged to appear in court, and bond, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) A law enforcement officer may arrest a person accused of any misdemeanor

violation of Code Section 16-7-21, 16-8-14, 16-8-14.1, or 16-13-30 by the issuance of a citation, provided that such offense is committed in his or her presence or information constituting a basis for such arrest was received by the arresting officer or an investigating officer from another law enforcement officer or other individual observing or aware of such offense being committed. When an arrest is made for such offense, prior to releasing the accused on citation, the arresting law enforcement officer shall review the accused's criminal record as such is on file with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Crime Information Center within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation ~~and~~, ensure that the accused's fingerprints are obtained, and be authorized to seek to verify the immigration status of the accused pursuant to Code Section 17-5-100."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 17-5-100, relating to investigation of illegal alien status, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(2) 'Illegal alien' means a person who is verified by the federal government to be present in the United States in violation of the federal ~~immigration law~~ Immigration and Nationality Act."

"(b) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this Code section, during any investigation of a criminal suspect by a peace officer, when such officer has probable cause to believe that a suspect has committed a criminal violation, the officer shall be authorized to seek to verify such suspect's immigration status when the suspect is unable to provide one of the following:

(1) A secure and verifiable document as defined in Code Section 50-36-2;

(2) A valid Georgia driver's license;

(3) A valid Georgia identification card issued by the Department of Driver Services;

(4) If the entity requires proof of legal presence in the United States before issuance as evidenced by inclusion in the list compiled by the State Law Department pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of Code Section 13-10-91, any valid driver's license from a state or district of the United States or any valid identification document issued by the United States federal government;

(5) A document used in compliance with paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-21; ~~or~~

(6) A document set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 42-4-14; or

(7) Other information as to the suspect's identity that is sufficient to allow the peace officer to independently identify the suspect."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by revising Code Section 35-1-17, relating to local law enforcement agencies to enter into agreements with federal agencies for the enforcement of immigration laws, as follows:

"35-1-17.

(a) **Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to ~~encourage~~ promote compliance with state law related to deterring the presence of criminal illegal aliens and require Georgia law enforcement officials to work in conjunction with federal immigration authorities and to utilize all resources made available by the federal government to assist state and local law enforcement officers in the enforcement of the ~~immigration~~ laws of this state and of the United States.

(b) **Cooperation with federal authorities.**

(1) To the extent authorized by federal law, state and local government employees, including law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys, shall ~~be authorized to~~ send, receive, and maintain information relating to the immigration status of any individual as reasonably needed for public safety purposes. Except as provided by federal law, such employees shall not be prohibited from receiving or maintaining information relating to the immigration status of any individual or sending or exchanging such information with other federal, state, or local governmental entities or employees for official public safety purposes~~.~~;

(2) State and local agencies shall promote compliance with state law related to deterring the presence of criminal illegal aliens and shall be authorized to enter into memorandums of understanding and ~~agreements~~ memorandums of agreement with the United States Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, or any other federal agency for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration ~~and customs laws and the detention, removal, and investigation of illegal aliens and the immigration status of any person in this state. A peace officer acting within the scope of his or her authority under any such memorandum of understanding, agreement, or other authorization from the federal government shall have the power to arrest, with probable cause, any person suspected of being an illegal alien.~~ laws, including 287(g) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 or a similar federal program. A local agency shall seek such memorandums of understanding annually when no current memorandum of agreement is in effect;

(3) Except as provided by federal law, no state or local agency or department shall be prohibited from utilizing available federal resources, including data bases, equipment, grant funds, training, or participation in incentive programs for any public safety purpose related to the enforcement of state and federal immigration laws~~.~~; and

(4) When reasonably possible, applicable state agencies shall consider incentive programs and grant funding for the purpose of assisting and encouraging state and local agencies and departments to enter into agreements with federal entities and to utilize federal resources consistent with the provisions of this Code section.

(c) **Authority to transport illegal aliens.** If a state or local law enforcement officer has verification that a person is an illegal alien, then such officer shall be authorized to securely transport such illegal alien to a federal facility in this state or to any other temporary point of detention and to reasonably detain such illegal alien when authorized by a federal ~~law~~ immigration detainer or federal arrest warrant. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to hinder or prevent a peace officer or law enforcement agency

from arresting or detaining any criminal suspect on other criminal charges.

(d) **Authority to arrest illegal aliens.** When authorized by federal law, a state or local law enforcement officer shall be authorized to arrest any person based on such person's status as an illegal alien or for a violation of any federal immigration law.

(e) **Immunity.** A law enforcement officer or government official or employee, acting in good faith to enforce immigration laws pursuant to a memorandum or an agreement with federal authorities to collect or share immigration status information, or to carry out any provision of this Code section, shall have immunity from damages or liability from such actions.

(f) **Penalty.** A local governing body of a law enforcement agency that violates this Code section shall be subject to the withholding of state funding or state administered federal funding other than funds for the purposes of providing those services specified in subsection (d) of Code Section 50-36-1. As a condition of funding to a local governing body, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Transportation, or any other state agency that provides funding to local governing bodies shall require certification pursuant to Code Section 50-36-4 as proof of compliance with this Code section. No local governing body shall be subject to the withholding of state or federal funding pursuant to this subsection when a sheriff or his or her employee violates this Code section."

SECTION 6.

Code Section 36-80-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities and certification of compliance, is amended by revising paragraphs (2), (4), and (6) of subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(2) 'Immigration status' means the legality or illegality of an individual's presence in the United States as determined by the federal ~~law~~ Immigration and Nationality Act."

"(4) 'Local governing body' means any political subdivision of this state, including any county, consolidated government, municipality, authority, school district, commission, board, or any other local public body corporate, governmental unit, sheriff's office, law enforcement agency, or political subdivision."

"(6) 'Sanctuary policy' means any regulation, rule, policy, or practice adopted by a local governing body which prohibits or restricts local officials or employees from complying with an immigration detainer notice or communicating or cooperating with federal officials or law enforcement officers with regard to reporting immigration status information while such local official or employee is acting within the scope of his or her official duties."

"(e)(1) It shall be unlawful for any local official or employee to knowingly and willfully violate any provision of this Code section.

(2) A person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be punished as for a misdemeanor. A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this Code section shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 7.

Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"42-1-11.4.

The commissioner shall, on the official public website used by the department, publish a report of aggregate data on the immigration status, offenses, and home countries of inmates who are confined under the authority of the department who are not citizens of the United States and to whom the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division of the Department of Homeland Security has issued immigration detainer notices as such term is defined in Code Section 42-4-16. Each report shall include the total number of inmates who are not citizens of the United States; provided, however, that any inmates who are citizens of both the United States and one or more other countries shall be designated as such as a separate category. Such report shall be first published on October 1, 2024, and every 90 days thereafter; provided, however, that if the ninetieth day falls on a state holiday or Saturday or Sunday, then such report shall be published the next business day."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"42-1-11.5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Custodial authority' means the commissioner if a person is in physical custody at a penal institution, the sheriff if a person is in physical custody at a county jail, the warden if a person is in physical custody at county correctional institution, and the chief of police if a person is in physical custody at a municipal detention facility.

(2) 'Immigration detainer notice' means documentation issued by the federal government requesting that a custodial authority maintain temporary custody of an illegal alien as such term is defined in Code Section 42-4-14, including a United States Department of Homeland Security Form I-247 document or a similar successor form.

(b) Any custodial authority who has custody of a person who is subject to an immigration detainer notice shall:

(1) Comply with, honor, and fulfill any request made in the immigration detainer notice; and

(2) Inform the person identified in the immigration detainer notice that the person is being held pursuant to such notice."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-4-14, relating to "illegal alien" defined and determination of nationality and verification of lawful admission of person confined in a jail facility, as follows:

"42-4-14.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'illegal alien' means a person who is verified by the federal government to be present in the United States in violation of the federal

~~immigration law~~ Immigration and Nationality Act.

(b) When any person is confined, for any period, in the jail of a county or a detention facility of a municipality or a jail operated by a regional jail authority in compliance with Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, a reasonable effort shall be made within 48 hours of such person's arrival at the jail or detention facility and pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this Code section to determine ~~the~~:

(1) The nationality of the person so confined; and

(2) That the person so confined is not an illegal alien.

~~(c) When any foreign national is confined, for any period, in a county or municipal jail, a reasonable effort shall be made to verify that such foreign national has been lawfully admitted to the United States and if lawfully admitted, that such lawful status has not expired. If verification of lawful status cannot be made from documents in the possession of the foreign national, verification shall be made within 48 hours through a query to the Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) of the United States Department of Homeland Security or other office or agency designated by the federal government. If the foreign national is determined to be an illegal alien, the keeper of the jail or other officer shall notify the United States Department of Homeland Security, or other office or agency designated for notification by the federal government.~~

(c) If a person to be admitted to a county jail or municipal detention facility claims to be a consular officer or diplomat, the jailer shall attempt to obtain such person's identification and, upon verification of such person's status as a consular officer or diplomat, provide for his or her immediate release. If a person who claims to be a consular officer or diplomat is unable to produce credentials which provide for verification of diplomatic status, a person in a supervisory role at such jail or detention facility shall contact the United States Department of State during normal business hours or the Command Center of the Office of Security of the United States Department of State outside of normal business hours to request verification of such person's status as a consular officer or of other diplomatic status.

(d)(1) Unless a person admitted to a county jail or municipal detention facility has been positively identified as a consular officer or diplomat, the county jail or municipal detention facility receiving the person for confinement shall attempt to verify lawful presence through presentation of a driver's license or identification card issued by this state or any state from the list compiled by the State Law Department pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of Code Section 13-10-91 or one of the following:

(A) A Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security;

(B) A permanent resident alien card Form 551;

(C) A valid Nexus card;

(D) A valid global entry identification card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or

(E) A valid passport indicating the person is a United States citizen, has been issued a visa, or is a citizen of a country participating in a visa waiver program administered by the United States Department of State.

(2) If a person fails to produce a document required by this subsection, or verification of the authenticity of any such document is necessary, a person in a supervisory role at the county jail or municipal detention facility shall contact the Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the Atlanta office of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division of the Department of Homeland Security for a determination of the person's lawful presence. If the LESC of the United States Department of Homeland Security responds to contact pursuant to this paragraph with a request to detain an illegal alien, he or she shall not be released within 48 hours of receipt of such request; provided, however, that if such person was released prior to such request to detain, such fact shall be communicated to the LESC of the United States Department of Homeland Security. Any response received pursuant to this paragraph which indicates an illegal alien is confined in a county jail or municipal detention facility shall be forwarded to the local United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division of the Department of Homeland Security.

(3) No person shall be detained solely due to the inability to contact the LESC of the United States Department of Homeland Security pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

(4) No person identified as an illegal alien by the LESC of the United States Department of Homeland Security pursuant to this subsection shall be detained unless a request to detain has been received pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection or the existence of an arrest warrant issued by a federal judge or federal magistrate for such person has been verified.

(e) A county jail or municipal detention facility shall provide an interpreter for any person to be confined who is unable to effectively communicate or understand the requirements of this Code section.

(f) Each county jail or municipal detention facility shall maintain a record of all communications made pursuant to this Code section for any person taken into custody of such jail or detention facility.

~~(d)~~(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to deny a person bond or from being released from confinement when such person is otherwise eligible for release; provided, however, that, upon verification that any person confined in a county jail or municipal detention facility is an illegal alien, such person may be detained, arrested, and transported as authorized by state and federal law.

~~(e) The Georgia Sheriffs Association shall prepare and issue guidelines and procedures used to comply with the provisions of this Code section~~

(h)(1) It shall be unlawful for any jailer to knowingly and willfully violate any provision of this Code section.

(2) A person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be punished as for a misdemeanor. A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this Code section shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"42-4-16.

(a) At least quarterly, an individual in a supervisory role at a county jail or municipal detention facility shall prepare and post on the public website of the local jurisdiction where his or her jail or detention facility is located, a report for his or her jail or detention facility which includes the following information for the most recent quarter:

(1) The total number of inmates booked into the county jail or municipal detention facility;

(2) The total number of inquiries made to the Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) of the United States Department of Homeland Security or any other federal agency inquiring relating to the immigration status or prior arrests of foreign-born inmates;

(3) The total number of responses received for requests made by the county jail or municipal detention facility pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(4) The total number of responses as provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection that indicated a foreign-born inmate of the county jail or municipal detention facility is an illegal alien as such term is defined in Code Section 42-4-14;

(5) The number of immigration detainers issued by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division of the Department of Homeland Security for prisoners in the county jail or municipal detention facility; and

(6) A sworn affidavit signed by the individual in a supervisory role at the county jail or municipal detention facility verifying compliance with Code Section 42-4-14 and all other applicable law.

(b) Any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement of representation in a report required by this Code section shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20."

SECTION 11.

Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Attorney General, is amended by revising Code Section 45-15-10, relating to Attorney General authorized to prosecute for violations while dealing with or for state, assistance by state court prosecuting officers, and commencement of civil forfeiture proceedings, as follows:

"45-15-10.

The Attorney General, as the head of the Department of Law and the chief legal officer of the state, is authorized to ~~prosecute~~:

(1) Prosecute in the criminal courts of this state any official, person, firm, or corporation which violates any criminal statute while dealing with or for the state or any official, employee, department, agency, board, bureau, commission, institution, or appointee thereof; ~~and the Attorney General is authorized to call~~

(2) Call upon the district attorney or the prosecuting officer of any state court to assist in or to conduct such prosecution; and, when so requested by the Attorney General, it shall be the duty of any such district attorney or prosecuting officer of this state to assist

in or to conduct such prosecution for and on behalf of the Attorney General and the state~~. The Attorney General shall be authorized to commence~~;

(3) Commence civil forfeiture proceedings, as such term is defined in Code Section 9-16-2, pursuant to Code Section 16-14-7 whenever he or she is authorized to prosecute a case pursuant to this Code section;

(4) Investigate and prosecute violations of Code Sections 36-80-23, 42-4-14, and 42-4-16; and

(5) Investigate failure to comply with Code Sections 35-1-17, 42-1-11.4, 42-1-11.5, and 50-36-4."

SECTION 12.

Chapter 36 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to verification of lawful presence within United States, is amended by revising Code Section 50-36-4, relating to definitions and requiring agencies to submit annual immigration compliance reports, as follows:

"50-36-4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agency or political subdivision' means any department, agency, authority, commission, or governmental entity of this state or any subdivision of this state.

(2) 'Annual reporting period' means from December 1 of the preceding year through November 30 of the year in which the report is due.

(3) 'Contractor' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 13-10-90.

(4) 'Department' means the Department of Audits and Accounts.

(5) 'Physical performance of services' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 13-10-90.

(6) 'Public employer' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 13-10-90.

(b) Each agency or political subdivision subject to any of the requirements provided in Code Sections 13-10-91, 36-60-6, 36-80-23, and 50-36-1 shall submit an annual immigration compliance report to the department by December 31 that includes the information required under subsection (d) of this Code section for the annual reporting period. If an agency or political subdivision is exempt from any, but not all, of the provisions of subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall still be required to submit the annual report but shall indicate in the report which requirements from which it is exempt.

(c) The department shall create an immigration compliance reporting system and shall provide technical support for the submission of such reports. The department shall further provide annual notification of such reports with submission instructions to all agencies and political subdivisions subject to such requirements. The department shall be authorized to implement policy as is needed to carry out the requirements of this subsection.

(d) The immigration compliance report provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall contain the following:

(1) The agency or political subdivision's federal work authorization program

verification user number and date of authorization;

(2) The legal name, address, and federal work authorization program user number of every contractor that has entered into a contract for the physical performance of services with a public employer as required under Code Section 13-10-91 during the annual reporting period;

(3) The date of the contract for the physical performance of services between the contractor and public employer as required under Code Section 13-10-91;

(4) A listing of each license or certificate issued by a county or municipal corporation to private employers that are required to utilize the federal work authorization program under the provisions of Code Section 36-60-6 during the annual reporting period, including the name of the person and business issued a license and his or her federally assigned employment eligibility verification system user number as provided in the private employer affidavit submitted at the time of application;

(5)(A) A listing of each public benefit administered by the agency or political subdivision and a listing of each public benefit for which SAVE program authorization for verification has not been received.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the terms 'public benefit' and 'SAVE program' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 50-36-1; ~~and~~

(6) The agency or political subdivision's certificate of compliance with Code Section 36-80-23; and

(7) Where applicable, the agency or political subdivision's certificate of compliance with Code Sections 35-1-17, 42-4-14, 42-4-16, and 42-4-17.

(e) The department shall review all immigration compliance reports submitted pursuant to this Code section and shall make the determination of compliance pursuant to this Code section. In the event that the immigration compliance report submitted by an agency or political subdivision is found to be deficient by the department, so long as a new immigration compliance report is submitted with the prior deficiencies corrected and fully complies with this Code section, such agency or political subdivision shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of this Code section.

(f) Any action taken by an agency or a political subdivision for the purpose of complying with the requirements of this Code section shall not subject such agency or political subdivision to any civil liability arising from such action.

~~(g) The department shall not find an agency or a political subdivision to be in violation of this Code~~."

SECTION 13.

Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, is amended by revising Code Section 35-3-160, relating to DNA analysis in felony convictions and certain felony charges and performance of tests, as follows:

"35-3-160.

(a) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Department' means the Department of Corrections.

(2) 'Detention facility' means a penal institution under the jurisdiction of the department, including penal institutions operated by a private company on behalf of the department, inmate work camps, inmate boot camps, probation detention centers, parole revocation centers, and county correctional facilities.

(3) 'Division' means the Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

(b)(1) A sample of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) shall be collected by oral swab or other noninvasive procedure from any individual:

(A) Who has been convicted of a felony and is currently incarcerated in a detention facility, serving a probation sentence, or serving under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles for such felony; ~~or~~

(B) Who has been charged with a felony, and sentence for such offense has been imposed pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2; or

(C) Who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor and is subject to an immigration detainer notice as such term is defined in Code Section 42-4-16.

(2) Unless a DNA sample has already been collected by the department or another agency or entity, each DNA sample required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be collected by the detention facility which is detaining or the entity which is supervising such individual, and the sample shall be forwarded to the division.

(3) Paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to any individual for a conviction for a misdemeanor, to any individual who is charged with a misdemeanor and the sentence for such misdemeanor is imposed pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 regarding first offenders, or because he or she has been charged with a misdemeanor.

(c) DNA analysis shall be performed by the division. The division shall be authorized to contract with individuals or organizations for services to perform such analysis. The identifying characteristics of the profile resulting from the DNA analysis shall be stored and maintained by the bureau in a DNA data bank in accordance with Code Sections 35-3-162 and 35-3-163 and shall be made available only as provided in Code Section 35-3-163."

SECTION 14.

This Act shall become effective upon approval by the Governor or upon becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 15.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with HB 1105.

Senators Albers of the 56th and Robertson of the 29th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to HB 1105 (LC 39 4389S) by replacing lines 27 through 29 with the following:
certain convicted persons in custody subject to an immigration detainer notice; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By replacing line 48 with the following:
"(2) A law enforcement officer may arrest a person 18 years of age or older accused of any misdemeanor

By replacing lines 57 and 58 with the following:
Investigation ~~and~~, ensure that the accused's fingerprints are obtained, and shall seek to verify the immigration status of the accused pursuant to Code Section

By replacing line 68 with the following:
a suspect has committed a criminal violation, the officer shall ~~be authorized to~~ seek to

By replacing "local governing body" *with* "county commission" *after* "No" *on line 147 and before* "shall" *on line 148.*

By replacing lines 274 through 276 with the following:
detain has been received pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection.

By replacing lines 362 and 363 with the following:
(b) Each agency, sheriff's office, law enforcement agency, or political subdivision subject to any of the requirements provided in Code Sections 13-10-91, 35-1-17, 36-60-6, 36-80-23, 42-1-11.4, 42-1-11.5, 42-4-14, 42-4-16, and 50-36-1 shall submit an annual

By replacing lines 397 through 400 with the following:
(7) Where applicable, the agency, sheriff's office, law enforcement agency, or political subdivision's certificate of compliance with Code Sections 35-1-17, 42-4-11.4, 42-4-11.5, 42-4-14, and 42-4-16.
(e) The department shall annually conduct random reviews of no less than 5 percent of the immigration compliance reports submitted pursuant to this Code section and shall make the determination of compliance pursuant to this Code

By replacing line 433 with the following:
(C) Who has been convicted of a felony and is subject to an

By replacing lines 450 and 451 with the following:
(a) Except as otherwise provided for in subsection (b) of this Section, this Act shall become effective upon approval by the Governor or upon becoming law without such approval.
(b) Section 10 of this Act shall become effective on December 31, 2024.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Albers amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 19.

HB 1105, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1193. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Hong of the 103rd and Collins of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to require the operation of flashing or revolving amber lights upon certain vehicles; to provide for penalties; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Robertson of the 29th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 1193, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1240. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Gunter of the 8th, Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 82nd, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the commercial code, so as to update and modernize various statutes in the commercial code relating to commercial transactions in order to maintain uniformity in this state's statutes governing commercial transactions as recommended by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; to establish commercial law for transactions involving digital assets; to provide for a short title; to renumber Article 12 as Article 13; to add a new Article 12 to the commercial code pertaining to controllable electronic records; to add a new Article 12A pertaining to transitional provisions; to make conforming amendments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting

laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

HB 1240, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1026. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Jones of the 47th, Sainz of the 180th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, so as to designate the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby as the official soap box derby of the State of Georgia; to provide for promotion of the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Robertson of the 29th.

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to HB 1026:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for economic initiatives in this state; to designate the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby as the official soap box derby of the State of Georgia; to provide for promotion of the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby; to enact the "Richard H. Smith Georgia CHIPS Advancement in Research and Economic Development Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for grant and loan programs to incentivize and attract semiconductor companies to locate or relocate to this state; to provide for research and development and advanced packaging incentives to support such relocations; to provide for the establishment and purposes of the Governor's CHIPS Economic Development Fund and the Research and Development and Advanced Packaging Incentives Fund; to establish the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Consortium to serve as an advisory body; to provide for an executive committee and its duties; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby began in 1992 in Lyons, Georgia;

(2) Approximately 20 cars were involved in the first race, competing in only one division;

(3) Today, the event has grown to an average of 50 drivers competing in four divisions, including one division for drivers with intellectual and developmental disabilities;

(4) Three World Champions have qualified at the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby in Lyons;

(5) The Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby's mission includes building knowledge and character, creating meaningful experiences through collaboration, hosting fair and honest racing competitions, and supporting a STEM curriculum; and

(6) The race is open to girls and boys between the ages of seven and 20.

SECTION 1-2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Article 3 of Chapter 3, relating to state symbols, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-3-92.

(a) The Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby in Lyons, Georgia, is designated as the official soap box derby of the State of Georgia.

(b) The Department of Economic Development and other public agencies and leaders in the tourism industry are encouraged to work together to maximize advertising programs which permit citizens of other states and nations to learn of the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby and to visit this state for tourism purposes."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Richard H. Smith Georgia CHIPS Advancement in Research and Economic Development Act."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 34, relating to the OneGeorgia Authority, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-34-21.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Consortium' means the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Consortium established pursuant to this Code section.

(2) 'Executive committee' means the executive committee of the consortium.

(b) Subject to available funding, the authority shall establish grant programs, loan programs, or both for the purposes of:

(1) Leveraging the expertise and capacity of institutions of higher education in this state, industry, and nonprofit organizations focused on semiconductor and advanced technology economic and workforce development to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to ensure ongoing semiconductor innovation;

(2) Sustaining the leadership of this state in advanced semiconductor research, design, and manufacturing;

(3) Attracting public and private investment in this state related to research, development, commercialization, and manufacturing of semiconductors;

(4) Identifying and expanding opportunities for workforce training and development related to the research, design, and manufacturing of semiconductors and related advanced technologies;

(5) Establishing a forum for public and private stakeholders across the semiconductor manufacturing industry in this state to focus on education, research and development, and commercial production; and

(6) Encouraging and supporting the authorization and creation of joint development authorities to attract and support the semiconductor industry and related suppliers.

(c) The authority shall be authorized to receive and administer public and private funds received pursuant to this Code section. Such funds shall be distributed through the following separate funds, to the extent authorized by law:

(1) The Governor's CHIPS Economic Development Fund is hereby created. Such fund may be used to provide grants to semiconductor companies who relocate to this state as well as those currently in Georgia to support the expansion of the industry. Such grants and loans:

(A) Shall be performance based and customized for the specific needs of each company;

(B) May be utilized by a company seeking to locate to Georgia that has been vetted commercially by the consortium and awarded federal funding to assist in the buildout of their domestic commercial manufacturing;

(C) May be used to assist with employee relocation related expenses;

(D) May be directed using a preference for companies whose product also has a demonstrated or feasible end-use for electric vehicles; and

(E) May be used to establish a site development fund to assist communities in the preparation of sites for the semiconductor industry that can be applied for by economic development organizations or local government entities; and

(2) The Research and Development and Advanced Packaging Incentives Fund is hereby created. Such fund may be used for the following purposes:

(A) Pathway to workforce education and training grants for eligible recipients including technical and community colleges in this state, local school systems, nonprofit organizations supporting summer camps, and other entities supporting development training or introduction to careers in semiconductors, microelectronics, and respective laboratories;

(B) Providing matching funds for advanced packaging pilot facilities to advance an institute of higher education application to apply for a national advanced packaging pilot facility that would be located in Georgia. The funds would be utilized should an institute be a recipient of such designation from a federal program; and

(C) Georgia innovation funds for:

(i) Public-private commercialization initiatives for grants to match private investment supporting research and development commercialization in partnership with Georgia institutions of higher education;

(ii) University research and development initiatives aimed at helping institutions of higher education in this state recruit distinguished researchers and engineers from around the world to the State of Georgia to bolster both the standing of institutions of higher education in this state and economic development efforts state wide; and

(iii) Microelectronics incubator initiatives to assist small business growth and create new jobs through increased access to capital. Funding for such initiatives is intended to assist all small businesses but shall focus on traditionally marginalized communities and businesses that focus on uplifting those communities.

(d)(1) The Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Consortium (GCATC) is established as an advisory panel to the authority for purposes of administering grant and loan programs pursuant to this Code section. The consortium shall be composed of a designee of each of the following institutions of higher education appointed by the office of the president of each respective institution:

(A) Georgia Institute of Technology;
(B) University of Georgia;
(C) Georgia State University;
(D) Kennesaw State University;
(E) University of North Georgia;
(F) University of West Georgia;
(G) Valdosta State University;
(H) Columbus State University;
(I) Morehouse College; and
(J) Georgia Southern University.

(2) In addition to the appointments under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the executive committee established under subsection (e) of this Code section may appoint any other entity or individual the executive committee considers necessary.

(3) In making appointments under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, priority shall be given to individuals with experience in semiconductor design and manufacturing.

(e)(1) The consortium shall be governed by an executive committee composed of the following members:

(A) Three members appointed by the Governor;
(B) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate;
(C) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
(D) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee; and
(E) The president of Technical College System of Georgia or his or her designee.

(2) In making appointments under paragraph (1) of this subsection, priority shall be given to individuals with experience in manufacturing, design, industrial development, academic research, and scientific research in the field of semiconductors.

(3) In making appointments under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall coordinate to ensure that at least two representatives from the commercial semiconductor design and manufacturing sectors with an established presence in the state are appointed to the executive committee.

(f)(1) The executive committee shall:

(A) Develop and execute a comprehensive statewide strategic plan to further the purposes set out in subsection (b) of this Code section;
(B) Solicit recommendations from consortium members on funding and research opportunities related to semiconductor research, design, commercialization, and manufacturing;
(C) Appoint an executive director of the consortium and determine the title, functions, duties, powers, and salary for the executive director; and
(D) Prepare and submit the report required by paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the executive committee shall prepare and submit a report to the authority that outlines:

(A) Activities undertaken to meet the purposes set out in subsection (b) of this Code

section;
(B) A summary of the funding and research opportunities identified under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection;
(C) Any legislative recommendations to further the purposes set out in subsection (b) of this Code section;
(D) Any prospective grants or funding the consortium members expect to apply for or receive; and
(E) Any research accomplishments associated with the consortium."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
E Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
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Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.

Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 2.

HB 1026, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1312. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Hagan of the 156th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023, (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), so as to extend the effective date of provisions relative to regulative authority of the Department of Agriculture and revenue and taxation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to HB 1312:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization and members of the Public Service Commission, so as to address the delayed 2022 and 2024 elections for commissioners and maintain staggered elections and terms on the commission; to revise provisions related to the election of commissioners; to provide for legislative intent; to revise the terms of current commissioners; to provide a schedule of general elections, special elections, and special primaries; to provide for interim terms for certain commissioners; to provide that such elections shall be conducted as provided by general law; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization and members of the Public Service Commission, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (d) of Code Section 46-2-1, relating to election of Public Service Commissioners and terms of office, as follows:

"(a) The Georgia Public Service Commission shall consist of five members to be elected

as provided in this Code section. ~~The members in office on January 1, 2022, and any member appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in such membership prior to the expiration of a term of office shall continue to serve out their respective terms of office. As terms of office expire, new members~~ Members elected to the commission shall be required to be residents of one of five Public Service Commission Districts as hereafter provided, but each member of the commission shall be elected state wide by the qualified voters of this state who are entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly. Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, the election shall be held under the same rules and regulations as apply to the election of Governor. The Commissioners~~, who~~ shall give their entire time to the duties of their offices~~,~~. Except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, the Commissioners shall be elected at the general election next preceding the expiration of the terms of office of the respective incumbents, and~~. Their~~ their terms of office shall be six years and shall expire on December 31."

"(d)(1) Those members of the commission elected at the 2020 general election, and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, and those members of the commission serving in seats that were scheduled to be filled in either the 2022 or 2024 general election, shall serve the terms provided for in Code Section 46-2-1.1 and until their successors are elected and qualified. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, successors to such members shall be elected as provided for in Code Section 46-2-1.1 and shall serve the terms to which they were elected and until their successors are elected and qualified. ~~The first members of the commission elected under this Code section shall be elected thereto on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2024, from Public Service Commission Districts 3 and 5, shall take office on the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of six years and until the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those members of the commission elected thereto on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026, from Public Service Commission Districts 1 and 4 shall take office on the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for terms of office of six years and until the election and qualification of their respective successors. The member of the commission elected thereto on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2022, from Public Service Commission District 2 shall take office on the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for a term of office of six years and until the election and qualification of his or her respective successor.~~

(2) Except as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, all ~~All~~ future successors to members of the commission whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office on the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of six years."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"46-2-1.1.

(a) The provisions of this Code section are intended to address the situation created as a result of elections for Public Service Commission Districts 2, 3, and 5 not being conducted in 2022 or 2024 pursuant to an injunction issued in *Rose v. Raffensperger*, 619 F. Supp. 3d 1241 (N.D. Ga., 2022), and is further intended to preserve the state's interest in ensuring that members of the commission are elected in staggered elections and serve staggered terms.

(b) Those members of the commission in office on January 1, 2024, as well as any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, shall serve the term provided for in this Code section and until their successors are elected and qualified as provided for in this subsection:

(1) A state-wide general election for Public Service Commission District 1 shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2028. The commissioner elected at such election shall serve a six-year term beginning on January 1, 2029, and ending on December 31, 2034;

(2) A state-wide special election for Public Service Commission District 2 shall be held on the same day as the 2025 municipal general election, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2025. The commissioner elected at such election shall serve a five-year term beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2030;

(3) A state-wide special election for Public Service Commission District 3 shall be held on the same day as the 2025 municipal general election, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2025. The commissioner elected at such election shall serve a one-year term beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2026;

(4) A state-wide general election for Public Service Commission District 4 shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2028. The commissioner elected at such election shall serve a six-year term beginning on January 1, 2029, and ending on December 31, 2034; and

(5) A state-wide general election for Public Service Commission District 5 shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2026. The commissioner elected at such election shall serve a six-year term beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2032.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary on the timing of special primary elections, for the Public Service Commission District 2 and 3 special elections provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, a special primary shall be held on the third Tuesday in June, 2025. The period during which a candidate may qualify to run for the special primary and special election for Public Service Commission Districts 2 and 3 shall be held on the eleventh week prior to the date of such special primary election and shall remain open for a period of two and one-half days.

(d) Unless otherwise provided for in this Code section, the special primary elections, special elections, and general elections provided for in this Code section shall be held and conducted in all respects in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21, the 'Georgia Election Code.'

(e) Successors to the commission elected pursuant to this Code section shall be elected

pursuant to Code Section 46-2-1."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
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Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 43, nays 9.

HB 1312, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 3:36 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

At 4:45 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills and Resolutions of the House:

HB 244. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Rhodes of the 124th, DeLoach of the 167th, Sainz of the 180th, Townsend of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to game and fish, so as to extend the date by which rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Natural Resources must be in effect for purposes of establishing criminal violations of said rules and regulations; to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to seafood, so as to require certain reporting of non-activity by seafood dealers; to amend Part 4 of Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to shellfish, so as to provide for a definition; to authorize discretionary penalties for certain enforcement actions by the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 563. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Martinez of the 111th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., the "Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978," so as to provide for hearing before an administrative law judge; to change provisions relating to the appointment of hearing officers; to provide for a definition; to provide the administrator of the Commission on Equal Opportunity with the power to order discovery; to change certain provisions relating to the filing, amending, and investigation of a complaint regarding an unlawful practice; to change provisions relating to an appeal seeking a review of a final order by a hearing officer and a review of a dismissal of a complaint by the administrator; to provide penalty for willful failure; to provide testimony or discovery; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 1113. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st and Greene of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Appling, Barrow, Clarke, Colquitt, Cobb, Dade, Douglas, Fulton, Laurens, Newton, Paulding, Stewart, Sumter, Tattnall, Telfair, Troup, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws, and for other purposes.

HR 1116. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Greene of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Chatham County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Houston County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Paulding County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Walker County; and authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in White County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the following Bill of the House:

HB 985. By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to abolish the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; to provide for the transfer of outstanding obligations and liabilities and assets of such corporation; to amend Titles 2, 7, 12, 20, 26, 33, 43, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, banking and finance, conservation and natural resources, education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, insurance, professions and businesses, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to remove cross-references and make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 353. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Jasperse of the 11th, Williams of the 168th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the

O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to provide that administrative procedures and actions regarding bona fide coin operated amusement machines shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 232. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to provide for probate court fees; to provide for funding of the State Children's Trust Fund; to revise provisions regarding additional fees; to amend Code Section 25-10-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to requirement of permit for conduct of fireworks display, application, imposition of conditions as to granting of permit, duration and transfer of permit, disposition of excess fireworks, and fees, and Chapter 6 of Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to judges of probate courts as custodians of certain funds, so as to repeal a provision regarding compensation of probate court judges; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 232:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for probate court fees; to provide for definitions; to provide for funding of the State Children's Trust Fund; to revise provisions regarding additional fees; to provide for cross-references; to amend Code Section 25-10-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirement of permit for conduct of fireworks display, application, imposition of conditions as to granting of permit, duration and transfer of permit, disposition of excess fireworks, and fees, and Chapter 6 of Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judges of probate courts as custodians of certain funds, so as to repeal a provision regarding compensation of probate court judges; to provide for cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by repealing Code Section 15-9-60, relating to fees of probate courts, in its entirety, and enacting a new Code Section 15-9-60 to read as follows:

"15-9-60.

(a) The judges or clerks of the probate courts of this state shall charge and collect the fees enumerated in this Code section.

(b) All sums that the probate courts may be required to collect pursuant to Code Sections 15-23-7, 15-9-60.1, and 36-15-9 and all other sums required by law shall be in addition to the fees provided for in this Code section. The fees in this Code section are in addition to any costs for service of process, fees for publication of citation or notice, or any other sums that may be required by law.

(c) The fees in this Code section shall be paid into the county treasury or otherwise remitted as provided by law.

(d) Unless a party files an affidavit of indigence stating that he or she is unable to pay fees due to indigence, all fees in this Code section shall be paid at the time of filing or when other specified services are rendered. In accordance with Code Section 15-9-61, a filing party may pay a $30.00 fee deposit before filing any item listed in subsection (e), (f), (g), or (h) of this Code section except that no deposit shall be paid if no fee is required.

(e) As used in this subsection, 'fiduciary compliance report' shall include all reporting as required by Code Sections 53-7-30 or 53-7-67. For each estate filing, as provided in Title 53, the filing fees shall be as follows:

(1) Petition	$175.00
(2) Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat	75.00
(3) Fiduciary compliance report with assets	40.00
(4) Fiduciary compliance report with no assets	No fee

(f) As used in this subsection, 'fiduciary compliance report' shall include all reporting as required by Code Sections 29-3-30, 29-3-60, or 29-3-61. For each conservatorship of minor or guardianship of minor filing, as provided in Title 29, the filing fees shall be as follows:

(1) Petition, except petition to terminate guardianship of minor and petition for temporary letters of guardianship of minor	$175.00
(2) Petition for temporary letters of guardianship of minor	125.00
(3) Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat	75.00
(4) Petition to terminate guardianship of minor	40.00
(5) Fiduciary compliance report with assets	40.00
(6) Fiduciary compliance report with no assets	No fee

(g) As used in this subsection, 'fiduciary compliance report' shall include all reporting as required by Code Sections 29-5-30, 29-5-60, or 29-5-61. For each conservatorship of adult or guardianship of adult filing, as provided in Title 29, the filing fees shall be as follows:

(1) Petition	$175.00
(2) Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat	75.00
(3) Fiduciary compliance report with assets	40.00
(4) Fiduciary compliance report with no assets	No fee

(h) For each involuntary treatment, habilitation, temporary placement filing, or filing pursuant to Chapter 20 of Title 31, the filing fees shall be as follows:

(1) Petition	$175.00
(2) Motion, response, request, citation, or caveat	75.00
(3) Petition in support, affidavit in support, or issuance of an order to apprehend	No fee

(i) For each account accepted by the judge of the probate court as custodian for a minor, incapacitated adult, or missing or unknown heir or beneficiary, a one-time fee of 8 percent of the fund shall be deducted from the fund when such custodianship is accepted by the judge to pay to the county treasury.

(j) For all services rendered by the judge or clerk of the probate court in the exercise of concurrent jurisdiction pursuant to Code Section 15-9-127 for which no cost is set forth in this Code section, the sums charged shall be the same as those charged for such services in the superior court pursuant to Code Section 15-6-77 or other applicable law.

(k) For each miscellaneous and administrative item, the fees shall be as follows:

(1) Issuance of veteran's license	No fee
(2) Issuance of writ of fieri facias (fi. fa.)	No fee
(3) Copies (per page)	$ 1.00
(4) Certificate of residence	10.00
(5) Certified copy of letters (including copy cost)	10.00
(6) Certification of publication for insurance company charter	10.00
(7) Certification under seal of copies (excluding copy cost)	10.00
(8) For filing a bond of official, officer, or employee of any:	
(A) Municipality or authority within county	10.00

(B) For filing of bond of county official or officer	No fee
(9) For examination of records or files by employee of the probate court to provide abstract of information contained therein or to provide copies therefrom (per estate or name)	10.00
(10) Junk dealer registration	10.00
(11) Subpoena	10.00
(12) Application for weapons carry license (exclusive of fees charged by other agencies for the examination of criminal records and mental health records)	30.00
(13) Replacement of weapons carry license (lost, stolen, name change, or address change	6.00
(14) Personal identification cards to a judge or Supreme Court justice	Fee shall be determined by Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 15-25-3
(15) Marriage license with premarital education pursuant to Code Section 19-3-30.1	No Fee
(16) Marriage license without premarital education	$40.00
(17) Marriage certificate	10.00
(18) Creditor's claim	15.00
(19) Declination to serve of nominated personal representative	15.00
(20) Exemplification	15.00
(21) Recording of marks and brands (each)	15.00
(22) Renunciation of right of succession	15.00
(23) Will filed for safekeeping	15.00
(24) Petition for declaration of exemptions	25.00
(25) Appeal to superior court (petition for review)	30.00
(26) Preparation of record and transcript to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals (per page)	1.00
(27) For appeals to the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals, where a transcript of the evidence and proceedings is filed with the clerk and	

does not require recopying, the clerk shall not receive the fee herein prescribed with respect to such transcript but shall receive, for filing and transmission of such transcript	35.00
(28) Petition to establish lost papers	50.00
(29) Fireworks application	50.00
(30) Application for writ of habeas corpus	75.00
(31) Petition for Authority to Open Safety Deposit Box	75.00
(32) Petition to amend marriage license application	75.00
(33) Petition to amend vital record	75.00
(34) Any other petition filed in the probate court other than those proceedings and actions set forth in Title 29 or Title 53 and not specifically set forth in subsections (e) through (k) of this Code section	75.00"

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-9-60.1, relating to additional marriage license fee for Children's Trust Fund, as follows:

"15-9-60.1.

In addition to any fees required in subsection (k) of Code Section 15-9-60 for ~~receiving~~ marriage applications~~, issuing marriage licenses, and recording relative thereto,~~ the judge of the probate court shall charge an additional fee of $15.00 for issuing a marriage license. No amount of this additional fee shall be paid into the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia provided for in Chapter 11 of Title 47 or be used for the purpose of calculating retirement benefits for judges of the probate courts. Each judge of the probate court shall collect the additional fees for issuing marriage licenses as provided in this Code section and shall pay such moneys over to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority by the last day of the month there following, to be deposited by the authority into the general treasury for the State Children's Trust Fund. The authority shall, on a quarterly basis, make a report and accounting of all funds collected pursuant to this Code section and shall submit such report and accounting to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office no later than 60 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-21A-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to additional filing fees, application fee for indigent defense services, and remittance of funds, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'civil action' means:

(A) With regard to decedents' estates, only the following ~~proceedings~~ petitions: petition for letters of administration; petition to probate a will in solemn form; petition

for an order declaring no administration necessary; petition to probate a will in solemn form and for letters of administration with will annexed; petition to probate a will in common form; and petition for year's support;

(B) A petition in ~~With regard to~~ a minor guardianship or conservatorship matter as set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of Code Section 15-9-60~~, the proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked~~;

(C) A petition in ~~With regard to~~ an adult guardianship or conservatorship matter as set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of Code Section 15-9-60~~, the proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked~~; and

(D) An application for writ of habeas corpus, as set forth in paragraph (30) of subsection (k) of Code Section 15-9-60.

(2) In addition to all other legal costs, there shall be charged to the filing party and collected by the clerk an additional fee of $15.00 in each civil action filed in the probate court. For the purposes of the imposition of the civil filing fee required by this subsection, the probate court shall collect the civil filing fee on each ~~proceeding~~ petition listed in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection involving a decedent but once only in ~~a~~ an adult or minor guardianship or conservatorship matter involving the same ward or an application for writ of habeas corpus involving the same applicant."

SECTION 4.

Code Section 25-10-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirement of permit for conduct of fireworks display, application, imposition of conditions as to granting of permit, duration and transfer of permit, disposition of excess fireworks, and fees, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) ~~The judge of the probate court shall receive $10.00 for his or her services in granting or refusing the original permit and $1.00 for each copy issued, to be paid by the applicant.~~ The judge of the probate court shall provide the Safety Fire Commissioner a copy of each permit granted prior to the proposed date of the public exhibition or display."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 6 of Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judges of probate courts as custodians of certain funds, is amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 29-6-7, relating to compensation of judges.

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall apply to fees paid in a probate court on and after such date.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Davenport of the 44th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Davenport was excused.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 232.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 44, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 232.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/21/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 232. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Davenport of the 44th

3/21/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 232. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Gooch of the 51st

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 398. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, so as to revise the commission's operations; to expand the commission's membership; to revise the term lengths of commission members; to revise definitions; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to authorize the Department of Economic Development to assist the Georgia Joint Defense Commission in certain activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 398:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, so as to revise the commission's operations; to expand the commission's membership; to revise the term lengths of commission members; to provide that the Department of Economic Development shall assume certain responsibilities with regard to the commission in lieu of the Technical College System of Georgia; to expand the scope of responsibilities of the commission; to revise reporting requirements; to revise definitions; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to authorize the Department of Economic Development to assist the Georgia Joint Defense Commission in certain activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, is amended by revising Part 1, relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, as follows:

"Part 1

20-4-120.

(a) There is hereby created the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, which shall consist of ~~19~~ 23 members as follows:

(1) The chairperson of the Senate Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee;

(2) The chairperson of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee;

(3) Four members of the House of Representatives and one member from the public at large to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) Two members of the Senate, one each from the majority party and the minority party, to be appointed by the ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ President of the Senate;

(5) One citizen member from each of the state's eight military installation regions to be appointed by the Governor;

(6) The ~~director of the Governor's Defense Initiative~~ commissioner of the Department of Economic Development or his or her designee;

(7) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee;

(8) One representative of a defense industry contractor to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(9) One representative of a public or private organization engaged in military or defense research to be appointed by the Governor;

~~(7)~~(10) The adjutant general of the Georgia National Guard or his or her designee; and

~~(8)~~(11) The commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia or his or her designee.

(b)(1) The members of the commission appointed pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (4) and (6), (7), (10), and (11) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall serve ~~two-year~~ terms concurrent with their terms of office.

(2) The members of the commission appointed pursuant to ~~paragraph (5)~~ paragraphs (5), (8), and (9) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall serve four-year terms~~, provided that of the initial appointees, two shall serve an initial two-year term, two shall serve an initial three-year term, and four shall serve an initial four-year term~~.

~~(3) The members of the commission appointed pursuant to paragraphs (6) and (7) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall serve the duration of their respective terms in office.~~

(c) The commission chairperson shall be the ~~director of the Governor's Defense Initiative~~ commissioner of the Department of Economic Development or his or her designee. The commission shall meet at such times and places as it deems necessary or convenient to perform its duties. The commission shall also meet upon the written call of the commission chairperson or of three of its members. The commission shall maintain minutes of its meetings and such other records as it deems necessary.

(d)(1) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall receive for each day of attendance at commission meetings a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, plus reimbursement for

actual transportation costs while traveling by public carrier, or the legal mileage rate for use of a personal car in connection with such attendance.

(2) The daily expense allowance and reimbursement of transportation costs provided for by this subsection:

(A) Shall be paid by funds appropriated to the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development; and

(B) Shall not be received by any member of the commission for more than five days unless additional days are authorized by the Governor.

(e) Appointed members ~~Members~~ of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, President of the Senate, or Speaker of the House of Representatives, in accordance with who appointed them.

20-4-121.

The Georgia Joint Defense Commission shall:

(1) Advise the Governor and the General Assembly on ~~defense and military~~ issues relating to the military, the defense industry, defense research and technology, military families, and veterans affairs within the state and nationally;

(2) Make recommendations regarding policies and plans to support the long-term viability and development of the defense industry and the military, both active and civilian, in this state;

(3) Develop methods to assist defense-dependent communities in the design and execution of programs that enhance each community's relationship with military installations and ~~defense related business~~ the defense industry;

(4) Serve as a task force to seek advice on and prepare for potential base realignment or closure of military installations in the state;

(5) Develop and implement a plan to navigate potential base realignment or closure of military installations studies and proceedings; and

(6) Produce and distribute a detailed annual report no later than December 1~~, 2018, and annually thereafter,~~ each year regarding the status of the state's defense industry, defense research efforts, and military installations, as well as a strategic plan for navigating any potential base realignment or closure of military installations in the state. Such annual reports shall be distributed to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the General Assembly and shall be made publicly available.

20-4-122.

Staff of the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development shall provide administrative support for the Georgia Joint Defense Commission."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Part 2, relating to the Defense Community Economic Development Grant Program, as follows:

"Part 2

20-4-130.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Federal review' means any review of a military installation by a federal entity for the purpose of determining the viability of such military installation, including, but not limited to, any review directly or indirectly related to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

(2) 'Grant goal' means any project, event, or activity that promotes a military installation, including, but not limited to:

(A) The promotion of recruitment, expansion, or retention of jobs at such military installation or within the military community in which it is located; or

(B) Preparation for any federal review.

(3) 'Military community' means a municipality or county that has within its jurisdiction a military installation or any other municipality or county that after reasonable review the ~~workforce development division~~ Department of Economic Development determines is economically impacted to a similar degree by the presence of a nearby military installation.

(4) 'Military installation' means a facility owned and operated by United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Space Force, or Coast Guard that shelters military equipment and personnel and facilitates training and operations for such organizations.

(5) 'Public official' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 50-36-2 or 2 U.S.C. Section 1602.

20-4-131.

(a) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the commissioner of the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development shall administer a grant program to be called the Defense Community Economic Development Grant Program, which shall serve the purpose of awarding grants to assist military communities with grant goals.

(b) The commissioner of the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development shall administer such program and such program's associated funds.

(c) All funds that were appropriated for the provision of the Defense Community Economic Development Fund shall be transferred to the ~~workforce development division~~ Department of Economic Development for the provision of the Defense Community Economic Development Grant Program.

20-4-132.

(a) The amount of any grant awarded pursuant to this part shall be determined by the commissioner of the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development on a case-by-case review of applications which shall include, but shall not be limited to, a consideration of the grant goal being proposed and the extent to which it:

(1) Furthers the relationship between the military community and military installation;
(2) Furthers the military installation's economic development investment into the military community; or
(3) Assists in efforts to defend the viability of a military installation from a federal review.

(b) Each military community shall be required as a condition of receipt of any grant awarded pursuant to this part to match such awarded funds. The commissioner of the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development shall prescribe conditions for releasing grant funds based upon a military community matching such funds.

(c) The commissioner of the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development shall be authorized to charge such fees as are reasonable and necessary to offset costs associated with processing applications submitted pursuant to this part.

20-4-133.

Any military community may submit an application to the commissioner of the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development for a grant to assist in the pursuance of a grant goal. Such application shall be submitted on a form and in a manner to be prescribed by the commissioner of the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development. Each application shall, at a minimum, include a statement from the military community applying for such grant as to how such grant goal will contribute to the economic viability of the military installation within such military community.

20-4-134.

The commissioner of the ~~Technical College System of Georgia~~ Department of Economic Development shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the purposes of this ~~part~~ article."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, is amended by revising Article 10, which is reserved, as follows:

"ARTICLE 10

50-7-120.

The Department of Economic Development is authorized to administer and support the activities of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission in accordance with Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 4.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 398.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
E Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 43, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 398.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/21/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 398. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Davenport of the 44th

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 440. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Parent of the 42nd, Dixon of the 45th, Butler of the 55th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the Accelerated Career Diploma Program; to provide a short title; to establish and provide for the ACE Grants pilot program; to make conforming changes; to extend an automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 440:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the Accelerated Career Diploma Program; to provide a short title; to establish and provide for the ACE Grants program; to provide for ACE (accelerated career education) grants for technical college students pursuing certain degrees, diplomas, and certificates; to provide for reporting; to provide for the adoption of content standards for a minimum course of instruction in foundations of algebra; to revise a definition in the "Dual Enrollment Act"; to revise provisions relating to the maximum of eligible dual enrollment courses allowable for students; to make conforming changes; to extend an automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended in Part 2, relating to competencies and core curriculum, by revising Code Section 20-2-149.2, relating to awarding of high school diploma for completion of postsecondary programs and identification of critical needs fields of study, as follows:

"20-2-149.2.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Accelerated Career Diploma Program.'

(b) A local board of education ~~may~~ shall be authorized to award a high school diploma to a student enrolled in coursework pursuant to Code Section 20-2-161.3 who:

~~(1) Completes rigorous coursework at a postsecondary institution which meets the requirements in paragraph (7) of Code Section 20-3-519;~~

~~(2)~~(1)(A) Has completed at least the following ~~state required ninth and tenth grade level high school~~ courses:

(i) The high school English course, including its end-of-course assessment, required for purposes of federal accountability requirements, plus at least one additional state funded core English course;

(ii) The high school math course, including its end-of-course assessment, required for purposes of federal accountability requirements, plus either a state funded course on the foundations of algebra or one other state funded core math course;

(iii) The high school science course, including its end-of-course assessment, required for purposes of federal accountability requirements, plus at least one additional state funded core science course;

(iv) Any two state funded core social studies courses; provided, however, that in lieu of taking a second state funded core social studies course, a student shall be permitted to take a third state funded math course in addition to the courses required in division (ii) of this subparagraph, provided that such math course is aligned with competencies required by such student's technical college program of study; and

(v) One health and physical education course.

(B) School personnel shall counsel each student to choose state funded courses provided for in divisions (i) through (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph that meet workforce needs and are appropriate for such student based on his or her competencies and on the competencies required in the technical college program of study.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'state funded core' courses shall include any high school course listed as core or required on the state funded course list and any technical college diploma-level or postsecondary degree-level English, math, science, or social studies course for which the student earns dual credit.

(D) The State Board of Education shall adopt content standards for a minimum course of instruction in foundations of algebra that may be chosen by students participating in the Accelerated Career Diploma Program to meet the requirements of division (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;and

~~two English courses, two mathematics courses, two science courses, two social studies courses, and one health and physical education course; and any state required tests associated with any such courses;~~

~~(3) Receives a score of admission acceptable on the readiness assessment required by the postsecondary institution; and~~

~~(4)~~(2)(A) Completes: (i) an ~~associate~~ associate's degree program in applied science at a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia; (ii) a technical college diploma program or program leading to licensure at a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia ~~and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field~~; or (iii) at least two technical college certificate of credit programs ~~in one specific career pathway and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry~~

~~occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field as determined by the Technical College System of Georgia~~ included in the High-demand Career List published by the State Workforce Development Board as provided in Code section 34-14-3.

(B) The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall publish a list that identifies which certificates are in the same program of study or closely related programs of study. A student meets the requirements of division (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph by completing at least two certificates in the same program of study or in closely related programs of study.

~~(b) The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall annually identify fields of study in which a critical need or shortage of trained personnel exists in the labor markets in this state and provide such information to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall annually provide such information to local school systems for the purpose of emphasizing areas of critical workforce needs and shortages in the labor markets in our state to high school students to support their career pathway decisions.~~

(c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia ~~and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia~~, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Code section.

(d) A student who meets the requirements of subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section shall be deemed to have met all graduation requirements of the State Board of Education and shall not be subject to any assessments otherwise required for purposes of graduation.

(e)(1) There is established the ACE Grants program to provide for awarding accelerated career education grants to students participating in the Accelerated Career Diploma Program, as provided for in this Code section.

(2) The Georgia Student Finance Commission shall be authorized to provide funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the implementation of a program to award ACE grants to students pursuing a degree, diploma, or certificate provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(3) The Georgia Student Finance Commission shall assess the program and shall, no later than December 1 of each year during the program, provide the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and the Senate Higher Education Committee with a comprehensive report to include recommendations as to the program's continued implementation and any changes deemed necessary for such program.

(4) The Georgia Student Finance Commission, in consultation with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and the State Board of Education, shall establish rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this Code section to implement, assess, and report on the program."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Part 4, relating to financing, by revising paragraph (7) of subsection (b), paragraph (3) of subsection (f), and subsection (g) of Code Section 20-2-161.3, relating to the "Dual Enrollment Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and eligibility for payment, as follows:

"(7) 'Eligible dual credit course' means a dual credit course which is included in the eligible course list and which is eligible for payment under this program ~~subject to the following maximum credit hour caps:~~

~~(A) Eligible high school students with 18 or fewer semester hours, or the equivalent amount of quarter hours, of dual credit courses funded under this part on or before June 30, 2020, shall be limited to a total of 30 semester hours, or the equivalent amount of quarter hours, of eligible dual credit courses; and~~

~~(B) Eligible high school students with 19 or more semester hours, or the equivalent amount of quarter hours, of dual credit courses funded under this part on or before June 30, 2020, shall be limited to 12 additional semester hours, or the equivalent amount of quarter hours, of eligible dual credit courses~~."

"(3) The local board of education or other authorized governing body of a ~~A~~ participating eligible high school shall be required to award a high school diploma to an eligible high school student who is enrolled at or through an eligible postsecondary institution under the program ~~as~~ so long as the credit earned at or through such postsecondary institution satisfies course requirements ~~needed for the eligible high school student to complete high school graduation~~ provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-149.2. ~~The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, shall determine appropriate courses to meet these requirements. No later than July 1, 2015, the department shall communicate to high schools the subject area requirements or elective courses that may be satisfied with dual credit courses provided by eligible postsecondary institutions, which shall include completion of:~~

~~(A) At least the following state required ninth and tenth grade level high school courses or their equivalent: two English courses, two mathematics courses, two science courses, two social studies courses, and one health and physical education course; and any state required tests associated with any such courses; and~~

~~(B) One of the following:~~

~~(i) An associate degree program;~~

~~(ii) A technical college diploma program and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field; or~~

~~(iii) At least two technical college certificate of credit programs in one specific career pathway and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field as determined by the Technical College System of Georgia.~~

~~Students who have taken dual credit courses in pursuit of a high school diploma under~~

~~this paragraph, and were funded under this part, on or before June 30, 2020, shall not be subject to any maximum credit hour caps as set forth in this Code section. Such students may continue participation in the program until the student completes the coursework required for his or her high school diploma.~~"

"(g)(1) Each eligible student shall be limited to a total of 30 semester hours, or the equivalent amount of quarter hours, of eligible dual credit courses funded under this part; provided, however, that, subject to appropriations specifically for such purpose, the commission shall be authorized to waive such limitation for students participating in the Accelerated Career Diploma Program provided for in Code Section 20-2-149.2 to the extent necessary for such students to complete such program.

(2) Hours for eligible dual credit courses taken at or through an eligible postsecondary institution pursuant to this Code section by an eligible high school student shall not count against any maximum hourly caps which may be applicable for purposes of HOPE scholarships or grants."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in said part by revising the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-161.4, relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and termination, as follows:

"No later than January 1 each year, the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall provide an interim report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and the Senate Higher Education Committee. A final report shall be provided to the same no later than ~~September~~ December 1, ~~2026~~ 2027."

"(b) This Code section shall stand repealed on June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Brass of the 28th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 440.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett

Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 440.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/21/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 440 Agree. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Seay of the 34th

3/21/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 440. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ James of the 35th

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 1203. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 25th, Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to authorize landlords to use certain off-duty sheriffs, constables, or marshals to execute writs of possession in certain circumstances if a sheriff, constable, or

marshal is not able to execute a writ within 30 days of the landlord's initial request; to provide for sheriffs, constables, and marshals to maintain lists of such authorized off-duty sheriffs, constables, and marshals in their jurisdictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 1203:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to authorize landlords to use certain off-duty sheriffs, sheriff deputies, constables, marshals, or other individuals certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to execute writs of possession in certain circumstances if a sheriff, sheriff deputy, constable, or marshal is not able to execute a writ within 14 days of the landlord's initial request; to provide for sheriffs, sheriff deputies, constables, and marshals to maintain lists of such authorized off-duty sheriffs, sheriff deputies, constables, marshals, and other individuals certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council in their jurisdictions; to provide administrative authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, is amended by revising Code Section 44-7-55, relating to judgment, writ of possession, landlord's liability for wrongful conduct, distribution of funds paid into court, and personal property, as follows:

"44-7-55.

(a) If, on the trial of the case, the judgment is against the tenant, judgment shall be entered against the tenant for all rents due and for any other claim relating to the dispute. The court shall issue a writ of possession, both of execution for the judgment amount and a writ to be effective at the expiration of seven days after the date such judgment was entered, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 44-7-56.

(b) If the judgment is for the tenant, he shall be entitled to remain in the premises and the landlord shall be liable for all foreseeable damages shown to have been caused by his wrongful conduct. Any funds remaining in the registry of the court shall be distributed to the parties in accordance with the judgment of the court.

(c) Any writ of possession issued pursuant to this article shall authorize the removal of the tenant or his or her personal property or both from the premises and permit the

placement of such personal property on some portion of the landlord's property or on other property as may be designated by the landlord and as may be approved by the executing officer; provided, however, that the landlord shall not be a bailee of such personal property and shall owe no duty to the tenant regarding such personal property. After execution of the writ, such property shall be regarded as abandoned.

(d) Subject to subsection (a) of this Code section and Code Section 44-7-59, applications for execution of a writ of possession shall be made within 30 days of issuance of the writ of possession unless such application for said writ is accompanied by an affidavit showing good cause for the delay in applying for execution of the writ. The failure to execute a writ in conformity with this Code section shall require the applicant to apply for a new writ.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall require a sheriff, constable, or marshal to execute a writ of possession within 30 days from the issuance of any order granting a writ of possession, or the issuance, application, or request for the execution of the writ of possession; provided, however, that in the event the sheriff, sheriff deputy, constable, or marshal is unable to execute the writ within 14 days from the landlord's application or request for such execution, the landlord shall be entitled to utilize the services of an off-duty sheriff, sheriff deputy, constable, marshal, or other individual certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council having authority within the jurisdiction wherein the premises lie to execute such writ at the landlord's sole cost and expense. The sheriff, sheriff deputy, constable, or marshal shall maintain a list of authorized off-duty sheriffs, sheriff deputies, constables, marshals, and other individuals certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and make the same available upon request by the landlord. The sheriff, sheriff deputy, constable or marshal shall maintain administrative authority over any persons executing writs under this subsection. The landlord shall provide written notice to the sheriff, sheriff deputy, constable, or marshal of the date and time of the execution of the writ by such off-duty sheriff, sheriff deputy, constable, marshal, or other individuals certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council at least five calendar days in advance of such execution in order to permit the sheriff, sheriff deputy, constable, or marshal to note the same within their own records."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute,

was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 1203, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1223. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Petrea of the 166th, Prince of the 132nd, Jackson of the 128th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the 'Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976,' so as to provide for a new prohibited act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Anderson of the 24th.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs offered the following substitute to HB 1223:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the 'Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976,' so as to provide for a new prohibited act; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the 'Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976,' is amended by revising Code Section 2-12-71, relating to definitions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(1.1) 'Apply' means to put, place, lay, spread, or deposit a soil amendment on the land, whether topically, with or without subsequent incorporation into the soil, by subsurface injection, or otherwise."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 2-12-79, relating to prohibited acts, as follows:

"2-12-79.

It shall be a violation of this article for any person to:

(1) Distribute an unregistered soil amendment;

(2) Distribute an unlabeled soil amendment;

(3) Distribute a misbranded soil amendment;

(4) Distribute an adulterated soil amendment;

(5) Fail to comply with a stop sale, use, or removal order; ~~or~~

(6) Fail to submit semiannual reports; or

(7)(A) Apply or distribute a soil amendment on a site, or on a separate site that has close geographic proximity to and is operationally connected with the underlying site, when:

(i) The owner of such site or the person who has applied or distributed a soil amendment on such site is subject to a consent order, enforcement action, or ongoing investigation by the department or the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, including, but not limited to, actions regarding the contamination of surface water, ground water, or soil contamination, and such consent order, enforcement action or ongoing investigation has not been withdrawn or resolved to the satisfaction of the issuing agency with respect to such site;

(ii) A notice of violation has been issued by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources or the department; and

(iii) The department has notified the owner of such site and the person who has

applied or distributed a soil amendment on such site that application of soil amendments on such site must cease.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph only, the term 'site' means the site identified in the nutrient management plan submitted to the department or a portion thereof."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

HB 1223, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 827. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Dickey of the 145th, Pirkle of the 169th, Leverett of the 123rd, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-8-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock theft, so as to provide for increased penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1033. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Anderson of the 10th, Williamson of the 112th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person, so as to provide for protections for utility workers; to provide for a definition; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, and aggravated battery committed upon utility workers in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the following Bill of the House:

HB 880. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Burchett of the 176th, Blackmon of the 146th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-1-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, so as to allow military spouses to use an existing license in good standing from another state to obtain employment in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 1339. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Hawkins of the 27th, Beverly of the 143rd, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise relative to certificate of need; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.20 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, so as to increase the aggregate limit for tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations; to extend the sunset provision; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the creation of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission; to provide for its members; to provide for its purpose and duties; to provide for assistance from experts and consultants; to provide for semiannual reports; to provide for the automatic repeal of the commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 1149. By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Sainz of the 180th and Thomas of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, so as to require local constitutional officers to annually report audits of discretionary funds to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Still of the 48th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker

Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 5.

HB 1149, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1046. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 47th, Powell of the 33rd, Barrett of the 24th, Mathiak of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-72, Code Section 31-6-2, and Article 7 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the sale, distribution, or possession of dangerous drugs, definitions relative to state health planning and development, and home health agencies, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to repeal the prohibition on delegating to advanced practice registered nurses the authority to sign death certificates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dixon of the 45th.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to HB 1046:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-10-15 and Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to death certificates and physicians, physician assistants, and others, respectively, so as to revise regulations concerning advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants; to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to sign death certificates; to revise provisions relating to the number of advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants that a physician can authorize and supervise at any one time; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Code Section 31-10-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to death certificates, filing, medical certification, forwarding death certificate to decedent's county of residence, and purging voter registration list, is amended by revising subsections (c) and (e) as follows:

"(c)(1) The medical certification as to the cause and circumstances of death shall be completed, signed, and returned to the funeral director or person acting as such within 72 hours after death by the physician, or advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Sections 43-34-23 and 43-34-25 or licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of Code Sections 43-34-23 and 43-34-103, who is in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death, except when inquiry is required by Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45, the 'Georgia Death Investigation Act.' In the absence of said physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed physician assistant or with that physician's approval, the certificate may be completed and signed by an associate physician, the chief medical officer of the institution in which death occurred, or the physician who performed an autopsy upon the decedent, provided that such individual has access to the medical history of the case, views the deceased at or after death, and death is due to natural causes. If, 30 days after a death, the physician, or advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Sections 43-34-23 and 43-34-25 or licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of Code Sections 43-34-23 and 43-34-103, who is in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death has failed to complete, sign, and return the medical certification as to the cause and circumstances of death to the funeral director or person acting as such, the funeral director or person acting as such shall be authorized to report such physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed physician assistant to their respective licensing boards for disciplinary action ~~to the Georgia Composite Medical Board for discipline pursuant to Code Section 43-34-8~~.

(2) In any area in this state which is in a state of emergency as declared by the Governor due to an influenza pandemic, in addition to any other person authorized by law to complete and sign a death certificate, any registered professional nurse employed by a long-term care facility, ~~advanced practice nurse, physician assistant,~~ registered nurse employed by a home health agency, or nursing supervisor employed by a hospital shall be authorized to complete and sign the death certificate, provided that such person has access to the medical history of the case, such person views the deceased at or after death, the death is due to natural causes, and an inquiry is not required under Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45, the 'Georgia Death Investigation Act.' In such a state of emergency, the death certificate shall be filed by the funeral director in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section; or, if the certificate is not completed and signed by an appropriate physician, advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Sections 43-34-23 and 43-34-25, licensed physician assistant acting

pursuant to the authority of Code Sections 43-34-23 and 43-34-103, or coroner, the public health director of preparedness shall cause the death certificate to be completed, signed, and filed by some other authorized person within ten days after death.

(3) An authorized individual completing and signing a death certificate in good faith and in accordance with this subsection shall be immune from civil liability for any acts or omissions relating to the medical certification, absent wanton misconduct or intentional wrongdoing. This immunity is in addition to any other legal immunity from liability to which such individuals may be entitled."

"(e) If the cause of death cannot be determined within 48 hours after death, the medical certification shall be completed as provided by regulation. The attending physician, advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Sections 43-34-23 and 43-34-25, licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of Code Sections 43-34-23 and 43-34-103, or coroner shall give the funeral director or person acting as such notice of the reason for the delay, and final disposition of the body shall not be made until authorized by the attending physician, coroner, or medical examiner."

SECTION 1-2.

Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, is amended by revising subparagraph (b)(1)(B) of Code Section 43-34-23, relating to delegation of authority to nurse or physician assistant, as follows:

"(B) A physician may delegate to those ~~health care~~ healthcare professionals identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph:

(i) The authority to order controlled substances selected from a formulary of such drugs established by the board and the authority to order dangerous drugs, medical treatments, and diagnostic studies;

(ii) The authority to request, receive, and sign for professional samples and to distribute professional samples to patients. The office or facility at which the ~~health care~~ healthcare professional identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is working shall maintain a general list of the professional samples approved by the delegating physician for request, receipt, and distribution by the ~~health care~~ healthcare professional identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph as well as a complete list of the specific number and dosage of each professional sample and medication voucher received. Professional samples that are distributed by a ~~health care~~ healthcare professional identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be so noted in the patient's medical record. In addition to the requirements of this Code section, all professional samples shall be maintained as required by applicable state and federal laws and regulations; and

(iii) The authority to sign, certify, and endorse all documents relating to ~~health care~~ healthcare provided to a patient within his or her scope of authorized practice, including, but not limited to, documents relating to physical examination forms of all state agencies and verification and evaluation forms of the Department of Human Services, the State Board of Education, local boards of education, the Department

of Community Health, and the Department of Corrections; provided, however, that a ~~health care~~ healthcare professional identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not have the authority to ~~sign death certificates or~~ assign a percentage of a disability rating.

Healthcare professionals identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph must complete biennial continuing education regarding the recognition and documentation of the causes of death and appropriate execution of death certificates, as approved by the board."

SECTION 1-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-25, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurse, construction and limitations of such delegation, definitions, conditions of nurse protocol, and issuance of prescription drug orders, as follows:

"(b) In addition to and without limiting the authority granted pursuant to Code Section 43-34-23, a physician may delegate to an advanced practice registered nurse in accordance with a nurse protocol agreement the authority to order drugs, medical devices, medical treatments, diagnostic studies, or radiographic imaging tests or to sign death certificates. A selection box shall be added to death certificates to be checked off by nonphysicians completing the form."

"(e.1) Except for ~~death certificates and~~ assigning a percentage of a disability rating, an advanced practice registered nurse may be delegated the authority to sign, certify, and endorse all documents relating to ~~health care~~ healthcare provided to a patient within his or her scope of authorized practice, including, but not limited to, documents relating to physical examination forms of all state agencies and verification and evaluation forms of the Department of Human Services, the State Board of Education, local boards of education, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Corrections."

SECTION 1-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (j) and (l) of Code Section 43-34-103, relating to application for licensure as a physician assistant, authorized delegated authority, and prohibited acts, as follows:

"(j) A physician assistant shall be allowed to make a pronouncement of death pursuant to authority delegated by the supervising physician of the physician assistant and to certify such pronouncement in the same manner as a physician, including by signing death certificates. A selection box shall be added to death certificates to be checked off by nonphysicians completing the form."

"(l) Except for ~~death certificates and~~ assigning a percentage of a disability rating, a physician assistant may be delegated the authority to sign, certify, and endorse all documents relating to health care provided to a patient within his or her scope of authorized practice, including, but not limited to, documents relating to physical examination forms of all state agencies and verification and evaluation forms of the Department of Human Services, the State Board of Education, local boards of education,

the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Corrections."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, acupuncture, physician assistants, and others, is amended in Code Section 43-34-25, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurse, construction and limitations of such delegation, definitions, conditions of nurse protocol, and issuance of prescription drug orders, by revising subsections (g), (g.1), and (g.2) as follows:

"(g) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g.1) or (g.2) of this Code section, a delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section or enter into a job description with a physician assistant pursuant to Code Section 43-34-103 with more than ~~four~~ the combined equivalent of eight advanced practice registered nurses or physician assistants at any one time, except this limitation shall not apply to an advanced practice registered nurse who is practicing:

(1) In a hospital licensed under Title 31;

(2) In any college or university as defined in Code Section 20-8-1;

(3) In the Department of Public Health;

(4) In any county board of health;

(4.1) In any community service board;

(5) In any free health clinic;

(6) In a birthing center;

(7) In any entity:

(A) Which is exempt from federal taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in Code Section 48-1-2, and primarily serves uninsured or indigent Medicaid and ~~medicare~~ Medicare patients; or

(B) Which has been established under the authority of or is receiving funds pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 254b or 254c of the United States Public Health Service Act;

(8) In any local board of education which has a school nurse program;

(9) In a health maintenance organization that has an exclusive contract with a medical group practice and arranges for the provision of substantially all physician services to enrollees in health benefits of the health maintenance organization; or

(10) In any emergency medical services system operated by, or on behalf of, any county, municipality, or hospital authority with a full-time physician medical director and who does not order drugs, except that he or she may order up to a 14 day supply of drugs as necessary in an emergency situation, excluding Schedule II controlled substances and benzodiazepines; provided, however, that an advanced practice registered nurse shall not order radiographic imaging, diagnostic studies, or medical devices pursuant to this paragraph; and provided, further, that a patient shall be referred to a physician, a dentist, or a federally qualified health center.

(g.1) A delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to

this Code section or enter into a job description with a physician assistant pursuant to Code Section 43-34-103 with more than the combined equivalent of eight advanced practice registered nurses or physician assistants at any one time, may not supervise more than ~~four~~ the combined equivalent of eight advanced practice registered nurses or physician assistants at any one time pursuant to nurse protocol agreements or job descriptions, and shall not be required to conduct any meetings, observations, or review of medical records except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the advanced practice registered nurses practice at a location that:

(1) Maintains evidence based clinical practice guidelines;

(2) Is accredited by an accrediting body, approved by the board, such as the Joint Commission or a nationally recognized accrediting organization with comparable standards;

(3) Requires the delegating physician to document and maintain a record of review of at least 10 percent of the advanced practice registered nurses' medical records to monitor quality of care being provided to patients, which may be conducted electronically or on site;

(4) Requires the delegating physician and advanced practice registered nurse to participate in and maintain documentation of quarterly clinical collaboration meetings, either by telephone, in person, or on site, for purposes of monitoring care being provided to patients; and

(5) Requires the delegating physician's name, contact information, and record of the visit to be provided to the patient's primary care provider of choice with the patient's consent within 24 hours of the visit.

(g.2) A delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section or enter into a job description with a physician assistant pursuant to Code Section 43-34-103 with more than the combined equivalent of eight advanced practice registered nurses or physician assistants at any one time or supervise more than ~~four~~ the combined equivalent of eight advanced practice registered nurses or physician assistants at any one time in any emergency medical services system operated by, or on behalf of, any county, municipality, or hospital authority with a full-time medical director."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-34-103, relating to application for licensure as a physician assistant, authorized delegated authority, and prohibited acts, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) No primary supervising physician shall enter into a job description with a physician assistant pursuant to this Code section or a nurse protocol agreement with an advanced practice registered nurse pursuant to Code Section 43-34-25 with more than the combined equivalent of eight physician assistants or advanced practice registered nurses or supervise more than ~~four~~ the combined equivalent of eight physician assistants or advanced practice registered nurses at a time except as provided in paragraph (3) or (4) of this subsection.

(2) A primary supervising physician shall designate in writing to the board such other physicians who may serve as an alternate supervising physician for each physician assistant with which such primary supervising physician has entered into a job description. The board shall have authority to approve or deny such designations in whole or in part; provided, however, that a physician may be listed as an alternate supervising physician for any number of physician assistants so long as he or she only supervises as many physician assistants at any one time as allowed by paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection.

(3) No primary supervising physician shall have more than eight physician assistants who have completed a board approved anesthesiologist assistant program licensed to him or her at a time or supervise more than four physician assistants who have completed a board approved anesthesiologist assistant program at any one time.

(4) Except for physician assistants who have completed a board approved anesthesiologist assistant program, the limitation in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a physician assistant who is practicing:

(A) In a hospital licensed under Title 31;

(B) In any college or university as defined in Code Section 20-8-1;

(C) In the Department of Public Health;

(D) In any county board of health;

(E) In any community service board;

(F) In any free health clinic;

(G) In a birthing center;

(H) In any entity:

(i) Which is exempt from federal taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in Code Section 48-1-2, and primarily serves uninsured or indigent Medicaid and Medicare patients; or

(ii) Which has been established under the authority of or is receiving funds pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 254b or 254c of the United States Public Health Service Act; or

(I) In a health maintenance organization that has an exclusive contract with a medical group practice and arranges for the provision of substantially all physician services to enrollees in health benefits of the health maintenance organization."

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which it is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.

(b) Part I of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 1046, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1053. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Williams of the 148th, Persinger of the 119th, Clark of the 100th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to prohibit governmental agencies from using central bank digital currency as payment and from participating in testing the use of such currency; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dolezal of the 27th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 38, nays 11.

HB 1053, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1183. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stoner of the 40th and Mathiak of the 74th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes whenever other health information is provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Still of the 48th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 2.

HB 1183, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 450. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 5, 15, 44, and 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error, courts, property, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates, respectively, so as to clarify that neither superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5 over any nonappealable order of a probate court subject to such chapter; to provide for de novo proceeding with the right to a jury trial of certain probate court final judgments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 450:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 5, 15, 32, 40, 44, and 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appeal and error, courts, highways, bridges, and ferries, motor vehicles and traffic, property, and wills, trusts, and administration of estates, respectively, so as to clarify that neither superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5 over any nonappealable order of a probate court subject to such chapter; to provide for de novo proceeding with the right to a jury trial of certain probate court final judgments; to require parties' consent for voluntary dismissals of petitions for review under certain circumstances; to provide for retention of jurisdiction by magistrate courts under certain circumstances; to rescind the requirement that such appeals be governed by Chapter 3 of Title 5; to rename petitions for review; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for the payment of certain sums into the registry of the trial court in appeals to the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court; to provide for appeals from orders granting temporary letters of administration; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to superior and state court appellate practice, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 5-3-4, relating to jurisdiction, as follows:

"(b) The superior courts shall not have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter over any state court. The state courts shall not have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter over any superior court. In addition, neither a superior court nor a state court shall have appellate jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter over the following courts or matters:

(1) Juvenile courts;

(2) The Municipal Court of Columbus;

(3) The Civil Court of Macon-Bibb County;

(4) The Civil Court of Richmond County;

(5) The Georgia State-wide Business Court;

(6) A civil case in an Article 6 probate court;

(7) An order appointing a temporary administrator or any other order not appealable from a probate court subject to this chapter; and

(8) Any other court from which an appeal directly to the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court is authorized."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 5-3-5, relating to obligations of court, de novo proceedings, and jury trials, to read as follows:

"(d) Except for convictions under Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 40, the review of any

appealable final judgment of a probate court subject to this chapter shall be a de novo proceeding with the right to a jury trial if demanded."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 5-3-12, relating to requirements for dismissal by reviewing court, to read as follows:

"(e) The consent of all parties shall be required for voluntary dismissal of a petition for review if:

(1) The appeal is a de novo proceeding and a counterclaim is pending; or

(2) A motion for relief under Code Section 9-15-14 is pending."

SECTION 4.

Article 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil proceedings in magistrate courts, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-10-41, relating to no jury trials and appeals, as follows:

"(2) No appeal shall lie from a default judgment or from a dismissal for want of prosecution after a nonappearance of a plaintiff for trial. Any voluntary dismissal by the plaintiff or by order of the court for want of prosecution shall be without prejudice except that the filing of a second such dismissal shall operate as an adjudication upon the merits. Review, including review of a denial of a postjudgment motion to vacate a judgment, shall be by petition for review to the state court of that county or to the superior court of that county. Upon a reversal of a default judgment or reversal of a refusal to open a default judgment, the magistrate court shall retain jurisdiction to hear the merits of the case de novo."

SECTION 5.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding acquisition of property for transportation purposes, is amended in Code Section 32-3-11, relating to power of judge to set aside, vacate, and annul declaration of taking, issuance and service on condemnor of rule nisi, and hearing, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) If the condemnee desires to raise such questions as are outlined in subsection (b) of this Code section, the same shall be done by proper pleadings, in the form of a petition ~~for review~~ addressed to the judge of the superior court having jurisdiction thereof, filed in the same proceedings not later than 30 days subsequent to the date of service upon the condemnee of the declaration of taking. The presiding judge shall thereupon cause a rule nisi to be issued and served upon the condemnor, requiring him or her to show cause at a time and place designated by the judge why the title acquired by the declaration of taking should not be vacated and set aside in the same way and manner as is now provided for setting aside deeds acquired by fraud. Such hearing shall be had not earlier than 15 days from the time of service of the rule nisi upon the condemnor, nor later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, and with the right of appeal by either party, as in other cases. ~~A petition for review filed pursuant to this subsection shall be~~

~~governed by the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 5, except to the extent any such provision is in conflict with any provision of this article.~~"

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 32-3-14, relating to filing a notice of appeal, as follows:

"32-3-14.

If the owner, or any of the owners, or any person having a claim against or interest in the property is dissatisfied with the amount of compensation as estimated in the declaration of taking and deposited in court, as provided for in Code Section 32-3-7, such person or persons, or any of them, shall have the right, at any time subsequent to the filing of the declaration and the deposit of the fund into court, but not later than 30 days following the date of the service as provided for in Code Sections 32-3-8 and 32-3-9, to file with the court a ~~petition for review~~ notice of appeal, the same to be in writing and made a part of the record in the proceedings."

SECTION 7.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 32-3-16, relating to appeal to jury, evidence to be heard on appeal, and subsequent review of issues not brought before jury, by revising subsections (a) and (c) as follows:

"(a) After the ~~petition for review~~ notice of appeal has been filed as provided in Code Section 32-3-14, it shall be the duty of the court at the next term thereof, which shall convene not earlier than 30 days subsequent to the date of service, as provided for in Code Sections 32-3-8 and 32-3-9, to cause an issue to be made and tried by a jury as to the value of the property or interest taken and the consequential damages to property or interests not taken, with the same right to move for a new trial and file a ~~petition for review~~ notice of appeal as in other cases at law, provided that an interlocutory award has not become final pursuant to Code Section 32-3-15."

"(c) If, for any reason, the issues made by the filing of the ~~petition for review~~ notice of appeal provided for in this Code section are not tried by a jury as to the value of the property or interest taken and the consequential damages to the property or interests not taken, at the next term of the court after the filing of such appeal, such fact shall not be cause for dismissal of the appeal and the issues made by such appeal shall be subject to trial at any future term of the court."

SECTION 8.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 32-3-17.1, relating to decisions upon questions of law, power of judge to give necessary orders and directions, and jury trial in open court only, as follows:

"32-3-17.1.

All questions of law arising upon the pleadings or in any other way arising from the cause, subsequent to the filing of the declaration of taking and the deposit of the fund, and subsequent to the filing of a ~~petition for review~~ notice of appeal, if any, shall be

passed on by the presiding judge who may, from time to time, make such orders and give such directions as are necessary to speed the cause, and as may be consistent with justice and due process of law; but no jury trial shall be had except in open court."

SECTION 9.

Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrests, trials, and appeals regarding the prosecution of traffic offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 40-13-28, relating to appeal to superior court and bond, as follows:

"40-13-28.

Any defendant convicted under this article shall have the right of appeal to the superior court. The provisions of subsections (b), ~~and~~ (c), and (d) of Code Section 5-3-5 and subsection (e) of Code Section 5-3-9 shall not apply to appeals under this Code section. Otherwise, the appeal shall be entered as appeals are entered from the probate court to the superior court, provided that the defendant shall be entitled to bail and shall be released from custody upon giving the bond as is provided for appearances in criminal cases in the courts of this state. Such bond shall have the same conditions as appearance bonds in criminal cases. The appeal to the superior court shall not be a de novo investigation before a jury but shall be on the record of the hearing as certified by the judge of that court who presided at the hearing below."

SECTION 10.

Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 44-7-56, relating to appeal, procedure, and possession and payment of rent pending appeal, as follows:

"(b) An appeal made pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall proceed as follows:

(1) A copy of the petition for review filed in the reviewing superior or state court or the notice of appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the trial court within seven days after the date the judgment was entered in the trial court;

(2) The clerk shall immediately notify the trial judge of the petition for review or notice of appeal, and the trial judge may, within 15 days after the same is filed in the trial court, supplement the record with findings of fact and conclusions of law which will be considered as a part of the order of the judge in that case;

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, if ~~If~~ the judgment of the trial court is against the tenant and the tenant appeals this judgment, the tenant shall notify the trial court of his or her appeal and pay into the registry of the reviewing superior or state court all sums found by the trial court to be due for rent in order to remain in possession of the premises; ~~and~~

(4) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, the ~~The~~ tenant shall pay all future rent as it becomes due into the registry of the reviewing superior or state court pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-7-54 until the issue has been finally determined on appeal; and

(5) For appeals to the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court, the tenant shall pay all sums found by the trial court to be due for rent or future rent into the registry of the trial court that rendered the judgment appealed."

SECTION 11.

Article 4 of Chapter 6 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to temporary administration, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 53-6-30, relating to power of court, appointment of administrator, and appeal, as follows:

"(c) There shall be no appeal from an order granting temporary letters of administration, either to the superior court under ~~subsection (a) of Code Section 5-3-2~~ Chapter 3 of Title 5 or to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals under subsection (a) of Code Section 15-9-123."

SECTION 12.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 13.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 450.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
E Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.

Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 450.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 508. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to provide for duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts relative to accessibility of certain personal information of state and federal judges, justices, and spouses thereof; to amend Code Section 36-32-40 of the O.C.GA., relating to creation of Council of Municipal Court Judges, membership and organization, purpose, expenses, contracts, assistance to council, and members not ineligible to hold office of judge, so as to require submission of certain information to the Council of Magistrate Court Judges; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 508:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts relative to accessibility of certain personal information of state and federal judges, justices, and spouses thereof; to provide for establishment and maintenance of a data base, training, and sharing of information for purposes of restricting public access to certain personal information of state and federal judges, justices, and spouses thereof; to prohibit the display or sharing of certain personal information in certain instances; to provide for an action and remedy; to require the submission of certain information to The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia, The Council of State Court Judges of Georgia, The Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia, and the Council of Juvenile Court Judges; to provide for submission of information by such councils to the Administration Office of the Courts; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 36-32-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of Council of Municipal Court Judges, membership and organization, purpose, expenses, contracts, assistance to council, and members not ineligible to hold

office of judge, so as to require submission of certain information to the Council of Magistrate Court Judges; to provide for submission of information by such council to the Administration Office of the Courts; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Chapter 5, relating to administration of courts of record generally, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

15-5-110.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Personally identifiable information' means any phone number or address affirmatively identified by a protected person for inclusion in the data base established and maintained pursuant to Code Section 15-5-111.

(2) 'Protected person' means any current or former:

(A) Elected or appointed judge or justice of this state and his or her spouse;

(B) Elected or appointed judge of any county or municipality of this state and his or her spouse; and

(C) Appointed judge or justice of the United States and his or her spouse.

(3) 'Publicly available content' means any written or electronic document or record that provides information or that serves as a document or record maintained, controlled, or in the possession of a state or local government entity that may be obtained by any person from the internet or from such state or local government agency upon request whether free of charge or for a fee.

(4) 'Public posting or display' means to communicate information or otherwise make information available to the general public.

(5) 'State or local government entity' means any:

(A) Agency of the executive branch of this state; or

(B) Any local governing authority of a county or municipality of this state.

15-5-111.

The Administrative Office of the Courts shall:

(1) Establish a method for obtaining information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts as necessary for purposes of this article;

(2) Establish and maintain a data base of protected persons and personally identifiable information;

(3) Develop and manage a process to regularly identify each state or local government

entity that possesses personally identifiable information;
(4) Establish a procedure for protected persons to submit phone numbers and addresses for inclusion in a data base as personally identifiable information to be restricted from publicly available content and public posting or display; and
(5) Coordinate statewide training and information sharing related to security procedure and practices relative to the judicial branch of government.

15-5-112.
(a) Within 30 days of receipt of written notice that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality of this state has been elected or appointed, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide written notice to each state or local government entity determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts to possess personally identifiable information that directs such entity to restrict access to such personally identifiable information pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.
(b) Within 30 days of receipt of written notice that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality of this state has resigned, retired, or been removed, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide written notice to each state or local government entity determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts to possess personally identifiable information that informs such entity that the restriction required pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section is no longer applicable.
(c) Notwithstanding Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, within 30 days of receipt of written notice from the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, a state or local government entity that has received such notice shall restrict personally identifiable information from publicly available content and public posting or display unless such entity has:
(1) Obtained written consent from the protected person that his or her phone number and address may be made available to the general public; or
(2) Received notice pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality thereof has resigned, retired, or been removed.
(d) Any protected person may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any officer or employee of the state or local government entity in his or her individual capacity for failure to comply with subsection (c) of this Code section. Any relief granted by such action shall be limited to injunctive relief."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-6-34, relating to creation of The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia, composition, purpose, expenses, and acceptance and publication of uniform standards, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(e) Any person elected or appointed as a superior court judge shall provide written notification to The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia of such within 30 days of the date of the election or appointment. Any state court judge who resigns, retires, or is removed from office shall provide written notification to The Council of Superior

Court Judges of Georgia of such within 30 days of the date on which he or she resigns, retires, or is removed from office.

(f) The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia shall notify the Administrative Office of the Courts of any notification received pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section within 30 days of receipt of such notification."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-7-26, relating to The Council of State Court Judges of Georgia, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(e) Any person elected or appointed as a state court judge shall provide written notification to The Council of State Court Judges of Georgia of such within 30 days of the date of the election or appointment. Any state court judge who resigns, retires, or is removed from office shall provide written notification to The Council of State Court Judges of Georgia of such within 30 days of the date on which he or she resigns, retires, or is removed from office.

(f) The Council of State Court Judges of Georgia shall notify the Administrative Office of the Courts of any notification received pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section within 30 days of receipt of such notification."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-9-15, relating to Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(e) Any person elected or appointed as a probate court judge shall provide written notification to The Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia of such within 30 days of the date of the election or appointment. Any probate court judge who resigns, retires, or is removed from office shall provide written notification to The Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia of such within 30 days of the date on which he or she resigns, retires, or is removed from office.

(f) The Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia shall notify the Administrative Office of the Courts of any notification received pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section within 30 days of receipt of such notification."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-10-7, relating to Council of Magistrate Court Judges, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(d) Any person elected or appointed as a magistrate court judge shall provide written notification to the council of such within 30 days of the date of the election or appointment. Any magistrate court judge who resigns, retires, or is removed from office shall provide written notification to the council of such within 30 days of the date on which he or she resigns, retires, or is removed from office.

(e) The council shall notify the Administrative Office of the Courts of any notification received pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section within 30 days of receipt of such notification."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-11-58, relating to Council of Juvenile Court Judges, role, and director, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(d) Any person elected or appointed as a juvenile court judge shall provide written notification to the Council of Juvenile Court Judges of such within 30 days of the date of the election or appointment. Any juvenile court judge who resigns, retires, or is removed from office shall provide written notification to the Council of Juvenile Court Judges of such within 30 days of the date on which he or she resigns, retires, or is removed from office.

(e) The Council of Juvenile Court Judges shall notify the Administrative Office of the Courts of any notification received pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section within 30 days of receipt of such notification."

SECTION 7.

Code Section 36-32-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of Council of Municipal Court Judges, membership and organization, purpose, expenses, contracts, assistance to council, and members not ineligible to hold office of judge, is amended by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(g) Any person elected or appointed as a municipal court judge shall provide written notification to the council of such within 30 days of the date of the election or appointment. Any municipal court judge who resigns, retires, or is removed from office shall provide written notification to the council of such within 30 days of the date on which he or she resigns, retires, or is removed from office.

(h) The council shall notify the Administrative Office of the Courts of any notification received pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code section within 30 days of receipt of such notification."

SECTION 8.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 508.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
E Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 508.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/21/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 508. Had I been present, I would have voted agree.

/s/ James of the 35th

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 464. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to establish the School Supplies for Teachers Program, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the availability of other funds for such purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 464:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to revise the "Georgia Early Literacy Act"; to provide for the identification of up to five universal reading screeners, one of which shall be a free universal reading screener, for use by public schools and local school systems; to provide for approval of a memorandum of agreement; to provide for the adoption, use, and administration of a universal reading screener; to establish the School Supplies for Educators Program, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the availability of other funds for such purpose; to provide for a short title; to require the State Board of Education to establish a program for the Department of Education to allocate funds for eligible educators to purchase school supplies online; to require the State Board of Education to establish policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for the State School Superintendent, in collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services, to identify one or more authorized software services providers to offer and support a user-friendly online ecommerce platform for educators to purchase school supplies; to require the Department of Education to establish processes for implementation of the program; to provide for educator eligibility to participate in the program; to provide for local school systems and public schools to certify educator eligibility; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding two new paragraphs to subsection (b), revising subparagraphs (c)(3)(B), (c)(4)(A), and (c)(4)(B), and repealing and reserving subparagraph (d)(3)(B) of Code Section 20-2-153.1, relating to Georgia Early Literacy, definitions, uniform grade appropriate metrics to measure literacy, role of school boards, and accommodations, to read as follows:

"(1.1) 'Center' means the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy.

(1.2) 'Council' means the Georgia Council on Literacy."

"(B) By May 15, 2025 ~~As soon as practicable but not later than July 1, 2024~~, the board shall approve the memorandum of agreement between the council and the department, as provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a list of no more than five universal reading screeners, one of which shall be a free universal reading screener, for use by public schools and local school systems as part of their comprehensive literacy programs which meet the following criteria:"

"(4)(A) ~~As soon as practicable but not later than August~~ By June 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, the department shall publish on its public website ~~a list of board approved providers of~~

~~universal reading screeners for use by public schools and local school systems, including~~ the free universal reading screener ~~provided by the department~~ and the list of other approved universal reading screeners, one of which each public school and local school system shall adopt and administer in order to comply with the requirements of subparagraph (d)(3)(C) of this Code section.

(B) The ~~department shall provide~~ council, in collaboration with the center and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall identify a free universal reading screener that meets the criteria established by the board as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection. The council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the department to make such ~~Such~~ universal reading screener ~~shall be made~~ available for use free of charge to public schools and local school systems ~~and shall be included on the list provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph~~."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 17, relating to teachers and other school personnel, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 13

20-2-989.30.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'School Supplies for Educators Act.'

20-2-989.31.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Authorized ecommerce vendor' means an ecommerce vendor that has been approved by the Department of Education in accordance with policies, rules, and regulations established by the State Board of Education.

(2) 'Ecommerce' means a commercial transaction, which may include the transmission of funds or data or both, conducted electronically via the internet.

(3) 'Eligible educator' means a teacher, paraprofessional, or school administrator employed in good standing at a public school in this state.

(4) 'School Supplies for Educators Program' or 'program' means the program established pursuant to this part to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible educators who purchase school supplies online as provided in this part.

(5) 'User' means an eligible educator who is certified by a participating local school system or public school as eligible to participate in the program and who has a user account.

(6) 'User account' means the unique platform account assigned by the Department of Education to each eligible educator.

20-2-989.32.

(a) The School Supplies for Educators Program is established to provide financial and technical assistance to educators who purchase school supplies online as provided in this

part.

(b) The requirements of this part shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the General Assembly or the availability of other funds for such purpose.

20-2-989.33.

(a) The State Board of Education shall:

(1) Establish a program for the Department of Education to allocate funds for eligible educators to be used at the discretion of such educators for the online purchase of school supplies as provided in this part;

(2) Establish such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary for the implementation of this part; and

(3) Authorize the State School Superintendent, in collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services, to identify one or more authorized software services providers to offer and support a user-friendly online ecommerce platform that:

(A) Processes the allocation of funds by the Department of Education to the user accounts of eligible educators for the online purchase of school supplies from authorized ecommerce vendors; and

(B) Includes appropriate fiscal management and payment systems and reporting and training tools, as required by the State Board of Education.

(b) The Department of Education shall:

(1) Ensure that purchases using program funds are restricted to online purchases of school supplies from authorized ecommerce vendors;

(2) Promulgate guidelines and provide technical assistance to facilitate local school systems, public schools, and educators utilizing the program and to ensure program purchases are restricted to allowable expenses; and

(3) Establish processes as necessary for the implementation of the program consistent with the provisions of this part and with the policies, rules, and regulations of the State Board of Education.

(c) Each local school system or public school shall certify, as required by the Department of Education, the eligibility of each educator employed by such local school system or public school who requests a user account; provided, that to be eligible for a user account an educator shall be employed in good standing at a public school."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hickman of the 4th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 464 as amended by the following amendment:

Senator Hickman of the 4th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 464 (LC 55 0302S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with following:

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to revise the "Georgia Early Literacy Act"; to provide for five members of the Georgia Council on Literacy to be designated as voting members; to revise provisions for constituting a quorum for such council to conduct business; to provide for the identification of up to five universal reading screeners, one of which shall be a free universal reading screener, for use by public schools and local school systems; to provide for approval of a memorandum of agreement; to provide for the adoption, use, and administration of a universal reading screener; to establish the School Supplies for Educators Program, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the availability of other funds for such purpose; to provide for a short title; to require the State Board of Education to establish a program for the Department of Education to allocate funds for eligible educators to purchase school supplies online; to require the State Board of Education to establish policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for the State School Superintendent, in collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services, to identify one or more authorized software services providers to offer and support a user-friendly online ecommerce platform for educators to purchase school supplies; to require the Department of Education to establish processes for implementation of the program; to provide for educator eligibility to participate in the program; to provide for local school systems and public schools to certify educator eligibility; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Article 4 of Chapter 1, relating to Council on Literacy, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-1-43, relating to meetings, transacting business, and expenses, as follows:

"(b)(1) From among the members provided for in Code Section 20-1-42, five shall be designated as an executive committee of voting members of the council as follows:

(A) One designated by the Governor;

(B) One designated by the President of the Senate;

(C) One designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(D) The member who is the representative of the State Board of Education appointed by the Governor as provided in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of Code Section 20-1-42; and

(E) The chairperson of the council, who shall serve as the chairperson of such executive committee.

(2) A quorum for transacting business of the council shall be a majority of the voting members of the council provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding two new paragraphs to subsection (b), revising subsection (c), and repealing and reserving subparagraph (d)(3)(B) of Code Section 20-2-153.1, relating to Georgia Early Literacy, definitions, uniform grade appropriate metrics to measure literacy, role of school boards, and accommodations, to read as follows:

"(1.1) 'Center' means the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy.

(1.2) 'Council' means the Georgia Council on Literacy."

"(c)(1) The board, in consultation with the department and the Office of Student Achievement, shall establish such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary to implement uniform grade-appropriate metrics for measuring literacy.

(2)~~(A)~~ As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024, the board shall:

~~(i)~~(A) Approve high-quality instructional materials to be used for teaching students in kindergarten through third grade to read; and

~~(ii)~~(B) Establish a procedure for each public school and local school system to annually certify to the department that such school or school system's locally approved instructional materials and content, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-1017, constitute high-quality instructional materials.

(3)(A) As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024, the department shall establish qualifications, time lines, and submission procedures for education service providers to submit one or more universal reading screeners to be considered for inclusion on the board's list of approved universal reading screener providers provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) As soon as practicable but not later than July 1, 2024, the board shall approve the memorandum of agreement between the council and the department, as provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a list of no more than five universal reading screeners, one of which shall be a free universal reading screener, for use by public schools and local school systems as part of their comprehensive literacy programs which meet the following criteria:

(i) Capable of providing relevant information to assist teachers with targeting instruction based on student needs;

(ii) Capable of measuring foundational literacy skills;

(iii) Capable of identifying students who have a significant reading deficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(iv) Prescribed parameters on the time required to administer a universal reading screener with the primary objective of such prescription being to minimize impacts on instructional time; and

(v) Capable of progress monitoring.

(4)(A) As soon as practicable but not later than ~~August 1~~ July 15, 2024, the department shall publish on its public website ~~a list of board approved providers of universal reading screeners for use by public schools and local school systems, including~~ the free universal reading screener ~~provided by the department~~ and the list of other approved universal reading screeners, one of which each public school and

local school system shall adopt and administer in order to comply with the requirements of subparagraph (d)(3)(C) of this Code section.

(B) The ~~department shall provide~~ council, in collaboration with the center and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall identify a free universal reading screener that meets the criteria established by the board as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection. The council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the department to make such ~~Such~~ universal reading screener ~~shall be made~~ available for use free of charge to public schools and local school systems ~~and shall be included on the list provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph~~.

(5) The department shall, in consultation with the University System of Georgia, the Professional Standards Commission, the Office of Student Achievement, Georgia's Regional Education Service Agencies, and literacy experts, develop or procure one or more training programs for kindergarten through third grade teachers on the science of reading, structured literacy, and foundational literacy skills that enable students to develop reading skills required to meet state standards in literacy. Such training programs shall be developed or procured to promote teachers' knowledge and skills for teaching all students to read, including students with dyslexia, and to ensure teachers have the knowledge and skills necessary to use approved universal reading screeners and to use assessment data to inform instruction based on student needs.

(6) The department shall provide technical assistance to aid public schools and local school systems in implementing the provisions of this Code section.

(7) Beginning April 1, 2026, the department shall provide an annual report on the impacts of the implementation of the provisions of this Code section, including, but not limited to, reporting the results by school and school system of:

(A) The research based formative assessments with a summative component that is tied to performance indicators in English language arts and reading in grades one and two provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281;

(B) The comprehensive summative assessment program for third grade students provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281;

(C) The nationally ~~norm referenced~~ norm-referenced instruments in reading for third grade students provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281; and

(D) The formative reading assessments for first and second grade students provided for in Code Section 20-2-280.

Such report shall also include analyses of the ~~the~~ impact of use of universal reading screeners, the use of high-quality instructional materials, and instructional practices grounded in the science of reading. Such report shall be provided to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairperson of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, and the board, and shall be made available on the department's website for access by the public."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Article 17 of Chapter 2, relating to teachers and other school personnel, by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 13

20-2-989.30.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'School Supplies for Educators Act.'

20-2-989.31.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Authorized ecommerce vendor' means an ecommerce vendor that has been approved by the Department of Education in accordance with policies, rules, and regulations established by the State Board of Education.

(2) 'Ecommerce' means a commercial transaction, which may include the transmission of funds or data or both, conducted electronically via the internet.

(3) 'Eligible educator' means a teacher, paraprofessional, or school administrator employed in good standing at a public school in this state.

(4) 'School Supplies for Educators Program' or 'program' means the program established pursuant to this part to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible educators who purchase school supplies online as provided in this part.

(5) 'User' means an eligible educator who is certified by a participating local school system or public school as eligible to participate in the program and who has a user account.

(6) 'User account' means the unique platform account assigned by the Department of Education to each eligible educator.

20-2-989.32.

(a) The School Supplies for Educators Program is established to provide financial and technical assistance to educators who purchase school supplies online as provided in this part.

(b) The requirements of this part shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the General Assembly or the availability of other funds for such purpose.

20-2-989.33.

(a) The State Board of Education shall:

(1) Establish a program for the Department of Education to allocate funds for eligible educators to be used at the discretion of such educators for the online purchase of school supplies as provided in this part;

(2) Establish such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary for the implementation of this part; and

(3) Authorize the State School Superintendent, in collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services, to identify one or more authorized software services

providers to offer and support a user-friendly online ecommerce platform that:

(A) Processes the allocation of funds by the Department of Education to the user accounts of eligible educators for the online purchase of school supplies from authorized ecommerce vendors; and

(B) Includes appropriate fiscal management and payment systems and reporting and training tools, as required by the State Board of Education.

(b) The Department of Education shall:

(1) Ensure that purchases using program funds are restricted to online purchases of school supplies from authorized ecommerce vendors;

(2) Promulgate guidelines and provide technical assistance to facilitate local school systems, public schools, and educators utilizing the program and to ensure program purchases are restricted to allowable expenses; and

(3) Establish processes as necessary for the implementation of the program consistent with the provisions of this part and with the policies, rules, and regulations of the State Board of Education.

(c) Each local school system or public school shall certify, as required by the Department of Education, the eligibility of each educator employed by such local school system or public school who requests a user account; provided, however, that to be eligible for a user account an educator shall be employed in good standing at a public school."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery

Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
E Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 464 as amended by the Senate.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 1335. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Gaines of the 120th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to revise staffing requirements for personal care homes, assisted living communities, and memory care centers; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Hickman	Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
E Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 42, nays 4.

HB 1335, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 51. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize local boards of education to use vehicles other than school buses for the transport of all students to and from school and school related activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Robertson of the 29th.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to HB 51:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to prohibit any high school which receives funding under the Quality Basic Education Act from working with any high school athletic association that is a member of a national organization that does not include or recognize other voluntary nonprofit associations of Georgia high schools; to revise a definition; to authorize local boards of education to use vehicles other than school buses for the transport of all students to and from school and school related activities; to revise provisions authorizing and requiring local boards of education to provide for accident insurance for students traveling on school buses and other vehicles to and from school and school related activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 14 of Article 6, relating to other educational programs, by amending subsection (a) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-316.3, relating to prohibition of religious expression of student athletes by athletic association, to read as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'athletic association' means any association

of schools or any other similar organization which acts as an organizing, sanctioning, scheduling, or rule-making body for interscholastic athletic or literary events or other school activities in which public high schools in this state participate."

"(d) No high school which receives funding under this article shall participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching or support staff for interscholastic athletic or literary events or other school activities which are conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association that is a member of a national association, federation, or alliance of high school athletic, literary, or school activities associations that does not include or recognize all other voluntary nonprofit athletic, literary, or school activities associations of Georgia high schools in compliance with the requirements of Code Section 20-2-319.2 and Code Section 20-2-324.1 as a member or affiliate member with all the rights and privileges associated with membership in said association, federation, or alliance."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 22, relating to school buses, by revising Code Section 20-2-1076, relating to alternative vehicles for school buses, limitations on use, requirements, and insurance, as follows:

"20-2-1076.

(a) Local boards of education may authorize the use of vehicles other than school buses for the transport of students ~~who are documented in an Individualized Education Program as recipients of special education services or as currently lacking, or during the previous academic year lacked, a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as described under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 11301, et seq.,~~ to and from school and school related activities, where appropriate. Such vehicles may include motor vehicles with a capacity of eight persons or less operated and marked for the transportation of school children to and from school and school related activities.

(b) Local boards shall comply with all requirements established by the State Board of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2-188, including minimum standards and requirements, which shall be delineated separately from requirements for school buses; for maintenance, repair, inspection, and use of such vehicles; minimum qualifications for the drivers of such vehicles; and other requirements as deemed necessary by the State Board of Education. Local boards may establish requirements in addition to such minimum state requirements, in the discretion of the local board.

(c) Local boards are authorized and required to cause policies of insurance to be issued insuring the students being transported to and from school and school related activities against bodily injury or death at any time resulting from an accident or collision in which such vehicles are involved. The amount of such insurance shall be within the discretion of each local board of education."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-1090, relating to accident insurance for children on school buses, as follows:

"20-2-1090.

The various school boards of the counties, cities, and independent school systems employing school buses are authorized and required to cause policies of insurance to be issued insuring the school children riding therein to and from school and school related activities against bodily injury or death at any time resulting from an accident or collision in which such buses are involved. The amount of such insurance shall be within the discretion of the respective boards."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

HB 51, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 185. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th, Wiedower of the 121st, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide for HOPE Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) grants; to provide for definitions; to provide for student eligibility; to provide for funding; to provide for policies, procedures, rules, and regulations, including requirements for program authorization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harbin of the 16th.

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to HB 185:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education, so as to require the university system to provide quarterly reports regarding certain funding received from foreign adversaries and certain individuals or entities related to foreign adversaries; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-84, which is designated as reserved, as follows:

"20-3-84.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Foreign adversary' means:

(A) People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (China);

(B) Republic of Cuba (Cuba);

(C) Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran);

(D) Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea);

(E) Russian Federation (Russia); or

(F) Venezuelan politician Nicolás Maduro (Maduro Regime).

(2) 'Foreign entity of concern' means any organization, institution of higher education, association, corporation, or other entity organized under the laws of, or having its principal place of business in, any country listed in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of

paragraph (1) of this subsection, or any subsidiary of any such entity.

(3) 'Foreign individual of concern' means any individual who is domiciled in any country listed in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (1) of this subsection and who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

(4) 'Funding' means any gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the university system shall provide on the first day of each calendar quarter to the Governor, the chairperson of the House Committee on Higher Education, and the chairperson of the Senate Higher Education Committee a report detailing all funding received by the university system from a foreign adversary, a foreign entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern during the prior calendar quarter. Such report shall include:

(1) The amount of funding received;

(2) The type of funding, whether a gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, or fee;

(3) A detailed description of the government, entity, or individual providing the funding, including the name and address of such government, entity, or individual;

(4) A copy of any contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding associated with the funding; and

(5) Details regarding the purpose of the funding and indicating whether the funding was a one-time event or part of a series of funding events.

(c) This Code section shall not require reporting of funding provided by an individual or a family as payment for tuition or related fees for a student or students affiliated with or attending a University System of Georgia program, class, or course of study. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay

Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 185, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 461. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Momtahan of the 17th, Washburn of the 144th, Smith of the 138th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to require that the proceeds of local government regulatory fees be used to pay for regulatory activity and not general operations; to revise the list of professions which may be subject to such regulatory fees; to remove certain provisions authorizing calculation of regulatory fees for renovation and other construction projects; to provide for refunds in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hickman of the 4th.

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to HB 461:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to require that the proceeds of local government regulatory fees be used to pay for regulatory activity and not general operations; to revise the lists of professions which may and may not be subject to such regulatory fees; to remove and revise certain provisions authorizing calculation of regulatory fees for renovation and other construction projects; to provide for

a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding specific, business, and occupation taxes, is amended in Code Section 48-13-9, relating to limitation on authority of local government to impose regulatory fee, examples of those which may be subject to fees, individuals and entities not subject to fees, and general laws not repealed, by revising subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) as follows:

"(a) A local government is authorized to require a business or practitioner of a profession or occupation to pay a regulatory fee only if the local government customarily performs investigation or inspection of such businesses or practitioners of such profession or occupation as protection of the public health, safety, or welfare or in the course of enforcing a state or local building, health, or safety code, but no local government is authorized to use regulatory fees as a means of raising revenue for general purposes~~;~~, provided that the amount of a regulatory fee shall approximate the reasonable cost of the actual regulatory activity performed by the local government and the proceeds of such regulatory fee shall be used to fund such regulatory activity and not the general operations of the local government, and further provided that the local government shall not be required to establish separate accounts for such proceeds.

(b) Examples of businesses or practitioners of professions or occupations which may be subject to regulatory fees of local governments include, but are expressly not limited to, the following:

(1) Building and construction contractors, subcontractors, and workers;
(2) Carnivals;
(3) Taxicab and limousine operators;
(4) Tattoo artists;
(5) Stables;
(6) ~~Shooting galleries and firearm ranges~~ Reserved;
(7) Scrap metal processors;
(8) Pawnbrokers;
(9) Food service establishments;
(10) Dealers in precious metals;
(11) ~~Firearms dealers~~ Reserved;
(12) Peddlers;
(13) Parking lots;
(14) Nursing homes, assisted living communities, and personal care homes;
(15) Newspaper vending boxes;
(16) Modeling agencies;
(17) Massage parlors;

(18) Landfills;
(19) Auto and motorcycle racing;
(20) Boarding houses;
(21) Businesses which provide appearance bonds;
(22) Boxing and wrestling promoters;
(23) Hotels and motels;
(24) Hypnotists;
(25) Handwriting analysts;
(26) Health clubs, gyms, and spas;
(27) Fortunetellers;
(28) Garbage collectors;
(29) Escort services;
(30) Burglar and fire alarm installers; and
(31) Locksmiths.

(c) Examples of businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations which local governments are not authorized to subject to regulatory fees include, but are expressly not limited to, the following:

(1) Lawyers;
(2) Physicians licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43;
(3) Osteopaths licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43;
(4) Chiropractors;
(5) Podiatrists;
(6) Dentists;
(7) Optometrists;
(8) Psychologists;
(9) Veterinarians;
(10) Landscape architects;
(11) Land surveyors;
(12) Practitioners of physiotherapy;
(13) Public accountants;
(13.1) Registered investment advisors;
(14) Embalmers;
(15) Funeral directors;
(16) Civil, mechanical, hydraulic, or electrical engineers;
(17) Architects;
(18) Marriage and family therapists, social workers, and professional counselors;
(19) Dealers of motor vehicles, as defined in paragraph (1) of Code Section 10-1-622;
(20) Owners or operators of bona fide coin operated amusement machines, as defined in Code Section 50-27-70, and owners or operators of businesses where bona fide coin operated amusement machines are available for commercial use and play by the public, provided that such amusement machines have affixed current stickers showing payment of annual permit fees, in accordance with Code Section 50-27-78;
(21) Merchants or dealers as defined in Code Section 48-5-354 as to their deliveries to

businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations in areas zoned for commercial use; ~~and~~

(22) Shooting galleries and firearm ranges;

(23) Firearms dealers; and

(24) Any other business, profession, or occupation for which state licensure or registration is required by state law, unless the state law regulating such business, profession, or occupation specifically allows for regulation by local governments."

"(e) For each business, profession, or occupation, local governments are authorized to determine the amount of a regulatory fee imposed in accordance with this article only by one of the following methods:

(1) A flat fee for each business or practitioner of a profession or occupation doing business in the jurisdiction as authorized by Code Section 48-13-8;

(2) A flat fee for each type of permit or inspection requested;

(3) An hourly rate determined by the hourly wage or salary, including employee benefits, of the person or persons assigned to investigate or inspect multiplied by the number of hours estimated for the investigation or inspection to be performed;

(4) An hourly rate as determined by paragraph (3) of this subsection with the addition of other expenses reasonably related to such regulatory activity, such as administrative and travel expenses, multiplied by the number of hours estimated for the investigation or inspection to be performed; or

(5) For construction projects that are classified as new construction or for extensive renovation projects, the number of square feet of construction or the number of square feet of construction to be served by the system to be installed, in conjunction with ~~and limited by the building valuation data, as established from time to time by~~ the International Code Council or by similar data, and in conjunction with and limited by the hourly rate described in paragraph (3) or (4) of this subsection. As used in this paragraph, the term 'extensive renovation project' means a project valued at $75,000.00 or more to renovate an existing structure.~~; or~~

~~(6) For construction projects that are classified as renovation and all other construction projects other than those classified as new construction, the cost of the project in conjunction with and limited by the building valuation data that conforms with the principles and methods established from time to time by the International Code Council or by similar data, and in conjunction with and limited by the hourly rate described in paragraph (3) or (4) of this subsection.~~"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 4.

HB 461, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 499. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th, Stephens of the 164th and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding alimony and child support, so as to authorize child support and insurance policies for disabled children who have reached the age of majority but lack the ability to otherwise support themselves independently; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The Senate Committee on Children and Families offered the following substitute to HB 499:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding alimony and child support, so as to authorize support and insurance policies for dependent adult children; to provide for a definition; to provide that legal proceedings may be brought to establish support for a dependent adult child; to provide for who may bring such proceedings and to specify a time frame during which such proceedings may be brought; to require support to be paid to the dependent adult child or other specified persons; to require the court to consider certain guidelines when determining the amount of support for a dependent adult child; to require the court to consider certain state and federal programs and benefits in making its decisions; to provide that dependent adult child support shall be modified in certain circumstances; to authorize the court to irrevocably assign such support to certain trusts established for the benefit of the dependent adult child for a specified purpose; to prohibit the court from ordering support that will cause ineligibility for certain programs; to provide for who may enforce such support; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding alimony and child support, is amended by revising Code Section 19-6-9, relating to voluntary separation, abandonment, or driving off of spouse as it relates to equity compelling support, as follows:

"19-6-9.

Absent the making of a voluntary contract or other agreement, as provided in Code Section 19-6-8, and on the application of a party, the court, exercising its equitable powers, may compel the spouse of the party to make provision for the support of the party and such minor children <u>and any dependent adult child as defined in Code Section 19-6-15.1 and</u> as may be in the custody of the party."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 19-6-10, relating to voluntary separation, abandonment, or driving off of spouse as it relates to a petition for alimony or child support when no divorce pending, order and enforcement, equitable remedies, and effect of filing for divorce, as follows:

"19-6-10.

When spouses are living separately or in a bona fide state of separation and there is no

action for divorce pending, either party, on the party's own behalf or on the behalf of the minor children and any dependent adult child as defined in Code Section 19-6-15.1 in the party's custody, if any, may institute a proceeding by petition, setting forth fully the party's case. Upon three days' notice to the other party, the judge may hear the same and may grant such order as he or she might grant were it based on a pending petition for divorce, to be enforced in the same manner, together with any other remedy applicable in equity, such as appointing a receiver and the like. Should the petition proceed to a hearing before a jury, the jury may render a verdict which shall provide the factual basis for equitable relief as in Code Section 19-6-9. However, such proceeding shall be held in abeyance when a petition for divorce is filed bona fide by either party and the judge presiding has made his or her order on the motion for alimony. When so made, the order shall be a substitute for the aforesaid decree in equity as long as the petition is pending and is not finally disposed of on the merits."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support guidelines for determining amount of award, continuation of duty of support, and duration of support, to read as follows:

"(p) The child support guidelines provided in this Code section shall not apply to support for a dependent adult child as defined in Code Section 19-6-15.1."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding new Code sections, to read as follows:

"19-6-15.1.

(a) As used in this article, the term 'dependent adult child' means an unmarried individual who has reached the age of majority and is incapable of self-support as a result of a physical or mental incapacity that began before the individual reached the age of majority.

(b) A legal proceeding may be brought to establish support for a dependent adult child. Such proceeding shall be brought in accordance with Code Section 19-6-26 and may be brought by the following:

(1) Either parent;

(2) A nonparent custodian;

(3) A guardian appointed to receive support for the dependent adult child whose benefit the support is ordered; or

(4) The dependent adult child for whose benefit the support is ordered or his or her agent under a durable power of attorney.

(c) A legal proceeding initiated pursuant to this Code section may be filed at any time after a dependent adult child reaches 17 years and six months of age, unless an order for support was established during the dependent adult child's minority.

(d) The amount of support to be paid by one or both parents shall be established in a separate support proceeding pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section; provided, however, that if a court has jurisdiction over the parties for an issue of support, the parents

of an adult dependent child may agree in writing to provide for dependent adult child support in an existing case provided that such agreement is submitted to the court for approval before such child reaches 18 years of age.

(e) Support ordered after a dependent adult child reaches 18 years of age shall be paid only to the dependent adult child or his or her court appointed guardian advocate, guardian, or agent under a durable power of attorney; provided, however, that the court, in the exercise of its sound discretion, may irrevocably assign the support to a special needs trust established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1396p(d)(4)(A) or 1396p(d)(4)(C) for the benefit of the dependent adult child by the dependent adult child, his or her agent under a durable power of attorney, the court, a parent or grandparent, a guardian, or a guardian advocate who has been delegated those rights in order to maintain the dependent adult child's means-based government benefits. The court shall not order support for a dependent adult child to be paid to the family support registry established pursuant to Code Section 19-6-33.1.

19-6-15.2.

(a) Pursuant to a support proceeding initiated pursuant to Code Section 19-6-15.1, the court, in the exercise of its sound discretion, may direct either or both parents to provide financial assistance in the form of support to a dependent adult child. In determining the amount of support to be paid to a dependent adult child, the specific terms and conditions of such support, and the rights and duties of both parents with respect to such support, the court shall determine and consider the following:

(1) The dependent adult child's income and assets;

(2) Any existing and future needs of the dependent adult child which are directly related to his or her mental or physical incapacity and the substantial care and personal supervision directly required by or related to that incapacity;

(3) Whether a parent or other person pays for, or will pay for, the care or supervision of the dependent adult child or provides, or will provide, substantial care or personal supervision to the dependent adult child himself or herself;

(4) The financial resources available to each parent for the support, care, and supervision of the dependent adult child;

(5) Any other resources, financial or otherwise, or programs available for the support, care, and supervision of the dependent adult child;

(6) Any state or federal programs and benefits that the dependent adult child is receiving or may receive due to reaching the age of majority; and

(7) The effect that the court-ordered support would have on the dependent adult child's eligibility for such programs and benefits.

(b) The obligation for support of a dependent adult child pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be modified for either party if the trier of fact determines, in the exercise of its sound discretion, that there has been a substantial change in such parent's or child's ability to provide support as provided by this Code section.

(c) The court, in the exercise of its sound discretion, may irrevocably assign support for a dependent adult child to a special needs trust established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section

1396p(d)(4)(A) or 1396p(d)(4)(C) for the benefit of the dependent adult child by the dependent adult child, his or her agent under a durable power of attorney, the court, a parent or grandparent, a guardian, or a guardian advocate who has been delegated those rights in order to maintain the dependent adult child's means-based government benefits.

(d) The support provided pursuant to this Code section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of the benefits or assistance a dependent adult child may receive from a source other than his or her parents. No duty created pursuant to Code Section 19-6-15.1 nor any other provisions of this Code section shall impact the eligibility of a dependent adult child to receive the maximum benefits provided by any federal, state, local, and other governmental and public agencies.

(e) The provisions for support provided in this Code section may be enforced by either parent, by any nonparent custodian, by a guardian appointed to receive support for the dependent adult child for whose benefit the support is ordered, or by the dependent adult child for whose benefit the support is ordered."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 19-6-34, relating to inclusion of life insurance in order of support, as follows:

"(d)(1) The trier of fact, in the exercise of sound discretion, may direct either or both parents to maintain life insurance for the benefit of a child who has not previously married or become emancipated, who is enrolled in and attending a secondary school, and who has attained the age of majority before completing his or her secondary school education, provided that maintenance of such life insurance for the benefit of the child shall not be required after a child attains 20 years of age.

(2) The trier of fact, in the exercise of its sound discretion, may direct either or both parents to maintain life insurance for the benefit of a dependent adult child as defined in Code Section 19-6-15.1."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 2024, and shall apply to all causes of action accruing on or after such date.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
E Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 0.

HB 499, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 1339. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Hawkins of the 27th, Beverly of the 143rd, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise relative to certificate of need; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, so as to increase the aggregate limit for tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations; to extend the sunset provision; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the creation of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission; to provide for its members; to provide for its purpose and duties; to provide for assistance from experts and consultants; to provide for semiannual reports; to provide for the automatic repeal of the commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 1339 (LC 33 9707S) by striking lines 1 through 1075 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

To amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to revise provisions relative to certificate of need; to revise definitions; to provide for review of the state health plan every five years; to eliminate capital expenditure thresholds in certain circumstances; to revise provisions relating to acceptance and review of applications; to provide a timeframe for opposing an application; to revise provisions relating to appeals; to revise exemptions from certificate of need requirements; to provide for a review of the statutory framework of the certificate of need program; to provide for automatic repeal; to increase fines for reporting deficiencies; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, so as to increase the tax credit limit for contributions by corporate donors; to increase the aggregate limit for tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations; to provide for preapproval of proportional amounts of contributions under certain circumstances; to provide for certain timelines; to extend the sunset provision; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the creation of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission; to provide for its members; to provide for its purpose and duties; to provide for assistance from experts and consultants; to provide for semiannual reports; to provide for the automatic repeal of the commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising paragraphs (23) and (33) of Code Section 31-6-2, relating to definitions relative to state health planning and development, as follows:

"(23) 'Joint venture ambulatory surgical center' means a freestanding ambulatory surgical center that is jointly owned by a hospital in the same county as the center or a hospital in a contiguous county if there is no hospital in the same county as the center and a single group of physicians practicing in the center and that provides surgery in a single specialty as defined by the department. Such ambulatory surgical center shall only be utilized by physicians who are of the same single specialty, who may include physicians who are not owners or employees of the single group practice of physicians that own and operate the center; provided, however, that general surgery, a group practice which includes one or more physiatrists who perform services that are reasonably related to the surgical procedures performed in the center, and a group

practice in orthopedics which includes plastic hand surgeons with a certificate of added qualifications in Surgery of the Hand from the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery shall be considered a single specialty. The ownership interest of the hospital shall be no less than 30 percent and the collective ownership of the physicians or group of physicians shall be no less than 30 percent. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the owners of the center from entering into an arrangement with an outside entity for practice management, administrative services, or both."

"(33) 'Single specialty ambulatory surgical center' means an ambulatory surgical center where surgery is performed in the offices of an individual private physician or single group practice of private physicians if such surgery is performed in a facility that is owned~~,~~ and operated~~, and utilized~~ by ~~such~~ the individual physician or single group practice of private physicians or single group of physicians who ~~also~~ are of a single specialty. Such ambulatory surgical center shall only be utilized by physicians who are of the same single specialty, who may include physicians who are not owners or employees of the individual private physician or single group practice of private physicians that own and operate the center; provided, however, that general surgery, a group practice which includes one or more physiatrists who perform services that are reasonably related to the surgical procedures performed in the center, and a group practice in orthopedics which includes plastic hand surgeons with a certificate of added qualifications in Surgery of the Hand from the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery shall be considered a single specialty. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit an individual private physician or a single group practice of private physicians from entering into an arrangement with an outside entity for practice management, administrative services, or both."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-6-21, relating to Department of Community Health functions and powers with respect to state health planning and development, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The Department of Community Health, established under Chapter 2 of this title, is authorized to administer the certificate of need program established under this chapter and, within the appropriations made available to the department by the General Assembly of Georgia and consistently with the laws of the State of Georgia, a state health plan adopted by the board. The department shall review and update the state health plan at least every five years beginning no later than January 1, 2025, to ensure the plan meets the evolving needs of the state. The department shall provide, by rule, for procedures to administer its functions until otherwise provided by the board."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-6-40, relating to certificate of need required for new institutional health services and exemption, by revising subsections (a), (b), and (c) as follows:

"(a) On and after July 1, 2008, any new institutional health service shall be required to

obtain a certificate of need pursuant to this chapter. New institutional health services include:

(1) The construction, development, or other establishment of a new, expanded, or relocated health care facility, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 31-6-47;

(2) ~~Any expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility in excess of $10 million which, under generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied, is a capital expenditure, except expenditures for acquisition of an existing health care facility. The dollar amounts specified in this paragraph and in paragraph (14) of Code Section 31-6-2 shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amounts (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the composite index of construction material prices, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Commerce for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2019, and on each anniversary thereafter of publication of the index. The department shall immediately institute rule-making procedures to adopt such adjusted dollar amounts. In calculating the dollar amounts of a proposed project for purposes of this paragraph and paragraph (14) of Code Section 31-6-2, the costs of all items subject to review by this chapter and items not subject to review by this chapter associated with and simultaneously developed or proposed with the project shall be counted, except for the expenditure or commitment of or incurring an obligation for the expenditure of funds to develop certificate of need applications, studies, reports, schematics, preliminary plans and specifications or working drawings, or to acquire sites;~~ Reserved;

(3) The purchase or lease by or on behalf of a health care facility or a diagnostic, treatment, or rehabilitation center of diagnostic or therapeutic equipment, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 31-6-47;

(4) Any increase in the bed capacity of a health care facility except as provided in Code Section 31-6-47;

(5) Clinical health services which are offered in or through a health care facility, which were not offered on a regular basis in or through such health care facility within the 12 month period prior to the time such services would be offered;

(6) Any conversion or upgrading of any general acute care hospital to a specialty hospital or of a facility such that it is converted from a type of facility not covered by this chapter to any of the types of health care facilities which are covered by this chapter;

(7) Clinical health services which are offered in or through a diagnostic, treatment, or rehabilitation center which were not offered on a regular basis in or through that center within the 12 month period prior to the time such services would be offered, but only if the clinical health services are any of the following:

(A) Radiation therapy;

(B) Biliary lithotripsy;

(C) Surgery in an operating room environment, including, but not limited to, ambulatory surgery; and

(D) Cardiac catheterization; and

(8) The conversion of a destination cancer hospital to a general cancer hospital.

(b) Any person proposing to develop or offer a new institutional health service or health care facility shall, before commencing such activity, submit a letter of intent and an application to the department and obtain a certificate of need in the manner provided in this chapter unless such activity is excluded from the scope of this chapter.

(c)(1) Any person who had a valid exemption granted or approved by the former Health Planning Agency or the department prior to July 1, 2008, shall not be required to obtain a certificate of need in order to continue to offer those previously offered services.

(2) Any facility offering ambulatory surgery pursuant to the exclusion designated on June 30, 2008, as division (14)(G)(iii) of Code Section 31-6-2; any diagnostic, treatment, or rehabilitation center offering diagnostic imaging or other imaging services in operation and exempt prior to July 1, 2008; or any facility operating pursuant to a letter of nonreviewability and offering diagnostic imaging services prior to July 1, 2008, shall:

(A) Provide annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70; and

(B)(i) Provide care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries and provide uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than 2 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months; or

(ii) If the facility is not a participant in Medicaid or the PeachCare for Kids Program, provide uncompensated care for Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, for PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries, uncompensated indigent and charity care, or both in an amount equal to or greater than 4 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months, if it:

(I) Makes a capital expenditure associated with the construction, development, expansion, or other establishment of a clinical health service or the acquisition or replacement of diagnostic or therapeutic equipment with a value in excess of $800,000.00 over a two-year period;

(II) Builds a new operating room; or

(III) Chooses to relocate in accordance with Code Section 31-6-47.

Noncompliance with any condition of this paragraph shall result in a monetary penalty in the amount of the difference between the services which the center is required to provide and the amount actually provided and may be subject to revocation of its exemption status by the department for repeated failure to pay any fees or moneys due to the department or for repeated failure to produce data as required by Code Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The dollar amount specified in this paragraph shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such

dollar amount (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the consumer price index, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Labor for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2009. In calculating the dollar amounts of a proposed project for the purposes of this paragraph, the costs of all items subject to review by this chapter and items not subject to review by this chapter associated with and simultaneously developed or proposed with the project shall be counted, except for the expenditure or commitment of or incurring an obligation for the expenditure of funds to develop certificate of need applications, studies, reports, schematics, preliminary plans and specifications or working drawings, or to acquire sites. Subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall not apply to facilities offering ophthalmic ambulatory surgery pursuant to the exclusion designated on June 30, 2008, as division (14)(G)(iii) of Code Section 31-6-2 that are owned by physicians in the practice of ophthalmology."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-6-43, relating to acceptance or rejection of application for certificate, as follows:

"31-6-43.

(a) At least ~~30~~ 25 days prior to submitting an application for a certificate of need for clinical health services, a person shall submit a letter of intent to the department. The department shall provide by rule a process for submitting letters of intent and a mechanism by which applications may be filed to compete with and be reviewed comparatively with proposals described in submitted letters of intent.

(b) Each application for a certificate of need shall be ~~reviewed~~ received by the department, ~~and within ten working days after the date of its receipt a determination shall be made as to whether the application complies with the rules governing the preparation and submission of applications. If the application complies with the rules governing the preparation and submission of applications,~~ and the department shall declare the application complete for review, shall accept and date the application, and shall notify the applicant of the timetable for its review. The department shall also notify a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the project shall be developed that the application has been deemed complete. The department shall also notify the appropriate regional commission and the chief elected official of the county and municipal governments, if any, in whose boundaries the proposed project will be located that the application is complete for review. If the application does not comply with the rules governing the preparation and submission of applications, the department shall notify the applicant in writing and provide a list of all deficiencies. The applicant shall be afforded an opportunity to correct such deficiencies, and upon such correction, the application shall then be declared complete for review within ten days of the correction of such deficiencies, and notice given to a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the project shall be developed that the application has been so declared. The department shall also notify the appropriate regional commission and the chief elected official of the county and municipal governments, if any, in whose boundaries the proposed project will

be located that the application is complete for review or when in the determination of the department a significant amendment is filed.

(c) The department shall specify by rule the time within which an applicant may amend its application. The department may request an applicant to make amendments. The department decision shall be made on an application as amended, if at all, by the applicant.

(d)(1) There shall be a time limit of 120 days for review of a project, beginning on the day the department ~~declares the application complete for review or in the case of applications joined for comparative review, beginning on the day the department declares the final application complete~~ receives the application. The department may adopt rules for determining when it is not practicable to complete a review in 120 days and may extend the review period upon written notice to the applicant but only for an extended period of not longer than an additional 30 days. The department shall adopt rules governing the submission of additional information by the applicant and for opposing an application; provided, however, that such rules shall provide that any party permitted to oppose an application shall submit a notice of opposition no later than 30 days of receipt by the department of such application.

(2) No party may oppose an application for a certificate of need for a proposed project unless:

(A) Such party offers substantially similar services as proposed within a 35 mile radius of the proposed project or has a service area that overlaps the applicant's proposed service area; or

(B) Such party has submitted a competing application in the same batching cycle and is proposing to establish the same type of facility proposed or offers substantially similar services as proposed and has a service area that overlaps the applicant's proposed service area.

(e) To allow the opportunity for comparative review of applications, the department may provide by rule for applications for a certificate of need to be submitted on a timetable or batching cycle basis no less often than two times per calendar year for each clinical health service. Applications for services, facilities, or expenditures for which there is no specified batching cycle may be filed at any time.

(f) The department may order the joinder of an application which is determined to be complete by the department for comparative review with one or more subsequently filed applications declared complete for review during the same batching cycle when:

(1) The first and subsequent applications involve similar clinical health service projects in the same service area or overlapping service areas; and

(2) The subsequent applications are filed and are declared complete for review within 30 days of the date the first application was declared complete for review.

Following joinder of the first application with subsequent applications, none of the subsequent applications so joined may be considered as a first application for the purposes of future joinder. The department shall notify the applicant to whose application a joinder is ordered and all other applicants previously joined to such application of the fact of each joinder pursuant to this subsection. In the event one or more applications

have been joined pursuant to this subsection, the time limits for department action for all of the applicants shall run from the latest date that any one of the joined applications was declared complete for review. In the event of the consideration of one or more applications joined pursuant to this subsection, the department may award no certificate of need or one or more certificates of need to the application or applications, if any, which are consistent with the considerations contained in Code Section 31-6-42, the department's applicable rules, and the award of which will best satisfy the purposes of this chapter.

(g) The department shall review the application and all written information submitted by the applicant in support of the application and all information submitted in opposition to the application to determine the extent to which the proposed project is consistent with the applicable considerations stated in Code Section 31-6-42 and in the department's applicable rules. During the course of the review, the department staff may request additional information from the applicant as deemed appropriate. Pursuant to rules adopted by the department, a public hearing on applications covered by those regulations may be held prior to the date of the department's decision thereon. Such rules shall provide that when good cause has been shown, a public hearing shall be held by the department. Any interested person may submit information to the department concerning an application, and an applicant shall be entitled to notice of and to respond to any such submission.

(h) The department shall within 30 days of receipt of the application provide the applicant an opportunity to meet with the department to discuss ~~the~~ such application and to provide the applicant an opportunity to submit additional information. Such additional information shall be submitted within the time limits adopted by the department. The department shall also provide an opportunity for any party that is permitted to oppose an application pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section to meet with the department and to provide additional information to the department. In order for any such opposing party to have standing to appeal an adverse decision pursuant to Code Section 31-6-44, such party must attend and participate in an opposition meeting.

(i) Unless extended by the department for an additional period of up to 30 days pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section, the department shall, no later than 120 days after an application is determined to be complete for review, or, in the event of joined applications, 120 days after the last application is declared complete for review, provide written notification to an applicant of the department's decision to issue or to deny issuance of a certificate of need for the proposed project. Such notice shall contain the department's written findings of fact and decision as to each applicable consideration or rule and a detailed statement of the reasons and evidentiary support for issuing or denying a certificate of need for the action proposed by each applicant. The department shall also mail such notification to the appropriate regional commission and the chief elected official of the county and municipal governments, if any, in whose boundaries the proposed project will be located. In the event such decision is to issue a certificate of need, the certificate of need shall be effective on the day of the decision unless the decision is appealed to the Certificate of Need Appeal Panel in accordance with this

chapter. Within seven days of the decision, the department shall publish notice of its decision to grant or deny an application in the same manner as it publishes notice of the filing of an application.

(j) Should the department fail to provide written notification of the decision within the time limitations set forth in this Code section, an application shall be deemed to have been approved as of the one hundred twenty-first day following notice from the department that an application, or the last of any applications joined pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section, is declared 'complete for review.'

(k) Notwithstanding other provisions of this article, when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in a region of the state, existing health care facilities in the affected region may seek emergency approval from the department ~~to make expenditures in excess of the capital expenditure threshold or~~ to offer services that may otherwise require a certificate of need. The department shall give special expedited consideration to such requests and may authorize such requests for good cause. Once the state of emergency has been lifted, any services offered by an affected health care facility under this subsection shall cease to be offered until such time as the health care facility that received the emergency authorization has requested and received a certificate of need. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'good cause' means that authorization of the request shall directly resolve a situation posing an immediate threat to the health and safety of the public. The department shall establish, by rule, procedures whereby requirements for the process of review and issuance of a certificate of need may be modified and expedited as a result of emergency situations."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), and (n) of Code Section 31-6-44, relating to the Certificate of Need Appeal Panel, as follows:

"(h) After the issuance of a decision by the department pursuant to Code Section 31-6-43, no party to an appeal hearing, nor any person on behalf of such party, including the department, shall make any ex parte contact with the appeal panel hearing officer appointed to conduct the appeal hearing~~,~~ or any other member of the appeal panel~~, or the commissioner~~ in regard to a decision under appeal.

(i) Within 30 days after the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall make written findings of fact and conclusions of law as to each consideration as set forth in Code Section 31-6-42 and the department's rules, including a detailed statement of the reasons for the decision of the hearing officer. If any party has alleged that an appeal lacks substantial justification or was undertaken primarily for the purpose of delay or harassment, the decision of the hearing officer shall make findings of fact addressing the merits of the allegation. The hearing officer shall file such decision with the chairperson of the appeal panel who shall serve such decision upon all parties, and shall transmit the administrative record to the ~~commissioner~~ department. ~~Any party, including the department, which disputes any finding of fact or conclusion of law rendered by the hearing officer in such hearing officer's decision and which wishes to appeal that decision may appeal to the commissioner and shall file its specific objections with the~~

~~commissioner or his or her designee within 30 days of the date of the hearing officer's decision pursuant to rules adopted by the department.~~

(j) The decision of the appeal panel hearing officer ~~will become~~ shall constitute the final decision of the department ~~upon the sixty-first day following the date of the decision unless an objection thereto is filed with the commissioner within the time limit established in subsection (i) of this Code section~~.

~~(k)(1) In the event an appeal of the hearing officer's decision is filed, the commissioner may adopt the hearing officer's order as the final order of the department or the commissioner may reject or modify the conclusions of law over which the department has substantive jurisdiction and the interpretation of administrative rules over which it has substantive jurisdiction. By rejecting or modifying such conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule, the department must state with particularity its reasons for rejecting or modifying such conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule and must make a finding that its substituted conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule is as or more reasonable than that which was rejected or modified. Rejection or modification of conclusions of law may not form the basis for rejection or modification of findings of fact. The commissioner may not reject or modify the findings of fact unless the commissioner first determines from a review of the entire record, and states with particularity in the order, that the findings of fact were not based upon any competent substantial evidence or that the proceedings on which the findings were based did not comply with the essential requirements of law.~~

~~(2) If, before the date set for the commissioner's decision, application is made to the commissioner for leave to present additional evidence and it is shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the additional evidence is material and there were good reasons for failure to present it in the proceedings before the hearing officer, the commissioner may order that the additional evidence be taken before the same hearing officer who rendered the initial decision upon conditions determined by the commissioner. The hearing officer may modify the initial decision by reason of the additional evidence and shall file that evidence and any modifications, new findings, or decision with the commissioner. Unless leave is given by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, the appeal panel may not consider new evidence under any circumstances. In all circumstances, the commissioner's decision shall be based upon considerations as set forth in Code Section 31-6-42 and the department's rules.~~

~~(l) If, based upon the findings of fact by the hearing officer, the commissioner determines that the appeal filed by any party of a decision of the department lacks substantial justification and was undertaken primarily for the purpose of delay or harassment, the commissioner may enter an award in his or her written order against such party and in favor of the successful party or parties, including the department, of all or any part of their respective reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and expenses of litigation, as the commissioner deems just. Such award may be enforced by any court undertaking judicial review of the final decision. In the absence of any petition for judicial review, then such award shall be enforced, upon due application, by any court having personal jurisdiction~~

~~over the party against whom such an award is made.~~

~~(m) Unless the hearing officer's decision becomes the department's final decision by operation of law as provided in subsection (j) of this Code section, the decision of the commissioner shall become the department's final decision by operation of law.~~ Such final decision shall be the final department decision for purposes of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The appeals process provided by this Code section shall be the administrative remedy only for decisions made by the department pursuant to Code Section 31-6-43 which involve the approval or denial of applications for certificates of need.

~~(n) A party responding to an appeal to the commissioner may be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs of such appeal if it is determined that the appeal lacked substantial justification and was undertaken primarily for the purpose of delay or harassment; provided, however, that the department shall not be required to pay attorney's fees or costs. This subsection shall not apply to the portion of attorney's fees accrued on behalf of a party responding to or bringing a challenge to the department's authority to enact a rule or regulation or the department's jurisdiction or another challenge that could not have been decided in the administrative proceeding, nor shall it apply to costs accrued when the only argument raised by the appealing party is one described in this subsection.~~"

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-44.1, relating to judicial review, as follows:

"(a) Any party to the initial administrative appeal hearing conducted by the appointed appeal panel hearing officer, excluding the department, may seek judicial review of the final decision in accordance with the method set forth in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' except as otherwise modified by this Code section; provided, however, that in conducting such review, the court may reverse or modify the final decision only if substantial rights of the appellant have been prejudiced because the procedures followed by the department~~,~~ or the hearing officer~~, or the commissioner~~ or the administrative findings, inferences, and conclusions contained in the final decision are:

(1) In violation of constitutional or statutory provisions;

(2) In excess of the statutory authority of the department;

(3) Made upon unlawful procedures;

(4) Affected by other error of law;

(5) Not supported by substantial evidence, which shall mean that the record does not contain such relevant evidence as a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support such findings, inferences, conclusions, or decisions, which such evidentiary standard shall be in excess of the 'any evidence' standard contained in other statutory provisions; or

(6) Arbitrary or capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-6-47, relating to exemptions from certificate of need requirements, as follows:

"31-6-47.

(a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, this chapter shall not apply to:

(1) Infirmaries operated by educational institutions for the sole and exclusive benefit of students, faculty members, officers, or employees thereof;

(2) Infirmaries or facilities operated by businesses for the sole and exclusive benefit of officers or employees thereof, provided that such infirmaries or facilities make no provision for overnight stay by persons receiving their services;

(3) Institutions operated exclusively by the federal government or by any of its agencies;

(4) Offices of private physicians or dentists whether for individual or group practice, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) or (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-40;

(5) Religious, nonmedical health care institutions as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(ss)(1), listed and certified by a national accrediting organization;

(6) Site acquisitions for health care facilities or preparation or development costs for such sites prior to the decision to file a certificate of need application;

(7) Expenditures related to adequate preparation and development of an application for a certificate of need;

(8) The commitment of funds conditioned upon the obtaining of a certificate of need;

(9) Expenditures for the restructuring or acquisition of existing health care facilities by stock or asset purchase, merger, consolidation, or other lawful means;

(9.1) The purchase of a closing hospital or of a hospital that has been closed for no more than ~~12~~ 24 months by a hospital in a contiguous county to repurpose the facility as a micro-hospital;

(10) ~~Expenditures of less than $870,000.00 for any minor or major repair or replacement of~~ The acquisition, replacement, or repair of diagnostic, therapeutic, or other imaging equipment by ~~a~~ any existing health care facility that is not owned by a group practice of physicians or a hospital and that provides diagnostic imaging services so long as it does not result in the offering of any new clinical health services ~~if such facility received a letter of nonreviewability from the department prior to July 1, 2008. This paragraph shall not apply to such facilities in rural counties~~;

(10.1) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (10) of this subsection,~~ An expenditure for the minor or major repair of a health care facility or a facility that is exempt from the requirements of this chapter, parts thereof, or services provided ~~or equipment used~~ therein; ~~or the replacement of equipment, including but not limited to CT scanners, magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), and positron emission tomography/computed tomography previously approved for a certificate of need;~~

(11) Capital expenditures otherwise covered by this chapter required solely to eliminate or prevent safety hazards as defined by federal, state, or local fire, building,

environmental, occupational health, or life safety codes or regulations, to comply with licensing requirements of the department, or to comply with accreditation standards of a nationally recognized health care accreditation body;

(12) Cost overruns whose percentage of the cost of a project is equal to or less than the cumulative annual rate of increase in the composite construction index, published by the United States Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce, calculated from the date of approval of the project;

(13) Transfers from one health care facility to another such facility of major medical equipment previously approved under or exempted from certificate of need review, except where such transfer results in the institution of a new clinical health service for which a certificate of need is required in the facility acquiring such equipment, provided that such transfers are recorded at net book value of the medical equipment as recorded on the books of the transferring facility;

(14) New institutional health services provided by or on behalf of health maintenance organizations or related health care facilities in circumstances defined by the department pursuant to federal law;

(15) Increases in the bed capacity of a hospital up to ten beds or ~~10~~ 20 percent of capacity, whichever is greater, in any consecutive ~~two-year~~ three-year period, in a hospital that has maintained an overall occupancy rate greater than ~~75~~ 60 percent for the previous 12 month period;

(16) Expenditures for nonclinical projects, including parking lots, parking decks, and other parking facilities; computer systems, software, and other information technology; medical office buildings; administrative office space; conference rooms; education facilities; lobbies; common spaces; clinical staff lounges and sleep areas; waiting rooms; bathrooms; cafeterias; hallways; engineering facilities; mechanical systems; roofs; grounds; signage; family meeting or lounge areas; other nonclinical physical plant renovations or upgrades that do not result in new or expanded clinical health services, and state mental health facilities;

(17) Life plan communities, provided that the skilled nursing component of the facility is for the exclusive use of residents of the life plan community and that a written exemption is obtained from the department; provided, however, that new sheltered nursing home beds may be used on a limited basis by persons who are not residents of the life plan community for a period up to five years after the date of issuance of the initial nursing home license, but such beds shall not be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. For the first year, the life plan community sheltered nursing facility may utilize not more than 50 percent of its licensed beds for patients who are not residents of the life plan community. In the second year of operation, the life plan community shall allow not more than 40 percent of its licensed beds for new patients who are not residents of the life plan community. In the third year of operation, the life plan community shall allow not more than 30 percent of its licensed beds for new patients who are not residents of the life plan community. In the fourth year of operation, the life plan community shall allow not more than 20 percent of its licensed beds for new patients who are not residents of the life plan community. In the fifth year

of operation, the life plan community shall allow not more than 10 percent of its licensed beds for new patients who are not residents of the life plan community. At no time during the first five years shall the life plan community sheltered nursing facility occupy more than 50 percent of its licensed beds with patients who are not residents under contract with the life plan community. At the end of the five-year period, the life plan community sheltered nursing facility shall be utilized exclusively by residents of the life plan community, and at no time shall a resident of a life plan community be denied access to the sheltered nursing facility. At no time shall any existing patient be forced to leave the life plan community to comply with this paragraph. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the use and definition of the term 'sheltered nursing facility' in a manner consistent with this Code section. Agreements to provide continuing care include agreements to provide care for any duration, including agreements that are terminable by either party;

(18) Any single specialty ambulatory surgical center that:

(A)(i) Has capital expenditures associated with the construction, development, or other establishment of the clinical health service which do not exceed $2.5 million; or

(ii) Is the only single specialty ambulatory surgical center in the county owned by the group practice and has two or fewer operating rooms; provided, however, that a center exempt pursuant to this division shall be required to obtain a certificate of need in order to add any additional operating rooms;

(B) Has a hospital affiliation agreement with a hospital within a reasonable distance from the facility or the medical staff at the center has admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such hospital to ensure the necessary backup for the center for medical complications. The center shall have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to a hospital within a reasonable distance from the facility with adequate emergency room services. Hospitals shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement or affiliation agreement ~~to~~ with the center;

(C)(i) Provides care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries and provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than 2 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months; or

(ii) If the center is not a participant in Medicaid or the PeachCare for Kids Program, provides uncompensated care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries, uncompensated indigent and charity care, or both in an amount equal to or greater than 4 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months;

provided, however, that single specialty ambulatory surgical centers owned by physicians in the practice of ophthalmology shall not be required to comply with

this subparagraph; and

(D) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70.

Noncompliance with any condition of this paragraph shall result in a monetary penalty in the amount of the difference between the services which the center is required to provide and the amount actually provided and may be subject to revocation of its exemption status by the department for repeated failure to pay any fines or moneys due to the department or for repeated failure to produce data as required by Code Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The dollar amount specified in this paragraph shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amount (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the composite index of construction material prices, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Commerce for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2009, and on each anniversary thereafter of publication of the index. The department shall immediately institute rule-making procedures to adopt such adjusted dollar amounts. In calculating the dollar amounts of a proposed project for purposes of this paragraph, the costs of all items subject to review by this chapter and items not subject to review by this chapter associated with and simultaneously developed or proposed with the project shall be counted, except for the expenditure or commitment of or incurring an obligation for the expenditure of funds to develop certificate of need applications, studies, reports, schematics, preliminary plans and specifications or working drawings, or to acquire sites;

(19) Any joint venture ambulatory surgical center that:

(A) Has capital expenditures associated with the construction, development, or other establishment of the clinical health service which do not exceed $5 million;

(B)(i) Provides care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries and provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than 2 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months; or

(ii) If the center is not a participant in Medicaid or the PeachCare for Kids Program, provides uncompensated care to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if the facility provides medical care and treatment to children, to PeachCare for Kids beneficiaries, uncompensated indigent and charity care, or both in an amount equal to or greater than 4 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months; and

(C) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70.

Noncompliance with any condition of this paragraph shall result in a monetary penalty

in the amount of the difference between the services which the center is required to provide and the amount actually provided and may be subject to revocation of its exemption status by the department for repeated failure to pay any fines or moneys due to the department or for repeated failure to produce data as required by Code Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The dollar amount specified in this paragraph shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amount (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the composite index of construction material prices, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Commerce for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2009, and on each anniversary thereafter of publication of the index. The department shall immediately institute rule-making procedures to adopt such adjusted dollar amounts. In calculating the dollar amounts of a proposed project for purposes of this paragraph, the costs of all items subject to review by this chapter and items not subject to review by this chapter associated with and simultaneously developed or proposed with the project shall be counted, except for the expenditure or commitment of or incurring an obligation for the expenditure of funds to develop certificate of need applications, studies, reports, schematics, preliminary plans and specifications or working drawings, or to acquire sites;

(20) Expansion of services by an imaging center based on a population needs methodology taking into consideration whether the population residing in the area served by the imaging center has a need for expanded services, as determined by the department in accordance with its rules and regulations, if such imaging center:

(A) Was in existence and operational in this state on January 1, 2008;

(B) Is owned by a hospital or by a physician or a group of physicians comprising at least 80 percent ownership who are currently board certified in radiology;

(C) Provides three or more diagnostic and other imaging services;

(D) Accepts all patients regardless of ability to pay; and

(E) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than the amount of such care provided by the geographically closest general acute care hospital; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to an imaging center in a rural county;

(21) Diagnostic cardiac catheterization in a hospital setting on patients 15 years of age and older;

(22) Therapeutic cardiac catheterization in hospitals selected by the department prior to July 1, 2008, to participate in the Atlantic Cardiovascular Patient Outcomes Research Team (C-PORT) Study and therapeutic cardiac catheterization in hospitals that, as determined by the department on an annual basis, meet the criteria to participate in the C-PORT Study but have not been selected for participation; provided, however, that if the criteria requires a transfer agreement ~~to~~ with another hospital, no hospital shall unreasonably deny a transfer agreement ~~to~~ with another hospital;

(23) Infirmaries or facilities operated by, on behalf of, or under contract with the

Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing health care services in a secure environment to prisoners within a penal institution, penitentiary, prison, detention center, or other secure correctional institution, including correctional institutions operated by private entities in this state which house inmates under the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice;

(24) The relocation of any skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or micro-hospital within the same county, any other health care facility in a rural county within the same county, and any other health care facility in an urban county within a ~~three-mile~~ five-mile radius of the existing facility so long as the facility does not propose to offer any new or expanded clinical health services at the new location;

(25) Facilities which are devoted to the provision of treatment and rehabilitative care for periods continuing for 24 hours or longer for persons who have traumatic brain injury, as defined in Code Section 37-3-1;

(26) Capital expenditures for a project otherwise requiring a certificate of need if those expenditures are for a project to remodel, renovate, replace, or any combination thereof, a medical-surgical hospital and:

(A) That hospital:

(i) Has a bed capacity of not more than 50 beds;

(ii) Is located in a county in which no other medical-surgical hospital is located;

(iii) Has at any time been designated as a disproportionate share hospital by the department; and

(iv) Has at least 45 percent of its patient revenues derived from medicare, Medicaid, or any combination thereof, for the immediately preceding three years; and

(B) That project:

(i) Does not result in any of the following:

(I) The offering of any new clinical health services;

(II) Any increase in bed capacity;

(III) Any redistribution of existing beds among existing clinical health services; or

(IV) Any increase in capacity of existing clinical health services;

(ii) Has at least 80 percent of its capital expenditures financed by the proceeds of a special purpose county sales and use tax imposed pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48; and

(iii) Is located within a ~~three-mile~~ five-mile radius of and within the same county as the hospital's existing facility;

(27) The renovation, remodeling, refurbishment, or upgrading of a health care facility, so long as the project does not result in any of the following:

(A) The offering of any new or expanded clinical health services;

(B) Any increase in inpatient bed capacity; or

(C) Any redistribution of existing beds among existing clinical health services; ~~or~~

~~(D) A capital expenditure exceeding the threshold contained in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-40;~~

(28) ~~Other than for equipment used to provide positron emission tomography (PET) services, the~~ The acquisition of diagnostic, therapeutic, or other imaging equipment ~~with a value of $3 million or less,~~ by or on behalf of:

(A) A hospital; or

(B) An individual private physician or single group practice of physicians exclusively for use on patients of such private physician or single group practice of physicians and such private physician or member of such single group practice of physicians is physically present at the practice location where the diagnostic or other imaging equipment is located at least 75 percent of the time that the equipment is in use~~.~~;

~~The amount specified in this paragraph shall not include build-out costs, as defined by the department, but shall include all functionally related equipment, software, and any warranty and services contract costs for the first five years. The acquisition of one or more items of functionally related diagnostic or therapeutic equipment shall be considered as one project. The dollar amount specified in this paragraph and in paragraph (10) of this subsection shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amounts (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage of change in the consumer price index, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Labor for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2010; and~~

(29) Any capital expenditures ~~A capital expenditure of $10 million or less~~ by a hospital at such hospital's primary campus for:

(A) The expansion or addition of the following clinical health services: operating rooms, other than dedicated outpatient operating rooms; medical-surgical services; gynecology; procedure rooms; intensive care; pharmaceutical services; pediatrics; cardiac care or other general hospital services; provided, however, that such expenditure does not include the expansion or addition of inpatient beds or the conversion of one type of inpatient bed to another type of inpatient bed; or

(B) The movement of clinical health services from one location on the hospital's primary campus to another location on such hospital's primary campus;

(30) New or expanded psychiatric or substance abuse inpatient programs or state funded beds that serve Medicaid and uninsured patients that:

(A) Are open 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day;

(B) Provide uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than 3 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department by rule which shall be at least 3 percent and which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months;

(C) Participate as providers of medical assistance for Medicaid purposes;

(D) Have hospital affiliation agreements with acute care hospitals within a reasonable distance from the programs or state funded beds or the medical staffs at the programs or state funded beds have admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such hospitals to ensure the necessary backup for the programs or state funded beds for medical complications. The programs or state funded beds shall

have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to a hospital within a reasonable distance from the programs or state funded beds with adequate emergency room services. Acute care hospitals shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement or affiliation agreement with the programs or state funded beds; and

(E) Provide annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70;

(31) The offering of new or expanded basic perinatal services by a hospital in a rural county provided that:

(A) Such services are available 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day;

(B) The hospital participates as a provider of medical assistance for Medicaid purposes;

(C) The hospital has a hospital affiliation agreement with an acute care hospital with at least Level III perinatal services within a reasonable distance from the hospital providing the perinatal services or the medical staff at the hospital providing the perinatal services has admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such acute care hospital to ensure the necessary backup for the hospital providing the perinatal services for medical complications. The hospital providing the perinatal services shall have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to the acute care hospital within a reasonable distance from the hospital providing the perinatal services with adequate emergency room services. Acute care hospitals shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement or affiliation agreement with the hospital providing the perinatal services. This subparagraph shall not apply if the hospital providing the basic perinatal services is itself an acute care hospital with at least Level III perinatal services; and

(D) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70;

(31.1) Any new or expanded building or facility where human births occur on a regular and ongoing basis and which is classified as a birthing center by the department for purposes of Chapter 7 of this title, provided that:

(A) Services are available 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day;

(B) The birthing center participates as a provider of medical assistance for Medicaid purposes;

(C) The birthing center has a hospital affiliation agreement with an acute care hospital with at least Level III perinatal services within a reasonable distance from the birthing center or the medical staff at the birthing center has admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such acute care hospital to ensure the necessary backup for the birthing center for medical complications. The birthing center shall have the capability to transfer a patient immediately to the acute care hospital within a reasonable distance from the birthing center. Acute care hospitals shall not unreasonably deny a transfer agreement or affiliation agreement with the birthing center;

(D) The birthing center:

(i) Provides basic perinatal services, as defined by the department, which shall include but not be limited to a combination of such services as determined by the department;

(ii) Meets the standards for certification established by the American Association of Birth Centers, or equivalent or higher standards as determined by the department;

(iii) Schedules routine visits and visits with other appropriate providers, as necessary, and tracks patients to verify that services have been received;

(iv) Prior to 20 weeks gestation, certifies that a patient has been deemed to be a low risk patient, as defined by the department for purposes of this paragraph;

(v) Admits and provides services only to patients certified as low risk; and

(vi) Refers patients to other appropriate providers if, at any point between the 20 weeks gestation certification and antepartum, the birthing center determines that a patient no longer qualifies as a low risk patient for any reason; and

(E) The birthing center provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70;

(32) A new general acute care hospital in a rural county that:

(A)(i) Attains status as a teaching hospital within 36 months of opening, and maintains such status thereafter; or

(ii) Obtains verification as a Level I, II, III, or IV trauma center from the American College of Surgeons within 36 months of opening, and maintains such verification thereafter;

(B) Provides emergency, inpatient, and outpatient psychiatric and behavioral health services;

(C) Has an emergency department that is open 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day;

(D) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than 3 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department by rule which shall be no less than 3 percent and which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months;

(E) Participates as a provider of medical assistance for Medicaid purposes; and

(F) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code Section 31-6-70;

(33) A new acute care hospital where a short-stay general hospital in a rural county has been closed for more than 12 months and a new replacement hospital has not opened that:

(A) Is located in the same rural county where the short-stay general hospital was closed;

(B) Has no more than the number of licensed beds that were previously licensed in the closed hospital;

(C) Has an emergency department that is open 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day;

(D) Provides all required clinical health services as generally offered by a short-stay general hospital to meet licensure requirements; and

(E) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than 3 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department by rule which shall be no less than 3 percent and which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months.

Such new acute care hospital may provide basic perinatal services;

(34)(A) A new short-stay general hospital to address the underserved population previously served by a short-stay general hospital that was closed within the 48 months preceding the filing of a request for a letter of determination that:

(i) Is located within a county with a population of more than 1 million according to the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census;

(ii) Is located within five miles of and in the same county as the main campus of a medical school that is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education to confer Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degrees;

(iii) Has in place at the time of filing of a request for a letter of determination a written agreement to serve as a teaching hospital for students of the medical school described in division (ii) of this subparagraph;

(iv) Has a maximum number of short-stay general hospital beds not greater than 50 percent of the maximum number of short-stay general hospital beds for which the closed short-stay general hospital had previously been licensed at any time during the 12 months prior to its closure;

(v) Has an emergency department that is open 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day; and

(vi) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater than 3 percent of its adjusted gross revenue, and on and after January 1, 2026, in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by the department by rule which shall be no less than 3 percent and which shall be reviewed by the department every 12 months;

(B) An exemption for a new short-stay general hospital under this paragraph shall include an exemption for all clinical services and equipment generally utilized at an acute care short-stay general hospital and required for licensure, including, but not limited to, an emergency department; Level II perinatal/neonatal services, including labor, delivery, recovery, and Level II neonatal intermediate care services; diagnostic imaging services; and surgical services; and

(C) For a period of ten years following the issuance of its original license, a new short-stay general hospital approved for an exemption pursuant to this paragraph shall be entitled to one or more determinations from the department to add additional short-stay general hospital beds, so long as the total licensed capacity of such hospital does not exceed the maximum number of short-stay general hospital beds for which the closed short-stay general hospital had previously been licensed at any time during the 12 months prior to its closure; and

(35) Transfer of existing beds from one general acute care hospital's primary campus to another general acute care hospital's primary campus within the same hospital system within a 15 mile radius of the original campus, provided that all of the following are satisfied:

(A) Both hospitals involved in the transfer are general acute care hospitals and neither is a specialty hospital;

(B) Both hospitals involved in the transfer are under common ownership or control;

(C) The transferring hospital may not, for a period of 12 months after the transfer is effective, seek to expand the bed type which was transferred; and

(D) The transferring hospital is open and operational at the time of transfer and shall not close within 12 months after the transfer is effective.

(b) By rule, the department shall establish a procedure for expediting or waiving reviews of certain projects, the nonreview of which it deems compatible with the purposes of this chapter, in addition to expenditures exempted from review by this Code section."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-6-47.1, relating to prior notice and approval of certain activities, as follows:

"31-6-47.1.

(a) The department shall require prior notice from a new health care facility for approval of any activity which is believed to be exempt pursuant to Code Section 31-6-47 or excluded from the requirements of this chapter under other provisions of this chapter. The department shall require prior notice and approval of any activity which is believed to be exempt pursuant to paragraphs (31.1), (32), (33), and (34) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-47. The department may require prior notice and approval of any activity which is believed to be exempt pursuant to paragraphs (10), (15), (16), (17), (20), (21), (23), (25), (26), (27), (28), ~~and~~ (29), (30), and (31) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-47. The department shall establish timeframes, forms, and criteria to request a letter of determination that an activity is properly exempt or excluded under this chapter prior to its implementation. The department shall publish notice of all requests for letters of determination regarding exempt activity and opposition to such request. Persons opposing a request for approval of an exempt activity shall be entitled to file an objection with the department and the department shall consider any filed objection when determining whether an activity is exempt. After the department's decision, an opposing party shall have the right to a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' on an adverse decision of the department and judicial review of a final decision in the same manner and under the same provisions as in Code Section 31-6-44.1. If no objection to a request for determination is filed within 30 days of the department's receipt of such request for determination, the department shall have 60 days from the date of the department's receipt of such request to review the request and issue a letter of determination. The department may adopt rules for deciding when it is not practicable to provide a determination in 60 days and may extend the review period upon written notice to the requestor but only for an extended period of no longer than an

additional 30 days.

(b) Noncompliance with any condition of paragraph (30), (31), (31.1), or (32) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-47 shall result in a monetary penalty in the amount of the difference between the services which the exemption holder is required to provide and the amount actually provided and shall be subject to revocation of its exemption status by the department for repeated failure to meet any one or more requirements for the exemption, for repeated failure to pay any fines or moneys due to the department, or for repeated failure to produce data as required by Code Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Article 3 of Chapter 6, relating to the Certificate of Need Program, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-6-51.

(a) The department, in conjunction with the Office of Legislative Counsel, shall review the statutory framework and provisions of this chapter and the certificate of need program generally and shall make recommendations relating to rewriting, reorganizing, and clarifying the provisions of this chapter. Such review shall also include recommendations to streamline the statutory procedures required to obtain a certificate of need or a letter of determination.

(b) The department may consult with and obtain input from certificate of need applicants, certificate of need holders, local government representatives, citizens, or other interested parties in conducting such review.

(c) The department shall submit its recommendations to the General Assembly, which may include proposed legislation, no later than December 1, 2024.

(d) This Code section shall stand repealed on December 31, 2024."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-6-70, relating to reports to the department by certain health care facilities an all ambulatory surgical centers and imaging centers and public availability, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e)(1) In the event the department does not receive an annual report from a health care facility requiring a certificate of need or an ambulatory surgical center or imaging center, whether or not exempt from obtaining a certificate of need under this chapter, on or before the date such report was due or receives a timely but incomplete report, the department shall notify the health care facility or center regarding the deficiencies and shall be authorized to fine such health care facility or center an amount not to exceed ~~$500.00~~ $2,000.00 per day for every day up to 30 days and ~~$1,000.00~~ $5,000.00 per day for every day over 30 days for every day of such untimely or deficient report.

(2) In the event the department does not receive an annual report from a health care facility within 180 days following the date such report was due or receives a timely but incomplete report which is not completed within such 180 days, the department shall

be authorized to revoke such health care facility's certificate of need in accordance with Code Section 31-6-45."

SECTION 11.

Code Section 48-7-29.20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, is amended by revising subsections (b.1), (e), and (k) as follows:

"(b.1) From January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, an individual taxpayer shall be limited in its qualified rural hospital organization expenses allowable for credit under this Code section, and the commissioner shall not approve qualified rural hospital organization expenses incurred from January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, which exceed the following limits:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, $5,000.00;

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, $10,000.00; or

(3) In the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, ~~$10,000.00~~ $25,000.00."

"(e)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed ~~$75~~ $100 million per taxable year.

(2)(A) No more than $4 million of the aggregate limit established by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be contributed to any individual rural hospital organization in any taxable year. From January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, the commissioner shall only preapprove contributions submitted by individual taxpayers in an amount not to exceed $2 million, and from corporate donors in an amount not to exceed $2 million. From July 1 to December 31 each taxable year, subject to the aggregate limit in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit in this paragraph, the commissioner shall approve contributions submitted by individual taxpayers and corporations or other entities.

(B) In the event an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an individual rural hospital organization that has received the maximum amount of contributions for that ~~taxable~~ year, the Department of Community Health shall provide the individual or corporate donor with a list, ranked in order of financial need, as determined by the Department of Community Health, of rural hospital organizations still eligible to receive contributions for the ~~taxable~~ year.

(C) In the event an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an individual rural hospital organization that would cause such rural hospital organization to exceed its maximum amount of contributions for that year, the commissioner shall not deny such desired contribution, but shall approve the proportional amount of the desired contribution up to the rural hospital organization's maximum allowed amount and any remainder shall be attributed as provided for in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph.

~~(C)~~(D) In the event that an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an unspecified or undesignated rural hospital organization, either

directly to the department or through a third party that participates in soliciting, administering, or managing donations, such donation shall be attributed to the rural hospital organization ranked with the highest financial need that has not yet received the maximum amount of contributions for that ~~taxable~~ year, regardless of whether a third party has a contractual relationship or agreement with such rural hospital organization.

~~(D)~~(E) Any third party that participates in soliciting, advertising, or managing donations shall provide the complete list of rural hospital organizations eligible to receive the tax credit provided pursuant to this Code section including their ranking in order of financial need as determined by the Department of Community Health pursuant to Code Section 31-8-9.1, to any potential donor regardless of whether a third party has a contractual relationship or agreement with such rural hospital organization.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a rural hospital organization shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a contribution to a rural hospital organization, the taxpayer shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the department, of the total amount of contribution that the taxpayer intends to make to the rural hospital organization. The commissioner shall preapprove or deny the requested amount or a portion of such amount, if applicable pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer and shall provide written notice to the taxpayer and rural hospital organization of such preapproval or denial which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. ~~In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization within 180 days after receiving notice from the department that the requested amount was preapproved.~~ In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, a taxpayer preapproved by the commissioner on or before September 30 shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization within 180 days after receiving notice of preapproval from the commissioner, but not later than October 31. A taxpayer preapproved by the commissioner after September 30 shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization on or before December 31. If the taxpayer does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved contribution amount when calculating the limits prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(4)(A) Preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit established under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Any taxpayer preapproved by the ~~department~~ commissioner pursuant to this subsection shall retain their approval in the event the credit percentage in this Code section is modified for the year in which the taxpayer was preapproved.

(C) Upon the rural hospital organization's confirmation of receipt of donations that have been preapproved by the ~~department~~ commissioner, any taxpayer preapproved

by the ~~department~~ commissioner pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section shall receive the full benefit of the income tax credit established by this Code section even though the rural hospital organization to which the taxpayer made a donation does not properly comply with the reports or filings required by this Code section.

(5) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the department shall not take any adverse action against donors to rural hospital organizations if the commissioner preapproved a donation for a tax credit prior to the date the rural hospital organization is removed from the Department of Community Health list pursuant to Code Section 31-8-9.1, and all such donations shall remain as preapproved tax credits subject only to the donor's compliance with paragraph (3) of this subsection."

"(k) This Code section shall stand automatically repealed and reserved on December 31, ~~2024~~ 2029."

SECTION 12.

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-156.

(a) There is created the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission. The commission shall be attached to the Department of Community Health for administrative purposes only as provided by Code Section 50-4-3.

(b) The commission shall consist of nine members, who shall be appointed no later than July 1, 2024, as follows:

(1) The chairperson, who shall be a subject matter expert on health policy, and shall not be an employee of the State of Georgia, to be appointed by the Governor;

(2) Three nonlegislative members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) Three nonlegislative members to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(4) One nonlegislative member to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

(5) One nonlegislative member to be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(c) Members of the commission shall not be registered lobbyists in the State of Georgia.

(d) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

(e) The purpose of the commission shall be to advise the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Community Health, as the administrator of the state medical assistance program, on issues related to access and quality of healthcare for Georgia's low-income and uninsured populations. The commission shall be tasked with reviewing the following:

(1) Opportunities related to reimbursement and funding for Georgia healthcare providers, including premium assistance programs;

(2) Opportunities related to quality improvement of healthcare for Georgia's low-income and uninsured populations; and

(3) Opportunities to enhance service delivery and coordination of healthcare among

and across state agencies.

(f) Subject to appropriations, the commission shall contract with experts and consultants to produce a semiannual report on its findings for the Governor and the General Assembly. The commission shall provide its initial report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2024.

(g) The commission shall stand abolished on December 31, 2026, unless extended by the General Assembly prior to such date."

SECTION 13.

(a) Sections 2, 9, 12, 13, and 14 of this Act shall become effective upon approval of the Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

(c) Section 11 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 14.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1339.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 34, nays 17; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1339.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/21/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on 1339. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

/s/ James of the 35th

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 779. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and New of the 64th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the election of the members of the Paulding County Board of Education, approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2381), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4151), so as to revise provisions related to filling vacancies on the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 1478. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Beverly of the 143rd, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 145th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Mid-State Energy Authority as an institution performing an essential governmental function; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for members of the Authority and meetings; to provide for powers of the Authority; to provide that the Authority replaces the Commission; to provide for tort immunity; to provide contracting requirements; to provide for supplemental powers; to deny taxing powers; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for

other purposes.

HB 1487. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Smith of the 70th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Smith of the 18th and New of the 64th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Villa Rica, approved May 8, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3869), so as to provide that the mayor shall appoint and remove the city manager; to provide for the city council to override such actions with a supermajority vote; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1501. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Roswell Public Facilities Authority; to provide for a short title and legislative findings; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership and the appointment of members of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, and compensation; to provide for charges; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemptions and exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for supplemental powers; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 558. By Senator Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 560. By Senator Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding

failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 575. By Senator Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Milledgeville Public Facilities Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 1229. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Dalton in Whitfield County, Georgia; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a municipal court and the judge or judges thereof; to provide for practices and procedures; to provide for taxation and fees; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for the sale of property; to provide for penalties; to provide for an independent school system; to provide for public utilities; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for fire and police departments and chiefs thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for prior ordinances and pending matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1312. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Hagan of the 156th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023, (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), so as to extend the effective date of provisions relative to regulative authority of the Department of Agriculture and revenue and taxation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 503. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Summers of the 13th, Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to amend Chapter 41, relating to residential and general contractors; to rename the general contractor license as a commercial general contractor license and to make conforming amendments throughout; to change certain provisions relating to the membership, qualifications, terms, and meetings of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 293. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Hodges of the 3rd, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of health, so as to provide that operational policies and procedures of the Department of Public Health apply to local personnel; to authorize the department to establish health districts; to revise the manner of selection and qualifications of district health directors; to provide for a chief medical officer for a health district under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 373. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-10A-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy, so as to provide for the issuance of expedited licenses by endorsement for marriage and family therapists; to provide a definition; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 433. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for nonprofit corporations, so as to enact the "Donor Intent Protection Act"; to

provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to prohibit charitable organizations from violating the terms of charitable contributions made with donor imposed restrictions, subject to exceptions; to provide for a cause of action; to provide for a limitations period; to provide for venue; to provide for remedies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 516. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Carpenter of the 4th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exercise of the power to contract by the Department of Transportation, so as to increase the minimum amount for a public road construction or maintenance contract that prohibits negotiation; to provide for exceptions to public comment and hearing on projects involving public-private partnerships in certain instances; to provide for an exception to vote approval for such projects; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dolezal of the 27th.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to HB 516:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to increase the minimum amount for a public road construction or maintenance contract that prohibits negotiation; to provide for exceptions to public comment and hearing on projects involving public-private partnerships in certain instances; to provide for an exception to vote approval for such projects; to authorize the placement of wayfinding kiosks in the right of way for a public road in a certain special district; to provide for a definition; to provide for issuance of permits for such kiosks; to provide for standards for such kiosks; to provide petition for removal for kiosks that create a public nuisance or safety hazard; to provide for an exception to requirements of multiple message signs; to provide for the discontinuance of issuance of such permits; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules of the road, so as to prohibit the operation of certain vehicles on highways that qualify as commercial motor vehicle restricted highways; to provide for a definition; to require the installation by the Department of Transportation of official traffic-control devices at the entrance of and upon such highways; to provide for violation and punishment; to revise maximum speed

limit provisions; to amend Code Section 48-8-78 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to freight and logistics projects defined, use of appropriated funds, lack of funding, and accounting, so as to revise for the allocation of funding; to amend an Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), so as to extend the effective date of provisions relative to regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture and revenue and taxation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, is amended in Code Section 32-2-61, relating to limitations on power to contract, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) The department is prohibited from negotiating any contract for the construction or maintenance of a public road involving the expenditure of ~~$200,000.00~~ $500,000.00 or more except any contract:

(A) With counties, municipalities, and state agencies, provided that such negotiated contract shall be made at the average bid price of the same kind of work let to contract after advertisement during a period of 60 days prior to the making of the contract;

(B) With a railroad company or utility concerning relocation of its tracks or facilities where the same are not then located on a public road and such relocation is necessary as an incident to the construction or improvement of a public road. However, nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the department to furnish a site or right of way for railroad or railway lines or tracks or utility facilities required to be removed from a public road. Furthermore, this subsection shall not prevent the department from assisting in the removal and relocation of publicly owned utilities from locations on public roads as provided in Code Section 32-6-170;

(C) For emergency construction or maintenance involving the expenditure of ~~$200,000.00~~ $500,000.00 or more when the public interest requires that the work be done without the delay of advertising for public bids;

(D) For the procurement of business, professional, or other services from any person, firm, or corporation as an independent contractor;

(E) With the State Road and Tollway Authority; or

(F) Through the provisions of a design-build contract as provided for in Code Section 32-2-81.

(2) A department contract negotiated and made with a political subdivision, as authorized by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, may be subcontracted to any person or political subdivision. It may be performed with inmate labor, except in the case of a public work constructed with federal aid, or the forces of such political subdivision or those of a political subdivision to which such contract has been subcontracted. However, the department shall have the authority to furnish

planning, contract plans, specifications, and engineering supervision over a public road being constructed by a political subdivision or by its subcontractor. Any subcontract made under authority of this subsection shall not constitute the basis of any claim against the department, nor shall such subcontract be considered an assignment of the rights of the political subdivision under its contract with the department."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-2-80, relating to public-private partnerships (P3s), by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) and subsection (f) as follows:

"(2) For every project undertaken pursuant to this Code section, the department shall accept written public comment, solicited in the same manner as provided for in the request for proposal, for a period of 30 days beginning at least ten days after the public notice of the request for proposal is made pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided, however, that such requirement shall not apply when the public has been afforded the opportunity for comment during the environmental phase of a project. In addition, the department shall hold at least one public hearing, which may be held by teleconference, not later than the conclusion of the period for public comment; provided, however, that such requirement shall not apply when a public hearing has been held during the environmental phase of a project."

"(f) The commissioner shall be authorized to delegate such duties and responsibilities under this Code section as he or she deems appropriate from time to time; provided, however, that the final approval of contracts provided for in this Code section shall be by action of the board unless the board has previously approved the proposal based upon a determination that the proposal provided the apparent best value to the state upon contract terms that are most satisfactory and advantageous to the state."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-6-51, relating to unauthorized devices and structures within right of way or visible from public road, bus shelters, and commercial advertisements by transit agency, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (h) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, place, or maintain within the dedicated right of way of any public road any sign, signal, or other device except as authorized by this subsection, ~~or~~ subsection (d) or (d.1) of this Code section, ~~or~~ as required or authorized by Code Section 32-6-50, or any other law."

"(d.1)(1) As used in this Code section, the term 'wayfinding kiosk' means a structure:

(A) With a maximum height of ten feet and a maximum width of four feet;

(B) That contains a digital touch screen for use by members of the public for public purposes of locating businesses, accessing transit information, or locating social services; and

(C) That is installed in state, county, or municipality rights of way pursuant to a contract with the state or a municipality or county.

(2) Wayfinding kiosks, including those on which commercial advertisements are placed, may be erected and maintained on the rights of way of public roads within a metropolitan municipality special district as such district is set forth in Code Section 48-8-269.22 and upon issuance of a permit:

(A) By the department when a wayfinding kiosk is to be located on the right of way of a road in the state highway system and upon a finding by such department that placement of such kiosk would provide a substantial public benefit; or

(B) By the respective county or municipality and in conformity with local regulations when a wayfinding kiosk is to be located on the right of way of a road which is part of a county road system or municipal street system and upon a finding by the local governing authority that placement of such kiosk would provide a substantial public benefit.

(3) In addition to any further conditions required by the department or local governing authority for a determination that the placement of a wayfinding kiosk would provide a substantial public benefit, a wayfinding kiosk erected and maintained on the right of way of a public road pursuant to this subsection, shall, at a minimum:

(A) Meet minimum setback requirements as follows:

(i) Where a curb and gutter are present, there shall be a minimum of four feet clearance from the face of the curb to any portion of the wayfinding kiosk or the wayfinding kiosk shall be placed at the back of the existing concrete sidewalk; or

(ii) Where no curb or gutter is present, the wayfinding kiosk shall be at least ten feet from the edge of the main traveled roadway;

(B) Not store any data collected by users of such kiosk;

(C) Not project any light at an intensity greater than that allowed of outdoor advertising pursuant to Part 2 of this article; and

(D) Not display any content prohibited by Code Section 32-6-52.

(4) The department or any county or municipality issuing a permit pursuant to this subsection shall be authorized to charge a reasonable fee for such permit in an amount sufficient to defray the expense incurred for evaluation of an application for a permit, which shall include an in-person evaluation of the proposed location by the entity issuing the permit.

(5) Any wayfinding kiosk erected and maintained on the right of way of a public road in violation of paragraph (3) of this subsection or in violation of the conditions of the permit issued by the department, a county, or a municipality shall be declared to be a public nuisance and safety hazard. In such case, the department, county, or municipality where such kiosk is located shall be authorized to apply to any court of competent jurisdiction and such court shall issue judgment and order condemnation and removal of such nuisance. The owner of such kiosk shall be liable for all court costs, fees, and other expenses incurred in such action.

(6) The person to whom a permit has been issued for the erection and maintenance of a wayfinding kiosk on the right of way of a public road pursuant to this subsection shall at all times assume all risks for the wayfinding kiosk and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Georgia, the department, and any county or municipality against

all losses or damages resulting solely from the existence of the wayfinding kiosk.

(7) No more than 30 permits shall be issued by the department pursuant to this subsection and no permit shall be issued by the department or any county or municipality on or after July 1, 2026.

(8) The provisions of Code Section 32-6-83 shall apply to any wayfinding kiosk lawfully erected prior to July 1, 2024, that does not conform to the provisions of this subsection or to any lawful ordinance, regulation, or resolution enacted pursuant to the authority of this subsection."

"(h) Multiple media displays authorized pursuant to this Code section other than those upon wayfinding kiosks shall comply with the operational standards for multiple message signs provided for in Part 2 of this article ~~but shall not~~. No multiple media displays authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be required to comply with any spacing requirements provided for in such part and multiple media displays shall not be considered in regard to the spacing requirements provided for in Code Section 32-6-75 as to the placement of any multiple message sign."

SECTION 4.

Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules of the road, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-6-53.1.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'commercial motor vehicle restricted highway' means the portion of a highway designated by the Department of Transportation as a scenic highway that spans more than one county and that has upon it installed by such department fixed gates in order to prohibit the entrance and operation of motor vehicles upon such highway during hazardous weather conditions.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle equipped with more than six wheels on a commercial motor vehicle restricted highway that has been properly marked pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(c) The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain official traffic-control devices at the entrance of and upon any commercial motor vehicle restricted highway giving notice of the prohibition provided for by this Code section.

(d) Any person that violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $250.00."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-6-181, relating to maximum limits, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Consistent with the provision of engineering and traffic investigations regarding maximum speed limits as provided in Code Section 40-6-182, no person shall drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of the following maximum limits:

(1) Thirty miles per hour in any urban or residential district unless otherwise designated by appropriate signs;

~~(1.1)~~(2) Thirty-five miles per hour on a highway that is an unpaved county road unless

designated otherwise by appropriate signs;

~~(2)~~(3) Seventy miles per hour on a highway ~~on~~ that is part of the federal interstate system and ~~on physically divided highways with full control of access which are outside of an urbanized area of 50,000 population or more~~ highways that are physically divided with full control of access and that are part of the state highway system, provided that such speed limit is designated by appropriate signs;

~~(3) Seventy miles per hour on a highway on the federal interstate system which is inside of an urbanized area of 50,000 population or more, provided that such speed limit is designated by appropriate signs;~~

(4) Sixty-five miles per hour on ~~those sections of physically divided highways without full access control on~~ highways that are physically divided without full control of access and that are part of the state highway system, provided that such speed limit is designated by appropriate signs; and

(5) Fifty-five miles per hour in other locations."

SECTION 6.

Code Section 48-8-78 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to freight and logistics projects defined, use of appropriated funds, lack of funding, and accounting, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) It is the intention of the General Assembly, subject to appropriations, that the funds collected under this article upon the retail purchase, retail sale, rental, storage, use, or consumption of fuel to a contract or common carrier regulated by the United States Surface Transportation Board for use exclusively in the operation of locomotives by such carrier shall be appropriated to the Department of Transportation for use exclusively on freight and logistics projects located on or connected to publicly owned roads. Such appropriation shall be allocated for freight and logistics projects, including administration costs, consistent with the Georgia Freight Railroad Program as established by Code Section 32-2-41.3. Such allocation shall take into consideration the ~~based upon a formula developed by the commissioner of transportation which shall include consideration of~~ total track miles operated within the state by a common carrier and any other factors as determined appropriate by the commissioner."

SECTION 7.

An Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 5-1 to read as follows:

"(b) Part II of this Act, which provides for the regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture, and Part III of this Act, relating to revenue and taxation, shall become effective on January 1, 2026."

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Moore of the 53rd, Strickland of the 17th and others offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Transportation substitute (LC 39 4393S) to HB 516 by:

On line 96 strike "including those on which commercial advertisements are placed"

Insert "used for directional and informational purposes only"

Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Goodman of the 8th, Moore of the 53rd, Cowsert of the 46th and others offered the following amendment #2:
Amend the Senate Committee on Transportation substitute to HB 516 (LC 39 4393S) by inserting on lines 21 and 22 before "to provide for related matters;" *the following:*
to prohibit the use of speed detection devices upon highways in the federal interstate highway system in certain instances;

By inserting between lines 217 *and* 218 *the following:*

SECTION 8.

Code Section 40-14-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permit required for use of speed detection devices, use not authorized where officers paid on fee system, and operation by registered or certified peace officers, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b.1) No county sheriff or law enforcement agency of a county or municipal governing authority shall be authorized to use speed detection devices upon a highway in the federal interstate highway system unless five or more contiguous miles of such highway are within the jurisdiction of the governing authority of such county or municipality."

By renumbering the remaining Sections accordingly.

Senator Summers of the 13th asked unanimous consent that his amendment #1 be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the amendment was withdrawn.

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Brass of the 28th offered the following amendment #2A:

Amend Amendment #2 (AM 39 0414) to HB 516 by:

Striking “five” on line 13 and replace with “one”.

On the adoption of amendment #2A, Senator Robertson of the 29th objected.

On the adoption of amendment #2A, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers
Y Anavitarte
N Anderson, L.
N Anderson, T.
N Beach
Y Bearden
Y Brass
N Burns
N Butler
N Cowsert
N Davenport
N Dixon
N Dolezal
N Echols
N Esteves
N Ginn
N Gooch
N Goodman
N Halpern
Y Harbin
Y Harbison
N Harrell
Y Hatchett
N Hickman
N Hodges
E Hufstetler
N Islam Parkes
E Jackson
N James
N Jones, E.
N Jones, H.
N Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
Lucas
E Mallow
N McLaurin
N Merritt
N Moore
N Orrock
N Parent
Y Payne
Y Rahman
N Rhett
N Robertson
N Seay
N Setzler
N Sims
Y Still
Y Strickland
N Summers
E Tate
N Tillery
E Walker
N Watson, B.
Y Watson, S.
N Williams

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 12, nays 38, and the Anavitarte amendment #2A to amendment #2 was lost.

On the adoption of amendment #2, Senator Bearden of the 30th objected.

On the adoption of amendment #2, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers
N Anavitarte
Y Anderson, L.
N Anderson, T.
N Beach
N Bearden
N Brass
Y Burns
N Butler
Y Cowsert
N Davenport
N Dixon
N Dolezal
Y Echols
N Esteves
Y Harbin
Y Harbison
N Harrell
N Hatchett
Y Hickman
Y Hodges
E Hufstetler
N Islam Parkes
E Jackson
N James
Y Jones, E.
N Jones, H.
N Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
Lucas
N Orrock
N Parent
Y Payne
Y Rahman
N Rhett
Y Robertson
Seay
Y Setzler
Y Sims
N Still
N Strickland
Y Summers
E Tate
Y Tillery
E Walker

Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 25, nays 24, and the Albers amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senator Bearden of the 30th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in adopting amendment #2.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	Y Parent
N Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	N Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
N Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	N Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	E Walker
N Ginn	E Mallow	N Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	N Watson, S.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	N Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 22, nays 27; the motion lost, and the adoption of amendment #2 to the committee substitute to HB 516 was not reconsidered.

Senator Bearden of the 30th asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on HB 516 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Bearden was excused.

Senator Brass of the 28th moved that HB 516 be placed on the Table.

Senator Robertson of the 29th objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	Y Parent
N Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	N Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	N Still
Y Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
N Dixon	Y Jones, H.	N Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	E Walker
N Ginn	E Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	N McLaurin	N Watson, S.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	N Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 20, nays 29; the motion lost, and HB 516 was not placed on the Table.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
E Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	E Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still

Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	N Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	E Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 41, nays 6.

HB 516, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 7:24 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 8:10 p.m.

At 8:11 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:
Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 259. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the superior courts, so as to move the Superior Court of Banks County from the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit; to revise the composition and terms of court of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit; to provide for the composition and terms of court of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 324. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for a victim centered address confidentiality program; to provide for application to such program; to provide for designation of confidential

addresses; to provide for certification of program participants; to provide for renewal and cancellation of certifications; to provide for disclosures; to provide for real property records; to provide for training; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 479. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 496. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ginn of the 47th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 505. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 1st, Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to revise provisions relating to required publication by hospital of certain financial documents on its website; to provide for uniform reporting requirements; to require hospitals to annually provide the Uniform Resource Locator for the webpage containing the financial documents; to provide for increased penalties for noncompliance; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that the remaining bills on the Senate Rules Calendar be placed on the Table. The consent was granted, and HB 158, HB 404, HB 663, HB 872, HB 874, HB 896, HB 1010, HB 1123, HB 1341, and HB 1410 were placed on the Table.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 404. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Williamson of the 112th, Cooper of the 45th, Crawford of the 84th, Oliver of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for a duty of habitability for certain rental agreements; to provide for an exception to such duty; to provide for an exception to landlord tort liability; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice; to provide for a maximum security deposit amount; to provide for expedited evictions for certain criminal activity; to provide for a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The consent was granted, and HB 404 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 404. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Williamson of the 112th, Cooper of the 45th, Crawford of the 84th, Oliver of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for a duty of habitability for certain rental agreements; to provide for an exception to such duty; to provide for an exception to landlord tort liability; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice; to provide for a maximum security deposit amount; to provide for expedited evictions for certain criminal activity; to provide for a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 404:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for a duty of habitability for certain rental agreements; to provide for notice; to provide for a maximum security deposit amount; to provide for a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Safe at Home Act."

SECTION 2.
Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, is amended by revising Code Section 44-7-13, relating to landlord's duties as to repairs and improvements, as follows:

"44-7-13.

(a) The landlord ~~must~~ shall keep the premises in repair~~. He~~ and shall be liable for all substantial improvements placed upon the premises by ~~his~~ such landlord's consent.

(b) Any contract, lease, license, or similar agreement, oral or written, for the use or rental of real property as a dwelling place is deemed to include a provision that the premises is fit for human habitation."

SECTION 3.
Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 44-7-14.1, relating to landlord's duties as to utilities, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'utilities' means cooling, heat, light, and water service."

SECTION 4.
Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"44-7-30.1.

No landlord shall demand or receive a security deposit in an amount that exceeds the equivalent of two months' rent."

SECTION 5.
Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 44-7-50, relating to demand for possession, procedure upon a tenant's refusal, and concurrent issuance of federal lease termination notice, as follows:

"44-7-50.

(a) In all cases when a tenant holds possession of lands or tenements over and beyond

the term for which they were rented or leased to such tenant ~~or fails to pay the rent when it becomes due~~ and in all cases when lands or tenements are held and occupied by any tenant at will or sufferance, whether under contract of rent or not, when the owner of such lands or tenements desires possession of such lands or tenements, such owner may, individually or by an agent, attorney ~~in fact~~ at law, or attorney ~~at law~~ in fact, demand the possession of the property so rented, leased, held, or occupied. If the tenant refuses or fails to deliver possession when so demanded, the owner or the agent, attorney at law, or attorney in fact of such owner may immediately go before the judge of the superior court, the judge of the state court, or the clerk or deputy clerk of either court, or the judge or the clerk or deputy clerk of any other court with jurisdiction over the subject matter, or a magistrate in the district where the land lies and make an affidavit under oath to the facts. ~~The~~ Such affidavit may likewise be made before a notary public.

(b) If issued by a public housing authority, the demand for possession required by subsection (a) or (c) of this Code section may be provided concurrently with the federally required notice of lease termination in a separate writing.

(c) In all cases when a tenant fails to pay the rent, late fees, utilities, or other charges owed to the landlord when it becomes due, if the tenant refuses to pay the amount due or fails to deliver possession when so demanded after being provided with a notice to vacate or pay all past due rent, late fees, utilities, and other charges owed to the landlord within three business days, the owner or the agent, attorney at law, or attorney in fact of such owner may immediately go before the judge of the superior court, the judge of the state court, or the clerk or deputy clerk of either court, or the judge or the clerk or deputy clerk of any other court with jurisdiction over the subject matter, or a magistrate in the district where the land lies and make an affidavit under oath to the facts. Such affidavit may likewise be made before a notary public.

(d) The demand for possession notice under subsection (a) of this Code section or the three-day notice to vacate or pay under subsection (c) of this Code section shall be posted in a sealed envelope conspicuously on the door of the property and delivered via any additional method or methods agreed upon in the rental agreement."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall apply to residential lease agreements that are entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2024.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 2.

HB 404, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/21/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 404. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Merritt of the 9th

Senator Hatchett of the 50th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 663. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Smith of the 138th, Pirkle of the 169th, Jones of the 25th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care

facilities, so as to establish certain rights of minors and adults admitted to hospitals; to provide for definitions; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to limit or restrict visitation in certain circumstances; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to require visitors to wear personal protective equipment; to provide for statutory construction; to provide that certain rights may not be waived or terminated; to require hospitals and long-term care facilities to post certain information on their websites; to prohibit certain actions by state agencies against hospitals and long-term care facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The consent was granted, and HB 663 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 663. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Smith of the 138th, Pirkle of the 169th, Jones of the 25th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to establish certain rights of minors and adults admitted to hospitals; to provide for definitions; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to limit or restrict visitation in certain circumstances; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to require visitors to wear personal protective equipment; to provide for statutory construction; to provide that certain rights may not be waived or terminated; to require hospitals and long-term care facilities to post certain information on their websites; to prohibit certain actions by state agencies against hospitals and long-term care facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 663:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to establish

certain rights of minors and adults admitted to hospitals and long-term care facilities; to provide for definitions; to authorize designated essential caregivers; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to require designated essential caregivers and visitors to wear personal protective equipment; to provide for statutory construction; to provide that certain rights may not be waived or terminated; to require hospitals and long-term care facilities to post certain information on their websites; to prohibit certain actions by state agencies against hospitals and long-term care facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "No Patient Left Alone Act."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 16

31-7-430.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Designated essential caregiver' means a person who is age 18 years old or older and who has been designated by a patient or resident who is an adult, or by a parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis for a patient or resident who is a minor, to assist with such patient's or resident's personal needs and activities and to support the health, healthcare, long-term care, and overall well-being of such patient or resident. Unless otherwise designated by an adult patient or resident, such designated essential caregiver shall be the person authorized and empowered to act on behalf of the patient or resident pursuant to Code Section 31-9-2.

(2) 'Hospital' means a hospital licensed pursuant to this chapter.

(3) 'Long-term care facility' means a skilled nursing home, intermediate care home, personal care home, assisted living community, community living arrangement, or inpatient hospice facility licensed or permitted to operate pursuant to this chapter.

(4) 'Visitor' means any individual authorized by an adult patient, resident, or designated essential caregiver of such patient or resident to have access to in-person visitation in a hospital or long-term care facility with such patient or resident.

31-7-431.

(a) A minor who is admitted to a hospital or long-term care facility shall have the right to have a parent, guardian, person standing in loco parentis, or other designated essential caregiver who shall be allowed to be physically present at all times while the minor

patient or resident is in such hospital or long-term care facility. Such parent, guardian, person standing in loco parentis, or other designated essential caregiver shall be required to comply with all hospital or long-term care facility policies, rules of conduct, and reasonable safety protocols, including wearing personal protective equipment provided by the hospital or long-term care facility.

(b) An adult who is admitted to a hospital or long-term care facility shall have the right to have a designated essential caregiver who shall be allowed to be physically present at all times while the adult patient or resident is in such hospital or long-term care facility. Such designated essential caregiver shall be required to comply with all hospital or long-term care facility policies, rules of conduct, and reasonable safety protocols, including wearing personal protective equipment provided by the hospital or long-term care facility.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a hospital or long-term care facility to allow a designated essential caregiver to enter an operating room, isolation room, isolation unit, behavioral health setting, or other typically restricted area or to remain present during the administration of emergency care. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a hospital or long-term care facility to allow a designated essential caregiver access beyond the rooms, units, or wards in which the patient or resident is receiving care or residing, beyond general common areas in the hospital or long-term care facility, or in areas of the hospital or long-term care facility where the presence of unauthorized persons may be a safety or security risk.

(d) A hospital or long-term care facility may suspend or terminate the access of a designated essential caregiver:

(1) Upon the request of the adult patient or resident;

(2) For noncompliance with hospital or long-term care facility policy;

(3) For failure to comply with reasonable safety protocols or rules of conduct;

(4) If the designated essential caregiver presents a substantial health or safety risk to the patient, other patients or residents, visitors, or staff;

(5) To any patient or resident who is under the custody of a law enforcement agency or a correctional institution; or

(6) Upon court order.

31-7-432.

(a) A hospital or long-term care facility may establish visitation policies that limit or restrict visitation of any visitor when:

(1) The presence of visitors would be medically or therapeutically contraindicated in the best clinical judgment of healthcare professionals;

(2) The presence of visitors would interfere with the care of or rights of any patient or resident;

(3) Visitors are engaging in disruptive, threatening, or violent behavior toward any staff member, patient or resident, other visitor, or other individual authorized to be on the property of the hospital or long-term care facility;

(4) Visitors are noncompliant with hospital or long-term care facility policy; or

(5) The patient or resident is under the custody of a law enforcement agency or a correctional institution.

(b) A hospital or long-term care facility may require visitors to wear personal protective equipment, provided that any such required equipment shall be provided by the hospital or long-term care facility. A hospital or long-term care facility may require visitors to comply with reasonable safety protocols and rules of conduct. The hospital or long-term care facility may revoke visitation rights for failure to comply with this subsection or any policies established pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a hospital or long-term care facility to allow a visitor to enter an operating room, isolation room, isolation unit, behavioral health setting, or other typically restricted area or to remain present during the administration of emergency care in critical situations. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a hospital or long-term care facility to allow a visitor access beyond the rooms, units, or wards in which the patient or resident such visitor is visiting is receiving care or beyond general common areas in the hospital or long-term care facility.

31-7-433.

(a) Except as otherwise provided for in this article, the rights specified in this article may not be terminated, suspended, or waived by the hospital or long-term care facility, the Department of Public Health, or any governmental entity, notwithstanding declarations of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to law. No hospital or long-term care facility shall require a patient or resident to waive the rights specified in this article.

(b) The provisions of this article shall be construed to comply with the requirements of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for hospitals and long-term care facilities to participate in and receive payment through the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

31-7-434.

Each hospital and long-term care facility shall post on its website informational materials developed by the Department of Community Health explaining the rights specified in this article. The Department of Community Health shall develop such informational materials and shall make such materials available to hospitals and long-term care facilities for the purposes of this Code section.

31-7-435.

Unless expressly required by federal law or regulation, the Department of Public Health and any other state agency shall be prohibited from taking any action against a hospital or long-term care facility for:

(1) Giving a visitor or designated essential caregiver individual access to a hospital or long-term care facility controlled property or location;

(2) Gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm excepted, failing to protect or otherwise ensure the safety

or comfort of a visitor or designated essential caregiver given access to a hospital or long-term care facility controlled property or location;
(3) Failing to follow the guidelines of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or other federal guidelines that require or recommend restricting visitor or designated essential caregiver access; or
(4) The acts or omissions of any visitor or designated essential caregiver who is given access to a hospital or long-term care facility controlled property or location."

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Echols of the 49th asked unanimous consent that Senator Payne of the 54th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Payne was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

Senator Orrock of the 36th asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker

Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 663, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 1010. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Dempsey of the 13th, Silcox of the 53rd, Ballard of the 147th, Daniel of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel administration relative to public officers and employees, so as to increase the number of hours permitted for paid parental leave; to specify that individuals employed full time by local education agencies are eligible employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The consent was granted, and HB 1010 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 1010. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Dempsey of the 13th, Silcox of the 53rd, Ballard of the 147th, Daniel of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel administration relative to public officers and employees, so as to increase the number of hours permitted for paid parental leave; to specify that individuals employed full time by local education agencies are eligible employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The Senate Committee on Children and Families offered the following substitute to HB 1010:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel administration relative to public officers and employees, so as to increase the number of hours permitted for paid parental leave; to specify that individuals employed full time by local education agencies are eligible employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel administration relative to public officers and employees, is amended in Code Section 45-20-17, relating to parental leave and requirements for implementation, by revising subsections (a) and (c) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Eligible employee' means:

(A) Any individual identified in subparagraph (A), (E), (F), (G), or (L) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 45-18-1 who is classified as full-time by the applicable state employing entity; or

(B) Any individual identified in paragraph (4) of Code Section 20-2-880 or paragraph (3) of Code Section 20-2-910 who is classified as full-time by the applicable local ~~board of~~ education agency.

(2) 'Employing entity' means:

(A) The executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government; or

(B) A local ~~board of~~ education agency.

(3) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 20-2-167.1.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Qualifying life event' means:

(A) The birth of a child of an eligible employee;

(B) The placement of a minor child for adoption with an eligible employee; or

(C) The placement of a minor child for foster care with an eligible employee."

"(c) The maximum amount of paid parental leave that may be taken by an eligible employee during a rolling 12 month period is ~~120~~ 240 hours, regardless of the number of qualifying life events that occur within such period. The rolling 12 month period shall be measured backward from the date an eligible employee first uses parental leave. Such leave may be used as needed and may be taken in increments of less than eight hours. Any such leave that remains 12 months after the qualifying life event shall not carry over for future use."

"(i) The employing entity shall provide notice of the benefits provided under this Code section to each eligible employee upon hiring and annually thereafter."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
N Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 42, nays 6.

HB 1010, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 1410. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Frye of the 122nd and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing generally, so as to establish a stable

housing accountability program; to provide for an application process and minimum standards; to provide for the use of certain funds; to provide for disbursements; to require contracts and assurances; to revise means of appointment to the commission; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for a performance audit by the state auditor on public spending on homeless programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The consent was granted, and HB 1410 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 1410. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Frye of the 122nd and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing generally, so as to establish a stable housing accountability program; to provide for an application process and minimum standards; to provide for the use of certain funds; to provide for disbursements; to require contracts and assurances; to revise means of appointment to the commission; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for a performance audit by the state auditor on public spending on homeless programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to HB 1410:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing generally, so as to establish a stable housing accountability program; to provide for an application process and minimum standards; to provide for the use of certain funds; to provide for disbursements; to require contracts and assurances; to revise means of appointment to the commission; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for a

performance audit by the state auditor on stable housing accountability programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing generally, is amended by revising Article 5, relating to the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless, as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

8-3-300.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Act.'

8-3-301.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Commission' means the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission created in Code Section 8-3-306.

(2) 'Homeless' means persons and families who have no access to or can reasonably be expected not to have access to either traditional or permanent housing which can be considered safe, sanitary, decent, and affordable.

(3) 'Low-income persons' means persons or families who lack the income necessary, as determined solely by the commission, to enable them, without financial assistance, to secure safe, sanitary, decent, and affordable housing.

(4) 'Member' means a member appointed to serve on the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission.

(5) 'Qualified sponsor' means a nonprofit, for profit, or governmental sponsor of a residential housing project or stable housing accountability program that meets the conditions of this article. Such term shall specifically include, but shall not be limited to, local housing authorities established under Article 1 of this chapter and urban residential finance authorities established under Chapter 41 of Title 36.

(6) 'Residential housing project' means a program designed to enhance residential housing opportunities for low-income persons. Such projects shall include, but ~~are~~ shall not be limited to, financing in whole or in part the acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement, or construction of residential rental housing and interest rate or down payment assistance programs designed to enhance home ownership opportunities.

(7) 'Stable housing accountability program' means a program for housing stable housing accountability program participants that is certified by the commission as meeting the terms and conditions established under Code Section 8-3-311.

(8) 'Stable housing accountability program participants' means each individual together with his or her immediate family, if any, provided that:

(A) Their primary nighttime residence is in a public or private place that is not designed for or ordinarily used as a long-term or medium-term sleeping accommodation for natural persons, and such nighttime residences shall include, but shall not be limited to, a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or campground;

(B) Their primary nighttime residence is in a public or private charitable shelter for unhoused individuals that is not designed as a permanent or semipermanent dwelling place and they are leaving an institution where he or she has temporarily resided; or

(C) They:

(i) Will imminently lose their housing, including housing he or she owns, rents, lives in without paying rent, or is sharing with others, and rooms in hotels or motels not paid for by a governmental program for low-income persons or by charitable organizations, as evidenced by:

(I) A court order resulting from an eviction action that notifies the individual that he or she must leave within 30 days;

(II) Such individual having a primary nighttime residence that is a room in a hotel or motel and lacking the resources necessary to reside there for more than 14 days;

(III) Credible indications that the owner or renter of such housing will not allow such individual to stay for more than 30 days; or

(IV) Any oral statement from an individual seeking homeless assistance that is found to be credible;

(ii) Have no subsequent residence identified; and

(iii) Lack the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.

~~(7)~~(9) 'Trust fund' means the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless created in Code Section 8-3-302.

8-3-302.

The State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless is created as a separate fund in the state treasury. The fund shall be expended only as provided in this article.

8-3-303.

The state treasurer shall credit to the trust fund all amounts appropriated or otherwise donated to such trust fund. All funds appropriated to or otherwise paid or credited to the trust fund shall be presumptively concluded to have been committed to the purpose for which they have been appropriated or paid and shall not lapse. All funds appropriated, donated, or otherwise received for the specific purpose of the stable housing accountability programs shall be used exclusively for such programs.

8-3-304.

The state treasurer shall invest trust fund money in the same manner in which state funds are invested as authorized by the State Depository Board pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 50.

8-3-305.

The Office of the State Treasurer shall be authorized to draw a warrant or warrants upon the trust fund upon receipt of an order for payment of the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission, which order for payment has been approved by the Governor.

8-3-306.

(a)(1) There is established the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission which shall consist of nine members. Two of the nine members shall be the commissioner of community affairs, or his or her designee, and either the chairperson of the Board of Community Affairs or a member of the Board of Community Affairs designated by the chairperson. The Governor shall appoint three of the public members and the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint two of the ~~remaining seven~~ public members. The public members shall be knowledgeable in the area of housing and, to the extent practicable, shall represent diverse housing concerns.

(2) Public members shall serve for a term of four years except that initial appointments shall be staggered as follows: three of the appointees shall serve an initial term of four years and four of the appointees shall serve an initial term of two years. Public members shall continue in office until their successors have been appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy in the office of a public member by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall appoint a successor to serve the balance of the unexpired term.

(3) Membership on the commission does not constitute public office, and no member shall be disqualified from holding public office by reason of his or her membership.

(b) The commission shall elect a chairperson who shall serve in that position for a term of two years. The commission shall elect such other officers and appoint committees as it deems appropriate.

(c) The commission shall hire no staff but shall contract with the Department of Community Affairs for professional, technical, and clerical support from the Department of Community Affairs as required. In the event that the Department of Community Affairs is unable to provide the professional, technical, or clerical services required, the commission may hire outside consultants on a specified project basis.

(d) Any and all appropriations made to the trust fund pursuant to the general appropriations Act or the supplemental appropriations Act shall be directed through the Department of Community Affairs. The commission shall submit its budget to and through the Department of Community Affairs.

8-3-307.

Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall receive the same expense allowance per day as that received by a member of the General Assembly for each day such member is in physical attendance at a commission meeting, plus either reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by public carrier or the same mileage allowance for use of a personal car in connection with such attendance as members of the General Assembly receive. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no member

shall receive said expense allowance or travel reimbursement if said member is entitled to receive an expense allowance or travel reimbursement or salary for performance of duties on some other state board, commission, or entity, by whatever name called, for work performed on that day in the same location. Expense allowances and travel reimbursement shall be paid from moneys appropriated or otherwise available to the trust fund.

8-3-308.

The commission shall:

(1) Meet at such times and places as it shall determine necessary or convenient to perform its duties;

(2) Maintain minutes of its meetings;

(3) Adopt rules and regulations for the transaction of its business;

(4) Accept applications for disbursements of available moneys from the trust fund for residential housing projects and stable housing accountability programs in accordance with Code Sections 8-3-310 and 8-3-311; and

(5) Maintain or cause to be maintained records of all expenditures of the commission, all funds received, and all disbursements made.

8-3-309.

The commission may accept federal funds granted by Congress or executive order, appropriations from the General Assembly, and gifts, grants, and donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations for the purposes of residential housing projects. ~~and~~ The commission may also accept appropriations from the General Assembly, federal funds granted by Congress or executive order, and gifts, grants, and donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations for the stable housing accountability programs; provided, however, that in no event shall any such funds be accepted if there are conditions for the use of such funds in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of this article. All funds received in this manner shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the trust fund to be disbursed as other moneys in the trust fund.

8-3-310.

~~(a) The~~ With respect to residential housing projects, the commission may authorize the disbursement of available money from the trust fund for residential housing projects sponsored by a qualified sponsor. The commission may consult, as appropriate, with persons with varied and diverse interests in housing in order to acquaint them with the trust fund and to solicit information relating to housing needs, residential housing projects, and criteria for selection of residential housing projects. The criteria for making such disbursement decisions shall include, but shall not be limited to~~, the following~~:

(1) The number of persons assisted;

(2) The leveraging of money or in-kind services by a qualified sponsor;

(3) The geographic distribution of residential housing projects;

(4) The availability of other forms of assistance; and

(5) Any and all other factors bearing upon the advisability and necessity of the residential housing project.

~~(b) Funds may also be disbursed from the trust fund to pay expenses of the commission, to pay any and all operating expenses, and to pay for professional, technical, and clerical services provided the commission by the Department of Community Affairs or by other outside sources.~~

8-3-311.

(a) With respect to stable housing accountability programs, the commission may authorize the disbursement of available money from the trust fund for any stable housing accountability program sponsored by a qualified sponsor under the terms and conditions of this article.

(b) The commission may consult, as appropriate, with persons with varied and diverse interests in housing in order to acquaint them with the trust fund and to solicit information relating to housing needs, potential stable housing accountability programs, and criteria for selection of stable housing accountability programs.

(c) On or before January 1, 2025, the commission shall develop an application process for qualified sponsors to apply for funding to operate a stable housing accountability program.

(d) On or before January 1, 2025, the commission shall publish uniform state-wide minimum standards for a stable housing accountability program. At minimum, to be certified as a stable housing accountability program, the program shall:

(1) Provide voluntary, immediate, and stable housing to stable housing accountability program participants;

(2) Limit the length of total residence for any person to 18 months or whenever the tenant who was the qualifying resident is able to obtain or is offered affordable housing, whichever is earlier;

(3) Provide ongoing assistance to each resident for obtaining long-term affordable housing;

(4) Require residents to be removed from the program if they fail to meet specified accountability measures, including sustaining an honest, good-faith effort to achieve or maintain sobriety from drugs and alcohol;

(5) Conduct regular inspections of common areas and residential units; and

(6) Require qualifying residents:

(A) To show proof of U.S. citizenship and execute an affidavit verifying continuous residency in this state for the previous 12 months;

(B) To participate in free and relevant job training and educational opportunities until such resident obtains stable employment;

(C) To engage in an active search and apply for stable employment;

(D) Who obtain stable employment to maintain such employment status as long as stable employment is available to them;

(E) To participate in counseling, mental heath care, and substance abuse treatment

programs, as necessary;

(F) To submit to regular drug and alcohol testing;

(G) To abstain from criminal activity;

(H) Who have minor children to ensure that such children receive adequate nutrition, health care, and education; and

(I) To submit to regular review of compliance with applicable terms and conditions provided for in this Code section for stable housing accountability programs.

(e) The criteria for approving an application shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) The total number of stable housing accountability program participants who are likely to receive assistance from the proposed stable housing accountability program;

(2) The ability of the applicant to leverage their own or other available money or in-kind services for the benefit of the proposed stable housing accountability program;

(3) The geographic distribution of existing stable housing accountability programs;

(4) The quality of the various forms of assistance to be offered to residents of the proposed stable housing accountability program;

(5) The likelihood that the qualified sponsor will successfully fulfill the terms and conditions set forth in this article and the contract between the commission and the qualified sponsor; and

(6) Any and all other factors bearing upon the advisability and necessity of the proposed stable housing accountability program.

(f) On or before January 1, 2025, the application process, minimum standards, approval criteria, and available funding for transitional housing projects shall be published and maintained on the website of the commission, which shall be hosted on the public website of the Department of Community Affairs.

(g) No funds shall be disbursed to a qualified sponsor until a contract is signed for the provision of the approved stable housing accountability program. Each contract shall require financial assurance from the qualified sponsor for full compliance with the contract.

8-3-312.

Funds may be disbursed from the trust fund to pay expenses of the commission, to pay any and all operating expenses, and to pay for professional, technical, and clerical services provided the commission by the Department of Community Affairs or by other outside sources.

~~8-3-311~~ 8-3-313.

(a) The commission shall have the power to hold title to any residential housing project or stable housing accountability program financed by it, but it shall not be required to do so.

(b) The commission shall have the power to foreclose on any mortgage or security interest in default and to commence any action to protect or enforce any right conferred upon it by any law, mortgage, security agreement, deed of trust, deed to secure debt, contract, or other agreement; to bid for and purchase property which was the subject of

such mortgage or security interest at any foreclosure or at any other sale; to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure; to acquire or take possession of such property; and to exercise any and all rights as provided by law or contract for the benefit or protection of the commission."

SECTION 2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 6, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Audits and Accounts, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-6-11.

The state auditor shall conduct a performance audit of all expenditures from the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless for stable housing accountability programs funded pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 8. The audit shall examine the awarding of contracts and grants relating to such programs, the metrics used to determine success of the expenditures, and whether the metrics are met by the contractors and grantees. The audit shall be provided to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than December 31, 2025."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Dolezal	Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery

Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 1.

HB 1410, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 896. By Representatives New of the 64th, Lott of the 131st, Gullett of the 19th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to divorce, so as to provide for a process by which individuals may change their married surname to a prior surname or the given surname on their birth certificate following a divorce; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Anavitarte of the 31st.

The consent was granted, and HB 896 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 896. By Representatives New of the 64th, Lott of the 131st, Gullett of the 19th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to divorce, so as to provide for a process by which individuals may change their married surname to a prior surname or the given surname on their birth certificate following a divorce; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Anavitarte of the 31st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 896, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Watson of the 1st asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 874. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Greene of the 154th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to require automated external defibrillators in all schools; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of emergency action plans to address a person in cardiac arrest; to provide for internal response teams; to provide for practice drills; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The consent was granted, and HB 874 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 874. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Greene of the 154th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to require automated external defibrillators in all schools; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of emergency action plans to address a person in cardiac arrest; to provide for internal response teams; to provide for practice drills; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

HB 874, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 259. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and Brass of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the superior courts, so as to move the Superior Court of Banks County from the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit; to revise the composition and terms of court of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit; to provide for the composition and terms of court of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 259:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the superior courts, so as to move the Superior Court of Banks County from the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit; to revise the composition and terms of court of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit; to provide for the composition and terms of court of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit; to provide for the transfer of proceedings and litigations; to provide for intergovernmental agreements regarding costs of the circuits; to provide for staffing; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Effective January 1, 2025, Banks County shall be transferred from the Piedmont Judicial Circuit to the Mountain Judicial Circuit.

SECTION 1-2.

All proceedings and litigations, civil, equitable, and criminal, pending in the Superior Court of Banks County at such time as it was a part of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit, including all complaints, pleadings, petitions, indictments, special presentments, summonses, processes, motions, writs, and mesne and final proceedings, together with all books and

records of any kind or character belonging to or issued, returnable, filed, pending, or commenced in such county, shall relate to, become a part of, and be transferred to the Mountain Judicial Circuit and its jurisdiction.

SECTION 1-3.

The county governing authorities of the newly constituted Mountain Judicial Circuit and the newly constituted Piedmont Judicial Circuit shall no later than December 31, 2024, enter into such intergovernmental agreements as may be appropriate concerning the matter of allocation of costs and expenses of operation of each respective judicial circuit. Such costs and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, circuit-wide costs and expenditures; supplements to salaries and expenses of judges and district attorneys; transfer of any amounts, as appropriate, held pursuant to Code Section 15-23-7; transfer of any amounts; as appropriate, secured pursuant to condemnation or forfeiture actions from criminal cases that originated from a violation of law in Banks County; and retirement costs.

SECTION 1-4.

All staffing for all judicial circuits referenced herein shall be governed pursuant to Code Section 15-18-28.

PART II

SECTION 2-1.

Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, is amended by revising paragraphs (25) and (32) of Code Section 15-6-1, relating to composition of judicial circuits, as follows:

"(25) Mountain Judicial Circuit, composed of the Counties of Banks, Habersham, Rabun, and Stephens;"

"(32) Piedmont Judicial Circuit, composed of the Counties of Barrow~~,~~ and Jackson~~, and Banks~~;"

SECTION 2-2.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraphs (25) and (32) of Code Section 15-6-3, relating to terms of court, as follows:

"(25) **Mountain Circuit:**

(A) Banks County — January 1 and July 1.

~~(A)~~(B) Habersham County — January 1 and July 1.

~~(B)~~(C) Rabun County — January 1 and July 1.

~~(C)~~(D) Stephens County — January 1 and July 1."

"~~(5)~~(32) **Piedmont Circuit:**

(A) ~~Banks County — First Monday in February and August; and there shall be a grand jury for each term, but the grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled in the first day of each term.~~

~~(B)~~ Barrow County — First Monday in February and August; and there shall be a grand jury for each term, but the grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled in

the first day of each term.

~~(C)~~(B) Jackson County — First Monday in February and August; and there shall be a grand jury for each term, but the grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled in the first day of each term."

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

Part I of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval for the purpose of facilitating the preparation and execution of intergovernmental agreements pursuant to Section 1-3 of such part. This Act shall otherwise become effective on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Mallow of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mallow was excused.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 259.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 259.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in agreeing to the House substitute to SB 259.

On the motion to reconsider, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	N Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	N Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
N Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 17; the motion prevailed, and the motion to agree to the House substitute to SB 259 was reconsidered.

On the reconsidered motion that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 259, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims

Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 259 upon reconsideration.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 496. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ginn of the 47th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 496:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to extend the sunset date for the tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to expand the criteria for historic homes to qualify for such credits; to extend a provision for an automatic repeal; to extend the sunset date for the revitalization zone tax credits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to

the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a), paragraph (3) of subsection (c), and subsection (n) of Code Section 48-7-29.8, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures and conditions, and limitations, as follows:

"(2) 'Certified structure' means a historic building or structure that is located within a national historic district, individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, individually listed in the Georgia Register of Historic Places, or is certified by the Department of Community Affairs as contributing to the historic significance of a Georgia Register Historic District; provided, however, that on and after January 1, 2026, such term, as it relates to historic homes, means a historic building or structure that is certified by the Department of Community Affairs as contributing to the historic significance of a listed National Register Historic District, individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is certified by the Department of Community Affairs as contributing to the historic significance of a listed Georgia Register Historic District, individually listed in the Georgia Register of Historic Places, or designated as a historic property or contributing to a district under local law and certified by the Department of Community Affairs as meeting National Register criteria."

"(3)(A) ~~Prior to January 1, 2022, in no event shall credits issued under this Code section for projects earning more than $300,000.00 in credits exceed in the aggregate $25 million per calendar year.~~

~~(B) For calendar year 2022, in no event shall credits issued under this Code section exceed $5 million in aggregate for all projects earning $300,000.00 or less, or $25 million in aggregate for all projects earning more than $300,000.00.~~

~~(C) For calendar years 2023 and 2024, in~~ In no event shall credits issued under this Code section for historic homes exceed $5 million in aggregate per year. ~~On and after January 1, 2025, no credits shall be issued under this Code section for historic homes.~~

~~(D)~~(B) ~~For calendar years 2023 through 2027, in~~ In no event shall credits issued under this Code section for certified structures other than historic homes exceed $30 million in aggregate per year.

~~(E)~~(C) On and after January 1, ~~2028~~ 2030, in no event shall credits be issued under this Code section."

"(n) This Code section shall stand repealed and reserved by operation of law on December 31, ~~2027~~ 2029."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (i) of Code Section 48-7-40.32, relating to revitalization zone tax credits, as follows:

"(i) This Code section shall stand automatically repealed and reserved on December 31, 2032 ~~2027, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly prior to such date~~."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Burns of the 23rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 496.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 46, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 496.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 436. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1B of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of farm use vehicles, so as to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 436:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1B of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of farm use vehicles, so as to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1B of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of farm use vehicles, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-308, relating to operation of farm tractors upon certain highways and yielding of right of way, as follows:

"40-6-308.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Farm tractor' means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement, for drawing plows, mowing machines, and other implements of husbandry.

(2) 'Implement of husbandry' means every device, whether it is self-propelled or not, designed and adapted so as to be used ~~exclusively~~ primarily for agricultural, horticultural, or livestock-raising operations or for lifting or carrying an implement of husbandry and, in either case, not subject to registration if operated upon the highways.

(3) 'Operator' means any individual lawfully operating a farm tractor or implement of husbandry.

(b) Farm tractors, except trailers and semitrailers operated in accordance with statutory limits or provisions of Code Sections 32-6-24 and 40-8-50, shall not be permitted to travel upon any highway in this state which is a part of The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways, provided that the Department of Public Safety shall have the authority to permit such travel in certain geographic areas of the state as deemed necessary. Farm tractors or implements of husbandry may be operated on any ~~state or local roadway~~ highway in this state if the operator complies with Code Section 40-8-4 and has taken reasonable steps to reduce the width of the farm tractor or implement of husbandry as provided for by the manufacturer. Whenever the width of a farm tractor or implement of husbandry exceeds the width of that portion of a roadway on which the farm tractor or implement of husbandry is driven, which is marked as a single lane of traffic, or, if the roadway has not been marked for lanes of traffic and the width of the farm tractor or implement of husbandry exceeds more than 50 percent of the width of the roadway, the operator shall move the farm tractor or implement of husbandry, as soon as possible, as far to the right-hand side of the roadway as is practicable and safe upon approach of any oncoming or following vehicle and upon approaching the crest of a hill.

(c) Upon the immediate approach of a farm tractor or implement of husbandry which cannot be moved by the operator thereof to the far right-hand side of the roadway in

compliance with subsection (b) of this Code section, due to the existence of any bridge or guardrail, sign, or any other physical impediment which would not safely allow such tractor or implement of husbandry to travel on the far right-hand side of the road, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately pull over to the far right-hand side of the road and remain in such position until the farm tractor or implement of husbandry has passed.

(d) This Code section shall not operate to relieve any operator of a farm tractor or implement of husbandry from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the roadway."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Watson of the 11th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 436.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	E Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	E Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	E Mallow	Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 436.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Thirty-ninth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee:

SB 588. By Senator Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to shorten the time between advertisement and sale of abandoned property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SR 836. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Goodman of the 8th, Burns of the 23rd, Strickland of the 17th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of Energy to ensure the feasibility of tankless water heaters; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SR 844. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Department of Insurance and the State Fire Marshal to enforce the International Fire Code and urging building owners and developers to install communication enhancement systems in all buildings in this state to allow for two-way communications of first responders responding to emergencies; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SR 845. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Orrock of the 36th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging members of the United States Congress to enact federal legislation granting statehood to the people of Washington, D.C.; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

SR 847. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Payne of the 54th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Universal Design Incorporation Within State Buildings; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 848. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals upon its 40th year anniversary; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

SR 852. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bishop Anthony Olusesan Samaye; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Urban Affairs.

SR 853. By Senators Rahman of the 5th and Jones II of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Country of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Association of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate Rule 3-3.1 (a) to allow for the reading and assignment of appointments requiring Senate confirmation. There

was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO JUDICIAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND COMMISSION

Georgia law provides that the members appointed to the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission "be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, I am notifying the Senate that the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia has submitted the names of the following appointments for confirmation by the Senate:

- Speaker of the House Jon Burns appointed **Robert "Bobby" Marshall Kutchey, III** on July 24, 2023.
- Former Chief Justice David Nahmias appointed **Judge Todd Markle** of the Court of Appeals on July 1, 2022.
- Governor Brian Kemp appointed Deputy Executive Counsel **Evan Meyers** on June 29, 2022.
- Former Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan appointed then General Counsel **Regina Quick** on August 15, 2022.
- Former Council of Superior Court Judges President Judge Arthur Lee Smith, III appointed **Judge Robert Chasteen** of the Cordele Judicial Circuit effective on July 1, 2022.

Pursuant to Senate Rules, these appointments will be referred to the Committee on Assignments. The Committee on Assignments will report its recommendation on the appointments to the Senate after which the Senate may proceed to consider confirmation.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, all appointments were referred to the Committee on Assignments.

The President recognized Shelley Wynter and his wife.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 1478. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Beverly of the 143rd, Williams of the 148th, Dickey of the 145th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Mid-State Energy Authority as an institution performing an essential governmental function; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for members of the Authority and meetings; to provide for powers of the Authority; to provide that the Authority replaces the Commission; to provide for tort immunity; to provide contracting requirements; to provide for supplemental powers; to deny taxing powers; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1487. By Representatives Collins of the 71st, Smith of the 70th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Smith of the 18th and New of the 64th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Villa Rica, approved May 8, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3869), so as to provide that the mayor shall appoint and remove the city manager; to provide for the city council to override such actions with a supermajority vote; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1488. By Representatives McDonald of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize Forsyth County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to define an area

where such powers may be exercised; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1489. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Corbett of the 174th and Knight of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Camden County Spaceport Authority, approved May 6, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 3952); to provide for assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1494. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended, so as to revise provisions regarding the mayor and the mayor pro tempore and organizational meetings of the city council; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1495. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandersville, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4823), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3733), so as to revise the powers of the mayor; to restate provisions related to the mayor pro tempore; to provide for a council-manager form of government; to provide for the selection, qualifications, and duties of the city manager; to update and restate provisions related to the administration of the city government; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1496. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Oconee

County; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal a local constitutional amendment proposed by a certain resolution act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1500. By Representative Wilkerson of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Powder Springs, approved March 13, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2760), as amended, so as to adopt by reference a certain map to update the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1501. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Roswell Public Facilities Authority; to provide for a short title and legislative findings; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership and the appointment of members of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, and compensation; to provide for charges; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemptions and exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for supplemental powers; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1502. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, New of the 64th, Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Paulding County Airport Authority, approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3645), so as to revise the membership of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1503. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Cartersville and Bartow County, Georgia, approved February 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2270), so as to provide for additional members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 1504. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 74th, Dickey of the 145th, Crowe of the 118th, Knight of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create and establish the Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority, a new regional airport authority in and for the County of Spalding, the City of Griffin, the County of Butts, the County of Lamar, the County of Pike, and the County of Monroe; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1243	Do Pass	HB 1246	Do Pass
HB 1427	Do Pass	HB 1465	Do Pass
HB 1469	Do Pass	HB 1475	Do Pass
HB 1476	Do Pass	HB 1477	Do Pass
HB 1479	Do Pass	HB 1480	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Orrock
Anavitarte	Harbison	Parent
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Payne
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Rahman
Beach	Hickman	Rhett
Bearden	Hodges	Robertson
Brass	Hufstetler	Seay
Burns	Islam Parkes	Setzler
Butler	James	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E.	Still
Davenport	Jones, H.	Strickland
Dixon	Kennedy	Summers
Dolezal	Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Echols	Lucas	Walker
Esteves	Mallow	Watson, B.
Ginn	McLaurin	Watson, S.
Gooch	Merritt	Williams
Goodman	Moore	

Not answering were Senators:

Jackson (Excused)	Tate (Excused)	Halpern

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Moore of the 53rd introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Bryant Collier of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Halpern of the 39th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Delphanie Head, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Jones of the 10th recognized Senator Seay of the 34th, commended by SR 775, adopted previously. Senator Seay of the 34th gave her farewell address to the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 571. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandersville, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4823), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3733), so as to revise the powers of the mayor; to restate provisions related to the mayor pro tempore; to provide for a council-manager form of government; to provide for the selection, qualifications, and duties of the city manager; to update and restate provisions related to the administration of the city government; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 572. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

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

SB 573. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

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

SB 577. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Anderson of the 43rd and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5059), so as to provide for landlords to remove personal property following execution of writs of possession within seven days of such execution; to authorize the marshal to remove such property after 14 days; to authorize the marshal to

appoint ex-officio assistants to the marshal; to provide for the collection of costs associated with such removal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 832. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Robert Stebbins, John Rudert, and Woodcraft of Atlanta for their historic contribution to the Georgia Senate; and for other purposes.

SR 833. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Senator Horacena Tate and the late former Senator Horace Tate for their outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 834. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2, 2024, as "A Day of Nonviolence"; and for other purposes.

SR 835. By Senators Bearden of the 30th and Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Coach Paul Fitz-Simons, the GHSA Class 7A Athletic Director of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 837. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Anderson of the 43rd, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th and Rahman of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Grayson High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the 2024 State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 838. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Anderson of the 43rd, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th and Rahman of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Grayson High School Boys Basketball Team for winning the 2024 State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 839. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Dixon of the 45th, Dolezal of the 27th, Still of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and remembering the life of Danny Jennings; and for other purposes.

SR 840. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Watson of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Scarlett Kay Asbury Tippins; and for other purposes.

SR 841. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Bearden of the 30th, Still of the 48th and Echols of the 49th:

A RESOLUTION commending Midway Elementary School; and for other purposes.

SR 842. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dolezal of the 27th, Harbison of the 15th, Payne of the 54th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Archibald J. Kielly; and for other purposes.

SR 843. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Still of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Commissioner Bruce Thompson's courageous battle against pancreatic cancer; and for other purposes.

SR 846. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing International Women's Day; and for other purposes.

SR 849. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bessie Willingham Tift; and for other purposes.

SR 850. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating Carol Lynne Manross Rhoades; and for other purposes.

SR 851. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Harrell of the 40th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Emily Charlotte Corbitt; and for other purposes.

SR 854. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Beach of the 21st, Watson of the 1st and Anderson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the heroic actions of the Woodward Academy Security Team; and for other purposes.

SR 855. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Dixon of the 45th, Esteves of the 6th, Rhett of the 33rd, Watson of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Georgia's Own Credit Union upon its 90th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 856. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Rockmart High School Wrestling Team for winning the 2024 State Duals and Traditional Championships; and for other purposes.

SR 857. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Rockmart High School Weightlifting Team on its outstanding 2024 season; and for other purposes.

SR 858. By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and celebrating the Women Marines Association's Annual Biennial Convention; and for other purposes.

SR 859. By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Massage Associates of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

SR 860. By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Turner Theological Seminary upon its 130th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 861. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Harbison of the 15th, Summers of the 13th, Bearden of the 30th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending John Callaway; and for other purposes.

SR 862. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Harbison of the 15th, Summers of the 13th, Bearden of the 30th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gretchen Garrett Cleveland; and for other purposes.

The following legislation, favorably reported by the Senate Rules Committee, as listed on the Consent Calendar Expressing the Will of the Senate, was put upon its adoption:

CONSENT CALENDAR EXPRESSING THE WILL OF THE SENATE
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024
THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SR 634	United States Government; oppose further enabling the World Health Organization; urge (RULES-13th)
SR 718	Dr. Indran B. Indrakrishnan Day; recognize February 20, 2024 (RULES-5th)

Senator Parent of the 42nd objected to SR 634, which was on the Consent Calendar Expressing the Will of the Senate.

Pursuant to the objection by Senator Parent of the 42nd, SR 634 was removed from the Consent Calendar Expressing the Will of the Senate and, without objection, recommitted to the Senate Committee on Rules.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the legislation as

reported, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the legislation on the Consent Calendar Expressing the Will of the Senate, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the legislation, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

The legislation on the Consent Calendar Expressing the Will of the Senate, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following legislation, favorably reported by the Senate Rules Committee, as listed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Study Committees, was put upon its adoption:

SENATE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR STUDY COMMITTEES
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024
THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SR 37	Senate Property Owners' Associations, Homeowners' Associations, and Condominium Associations Study Committee; create (RULES-35th)
SR 203	Senate Safe Firearm Storage Study Committee; create (RULES-10th)
SR 251	Senate Rosenwald Schools Study Committee; create (RULES-44th)

SR 476	Senate Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence; create (Substitute) (S&T-56th)
SR 751	Senate Disaster Mitigation and Resilience Study Committee; create (PUB SAF-11th)
SR 786	Senate Advancing Forest Innovation in Georgia Study Committee; create (RULES-18th)

The substitute to the following resolution was put upon its adoption:

*SR 476:

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology offered the following substitute to SR 476:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the Senate Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, artificial intelligence ("AI"), the development of computer systems to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as learning and decision-making, has the potential to spur innovation and transform industry and government; and

WHEREAS, as the science and technology of AI continue to develop, more products and services are utilizing AI in fields such as healthcare, financial services, education, housing, and transportation. Such utilization may ultimately displace certain jobs and fields of employment; and

WHEREAS, there are valid concerns about potential misuse or unintended consequences of AI, especially without the development and implementation of ethical standards that seek to preserve the dignity, autonomy, and self-determination of individuals; and

WHEREAS, in the 2023 legislative session, at least 25 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia introduced AI bills, and 18 states and Puerto Rico adopted resolutions or enacted legislation in this area; and

WHEREAS, it is important that this state establish policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, implementation, utilization, and ongoing assessment of systems that employ AI and are in use by state agencies; and

WHEREAS, promoting responsible innovation, competition, and collaboration in public and private sectors will allow Georgia to be a leader in ensuring that such technology will

advance in a way that enforces the existing consumer protection laws and principles for its citizens, while enacting any additional appropriate safeguards against, fraud, unintended bias, discrimination, infringements on privacy, and other potential harms from AI; and

WHEREAS, it is in best interest of this state and its citizens to examine AI technologies and their current and future use in this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

(1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of nine members to be appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

(A) Six members of the Senate, which shall include the chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology and the Senate Committee on Public Safety;

(B) An instructor at an institution of higher education who has expert knowledge of and experience with AI technology;

(C) An attorney with expert knowledge of and experience with federal and state laws concerning AI; and

(D) A business professional with expert knowledge of and experience with AI technologies and products.

The President of the Senate shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their service on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member

of the committee for more than 12 days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the substitute was adopted.

The reports of the committees, which were favorable to the adoption of the resolutions as reported, were agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolutions on the Senate Consent Calendar for Study Committees, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolutions, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

The resolutions on the Senate Consent Calendar for Study Committees, except SR 476, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were adopted.

SR 476, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Thirty-ninth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 1243

Esteves of the 6th
Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
Rhett of the 33rd
Setzler of the 37th
Tate of the 38th
Albers of the 56th
COBB COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 2, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3675), so as to change the compensation of the clerk of the probate court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1246 Esteves of the 6th
Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
Rhett of the 33rd
Setzler of the 37th
Tate of the 38th
Albers of the 56th
COBB COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4317), so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1427 Walker III of the 20th
DOOLY COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the Board of Education of Dooly County, approved April 6, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2922), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4149), so as to provide for compensation of the members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1454 Esteves of the 6th
McLaurin of the 14th
Beach of the 21st
Brass of the 28th
James of the 35th
Orrock of the 36th
Tate of the 38th
Halpern of the 39th
Still of the 48th
Albers of the 56th
FULTON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, approved December 3, 1880 (Ga. L. 1880-81, p. 508), as amended, so as to provide for compensation of the chairperson and other members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1465 Islam Parkes of the 7th
Merritt of the 9th
Harrell of the 40th
Jackson of the 41st
Dixon of the 45th
Cowsert of the 46th
Still of the 48th
Butler of the 55th
Rahman of the 5th
CITY OF DULUTH IN GWINNETT COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Duluth, Georgia, approved March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3148), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5206), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1469 Setzler of the 37th
CITY OF EMERSON

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Emerson to charge a technology fee; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may be applied; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1475 Strickland of the 17th
Anderson of the 43rd
CITY OF COVINGTON

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Covington, approved May 6, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 4011), so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1476 Dolezal of the 27th
Still of the 48th
FORSYTH COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Forsyth County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures,

conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1477 Strickland of the 17th
Anderson of the 43rd
CITY OF OXFORD

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Oxford, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4195), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1479 Hodges of the 3rd
Goodman of the 8th
WARE COUNTY

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

HB 1480 Esteves of the 6th
McLaurin of the 14th
Beach of the 21st
Brass of the 28th
James of the 35th
Orrock of the 36th
Tate of the 38th
Halpern of the 39th
Still of the 48th
Albers of the 56th
FULTON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the number of members and for the election of members of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 10, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3591), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4203), so as to provide for salaries for the members of such board; to provide an effective date; to repeal

conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

March 26, 2024

I inadvertently voted yes on the Local Consent Calendar. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote no.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to engross HB 82, HB 101, HB 264, HB 581, HB 814, HB 946, HB 971, HB 974, HB 976, HB 977, HB 1021, HB 1182, HB 1207, HR 96, HR 804, and HR 1022, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Lucas of the 26th objected.

Senator Lucas of the 26th called for a division of the question, so as to have a separate vote on the engrossment of each bill.

The Chair ruled that the question would not be divided.

Senator Lucas of the 26th appealed the ruling of the Chair.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
N Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 17; the motion lost, and the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

On the motion to engross, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne

N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 20; the motion prevailed, and HB 82, HB 101, HB 264, HB 581, HB 814, HB 946, HB 971, HB 974, HB 976, HB 977, HB 1021, HB 1182, HB 1207, HR 96, HR 804, and HR 1022 were engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024
THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 206	Local government; creation of Commercial Property Assessed Conservation, Energy, and Resiliency Development Authorities; provide (Substitute) (RULES-47th) Sainz-180th
HB 181	Controlled Substances; mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine are Schedule I; provide (Substitute) (H&HS-28th) Townsend-179th
HB 338	Student Technology Protection Act; enact (Substitute) (ED&Y-45th) Erwin-32nd
HB 1114	Data Analysis for Tort Reform Act; enact (I&L-18th) Wade-9th **RECONSIDERATION**
HB 916	General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 (Substitute) (APPROP-19th) Burns-159th
HB 946	Special district mass transportation sales and use tax; intergovernmental agreements; revise requirements (FIN-49th) Hawkins-27th

HB 992 Houston Judicial Circuit; provide for fourth judge (JUDY-18th) Blackmon-146th

HB 993 Crimes and offenses; grooming a minor for indecent purposes; provide for offense (Substitute) (JUDY-50th) Powell-33rd

HB 1017 Georgia Squatter Reform Act; enact (JUDY-37th) Seabaugh-34th

HB 1018 Georgia Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act; enact (B&FI-13th) Ridley-6th

HB 1104 Quality Basic Education Act; address mental health risks for student athletes (Substitute) (ED&Y-45th) Crawford-84th

HB 1165 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; replace chairperson of the Governor's Office of Children and Families with the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (Substitute) (JUDY-56th) Mainor-56th

HB 994 Torts; negligent operations of a vessel; revise liability (Substitute) (I&L-28th) Powell-33rd

HB 508 Crimes and offenses; orders be served on a respondent within 24 hours of the court's issuance of such order; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-17th) Ballinger-23rd

HB 581 Audits and Accounts, Department of; revise deadlines, selection criteria, and required contents for certain annual economic analyses (Substitute) (FIN-52nd) Blackmon-146th

HR 1022 Local government; option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes when current year assessed value exceeds the inflation rate; provide - CA (Substitute) (FIN-52nd) Camp-135th

HB 220 Property; means of enforcement of condominium and property owners' association instruments, rules, and regulations; provide (Substitute) (JUDY-17th) Leverett-123rd

HB 264 Revenue and taxation; handling of appeals of property tax assessments; revise certain deadlines and procedures (Substitute) (FIN-52nd) Smith-138th

HB 808 Ad valorem tax; increase a statewide exemption for tangible personal property (FIN-56th) Cheokas-151st

RECONSIDERATION

HB 934 Self-service storage facilities; enforcement of unsigned rental agreements under certain circumstances; provide (JUDY-31st) Momtahan-17th

HB 959 Motor vehicles; procedure for passing stationary vehicles on certain highways; provide (Substitute) (PUB SAF-48th) Corbett-174th

HB 974 Secretary of State; establish and maintain a state-wide system for the posting of scanned paper ballots; require (Substitute) (ETHICS-23rd) LaHood-175th

HB 976 Elections; ballots used in optical scan voting systems shall use paper with a visible watermark security feature; provide (Substitute) (ETHICS-23rd) LaHood-175th

HB 977 Elections; number of contests subject to risk-limiting audits; expand (Substitute) (ETHICS-29th) LaHood-175th

HB 1019 Revenue and taxation; statewide homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes; increase (Substitute) (FIN-4th) Reeves-99th

HB 1021 Income tax; increase amount of dependent exemption (FIN-8th) Daniel-117th

HB 1049 Insurance Business Transfer Act; enact (Substitute) (I&L-20th) Williamson-112th

HB 1146 Natural Resources, Department of; EPD to issue water permits to private companies in areas where no public service can be provided within a period of 12 months; require (NR&E-1st) Stephens-164th

HB 1170 Public Health, Department of; require certain state government buildings, courthouses, and university buildings maintain and make accessible opioid antagonists (Substitute) (H&HS-1st) Hawkins-27th

HB 1172 Water rights; public trust doctrine; remove references (JUDY-50th) Burchett-176th

HB 1207 Elections; proofing of ballots by local superintendents in certain races; provide (Substitute) (ETHICS-23rd) Fleming-114th

HB 1409 Torts; mental health care providers; limit liability under certain circumstances (Substitute) (JUDY-17th) Leverett-123rd

HR 302 General Assembly; appropriation of funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements; provide - CA (Substitute) (APPROP-19th) Camp-135th

HB 970 Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholarship; victims of human trafficking are eligible; provide (H ED-4th) Dickey-145th

HB 905 Zoning procedures; provisions authorizing administrative officers to exercise zoning powers; repeal (Substitute) (SLGO(G)-45th) Reeves-99th

HB 814 Income tax credit; certain manufacturing and telecommunications facilities; qualified investment property; revise definition (Substitute) (RULES-51st) Camp-135th

HB 53 State Board of Registration for Foresters; independent state agency; provisions (AG&CA-8th) Corbett-174th

HB 82 Income tax; limit eligibility for rural physician tax credit to physicians who qualify on or before December 31, 2023 (Substitute) (FIN-23rd) Jackson-128th

HB 218 Evidence; sexual assault hearsay for disabled adults and 17 year olds; provide (JUDY-56th) Hilton-48th

HB 231 Prosecuting Attorneys Oversight Commission; create (Substitute) (JUDY-17th) Gullett-19th

HB 279 Insurance; discount for property owners who build a new property that better resists tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events; provide (Substitute) (I&L-29th) Gambill-15th

HB 300 Solar Technology Trust Fund; fund within state treasury; establish (Substitute) (RI&U-46th) Kelley-16th

HB 362 Insurance; benefit provider to disclose certain payments to a treating healthcare provider; provide (I&L-16th) Mathiak-74th

HB 384 Insurance; annual notification by insurers to male insureds of coverage for prostate-specific antigen tests; provide (I&L-28th) Henderson-113th

HB 409 Local government; authorize local authorities to dispose of real property in the same manner as county governing authorities (Substitute) (ED&Y-25th) Daniel-117th

HB 434 Georgia Composite Medical Board; licensing for radiologist assistants; provide (Substitute) (RI&U-56th) Hawkins-27th

HB 451 Public officers and employees; supplemental, illness-specific insurance for certain first responders with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder; require provision (Substitute) (I&L-29th) Seabaugh-34th

HB 500 Crimes and offenses; offense of arson of law enforcement vehicle; provide (JUDY-56th) Silcox-53rd

HB 546 Georgia Pharmacy Practice Act; pharmacy care; revise definition (H&HS-52nd) Jasperse-11th

HB 617 Highways, bridges, and ferries; development and maintenance of a state-wide freight and logistics implementation plan; provide (TRANS-27th) Jasperse-11th

HB 825 Judicial Retirement System; require certain counties to supplement retirement benefits paid to the circuit's superior court judges and district attorneys; require (RET-24th) Fleming-125th

HB 881 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; standards of conduct and rules; provisions (Substitute) (JUDY-31st) Gullett-19th

HB 926 Second Chance Workforce Act; enact (Substitute) (JUDY-46th) Reeves-99th

HB 957 Water, ports and watercraft; penalties for failing to remove abandoned vessel; revise (Substitute) (TRANS-48th) Petrea-166th

HB 971 Firearm Safe Handling and Secure Storage Tax Credit Act; enact (FIN-52nd) Newton-127th

HB 986 Elections; election interference with a deep fake; establish criminal offense (Substitute) (JUDY-56th) Thomas-21st

HB 1048 State symbols; cornbread as official state bread; designate (Substitute) (ED&T-39th) Carpenter-4th

HB 1073 Local government; zoning; repeal additional hearing and notice provisions regarding halfway houses, drug rehabilitation centers, or other facilities for treatment of drug dependency (Substitute) (SLGO(G)-32nd) Washburn-144th

HB 1096 Professional licensing boards; continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; establish (RI&U-13th) Washburn-144th

HB 1182 Income tax; low-income housing tax credits; revise (Substitute) (FIN-52nd) Crowe-118th

HB 1231 Postsecondary education; allow academically successful students to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility (Substitute) (H ED-21st) Holcomb-81st

HB 1253 Community Affairs, Department of; revise composition of governing council for regional commissions (Substitute) (GvtO-24th) Anderson-10th

HB 1260 Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act; enact (Substitute) (RI&U-56th) Gaines-120th

HB 1283 Juvenile code; use of deadly weapon; revise provisions (JUDY-45th) Persinger-119th

HB 1292 Property; clerks of superior courts obtain photographic identification cards of individuals who present deeds or other instruments for recording; require (Substitute) (JUDY-8th) Okoye-102nd

HB 1330 Mableton Development Authority Act; enact (SLGO(G)-33rd) Stoner-40th

HB 1407 Local government; establishing service delivery strategies; revise provisions (Substitute) (SLGO(G)-47th) LaHood-175th

HR 804 Local government; temporary loans are payable from end of calendar year to 12 months of initial funding date; change date - CA (FIN-56th) Martin-49th

HR 854 Keith Jackson Memorial Intersection "Whoa Nellie"; Carroll County; dedicate (Substitute) (TRANS-27th) Huddleston-72nd

HR 1164 Honorable Richard H. Smith Memorial Interchange; Muscogee County; dedicate (TRANS-29th) Hugley-141st

HR 1215	Speaker David E. Ralston Interstate Connector; Fannin County; dedicate (TRANS-51st) Jasperse-11th
HR 1042	Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation; create (Substitute) (APPROP-19th) Leverett-123rd
HR 96	Ad valorem tax; rate reduction for sale or harvest of timber; provide - CA (Substitute) (FIN-19th) Williams-148th
HB 1371	Torts; clarify liability regarding third-party criminal activity; provisions (Substitute) (JUDY-17th) Burchett-176th
HB 906	Tifton Judicial Circuit; provide for a third judge (JUDY-13th) Yearta-152nd
HB 912	Motor vehicles; define multipurpose off-highway vehicle; subclassify for ad valorem tax purposes (TRANS-27th) Anderson-10th
HB 925	Protecting Religious Assembly in States of Emergency (PRAISE) Act; enact (Substitute) (GvtO-31st) Sainz-180th
HB 1274	State veterinary education; student loan forgiveness program; provide limits (H ED-50th) Huddleston-72nd
HB 282	Quality Basic Education Act; minimum course study in career readiness education for students in grades six through twelve; provide (Substitute) (ED&Y-54th) Mainor-56th
HB 505	Crimes and offenses; riot; provide for a felony penalty (Substitute) (JUDY-50th) Cheokas-151st
HB 1218	Wills, trusts and administration of estates; notice to beneficiaries of a testate estate; provide (JUDY-50th) Leverett-123rd
HB 101	Income tax; change certain definitions (Substitute) (FIN-52nd) Crowe-118th

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brass of the 28th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 206. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, LaHood of the 175th, Stephens of the 164th, Taylor of the 173rd, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, so as to provide for the creation of Commercial Property Assessed Conservation, Energy, and Resiliency Development Authorities in certain counties and municipalities; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Ginn of the 47th.

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to HB 206:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to authorize development authorities to provide certain financing for qualifying improvements, including energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, and resiliency improvements; to provide for powers; to provide for financial obligations; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for cities and counties to cooperate with development authorities in financing qualifying improvements by imposing special assessments on qualifying commercial properties; to provide for the collection and lien status of such assessments; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, is amended by redesignating Code Sections 36-62-1 through 36-62-14 as Article 1.

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-62-2.1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Assessment' means a special assessment imposed by a participating local government pursuant to Article 2 of this chapter.

(2) 'Assessment agreement' means an agreement between an authority and a qualifying

property owner in which, among other things, the authority agrees to pay the costs of qualifying improvements and the qualifying property owner voluntarily requests assessments to be imposed by the participating local government on the qualifying property.

(3) 'Assessment financing' means the financing or refinancing of qualifying improvements.

(4) 'Capital provider' means a private entity or its designee, successor, or assign that purchases an obligation of an authority pursuant to this article.

(5) 'Cost of the qualifying improvements' or 'cost of any qualifying improvement' means and includes:

(A) All costs of acquisition (by purchase or otherwise), construction, assembly, installation, modification, renovation, or rehabilitation incurred in connection with any qualifying improvement or any part of any qualifying improvement;

(B) All costs of real property, fixtures, or materials used in or in connection with or necessary for any qualifying improvement or for any facilities related thereto, including, but not limited to, the cost of all easements, rights, improvements, water rights, connections for utility services, fees, franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, and certificates; the cost of securing any such franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, or certificates; and the cost of preparation of any application therefor and the cost of all labor and materials used in or in connection with or necessary for any qualifying improvement;

(C) All financing charges and loan fees and all interest on revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of an authority that accrues or is paid prior to and during the period of construction of a qualifying improvement and during such additional period as the authority may reasonably determine to be necessary to place such qualifying improvement in operation;

(D) All costs of engineering, architectural, and legal services and all expenses incurred by engineers, architects, and attorneys in connection with any qualifying improvement;

(E) All expenses for inspection and any third-party review or verification fees;

(F) All fees of fiscal agents, paying agents, and trustees for bondholders under any trust agreement, indenture of trust, or similar instrument or agreement; all expenses incurred by any such fiscal agents, paying agents, and trustees; and all other costs and expenses incurred relative to the issuance of any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations for any qualifying improvement, including capital provider's fees;

(G) All fees of any type charged by an authority in connection with any qualifying improvement;

(H) All expenses necessary or incidental to determining the feasibility or practicability of any qualifying improvement;

(I) All costs of plans and specifications for any qualifying improvement;

(J) Repayment of any loans made for the advance payment of any part of any of the foregoing costs, including interest thereon and any other expenses of such loans;

(K) Administrative expenses of the authority and such other expenses as may be

necessary or incidental to any qualifying improvement or the financing thereof or the placing of any qualifying improvement in operation; and

(L) The establishment of a fund or funds for the creation of a debt service reserve, a renewal and replacement reserve, or such other funds or reserves, including for ad valorem taxes and insurance, as the authority may approve with respect to the financing and operation of any qualifying improvement and as may be authorized by any bond resolution, trust agreement, indenture of trust, or similar instrument or agreement pursuant to the provisions of which the issuance of any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the authority may be authorized.

Any cost, obligation, or expense incurred for any of the foregoing purposes shall be a part of such defined term and may be paid or reimbursed as such out of proceeds of revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by the authority.

(6) 'Financing application' means an application submitted to an authority or program administrator to demonstrate that the proposed improvements qualify for financing pursuant to a program.

(7) 'Intergovernmental assessment agreement' means a contract entered into pursuant to Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of Georgia between a county or a municipal corporation, as party of the first part, and an authority, as party of the second part, pursuant to which the county or municipal corporation agrees to make payments to the authority, the sole source of which shall be assessments and no other public moneys, to furnish financial assistance to aid in the planning, undertaking, or carrying out of a qualifying improvement.

(8) 'Participating local government' means a municipal corporation or a county that enters into an intergovernmental assessment agreement with an authority.

(9) 'Program' means a commercial property assessed conservation, energy, and resiliency program established by an authority.

(10) 'Program administrator' means any official or agency designated by an authority to administer a program or a private and independent third party designated by an authority to administer a program, provided that the administration procedures used conform to the requirements of this article.

(11) 'Program guidebook' means a comprehensive document that establishes appropriate guidelines, specifications, approval criteria, and other standard forms consistent with administering a program and not detailed in this article, including forms for an assessment agreement, notice of assessment, and financing application.

(12) 'Qualifying improvement' means a permanently affixed energy efficiency improvement, renewable energy improvement, water conservation improvement, or resiliency improvement installed on qualifying property as part of the construction or renovation of the qualifying property.

(13) 'Qualifying property' means privately owned or leased commercial, industrial, or agricultural real property or multifamily residential real property with five or more dwelling units.

(14) 'Resiliency improvement' means any improvement to qualifying property intended to increase resilience and improve durability of such property, including, but not limited

to, seismic retrofits, flood mitigation, fire suppression, wind resistance, energy storage, microgrids, and backup power generation."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-62-6.2.

(a) In addition to the powers otherwise granted in this article, each authority shall have the following powers:

(1) To make and execute intergovernmental assessment agreements, assessment agreements, and agreements for grants or loans to finance or refinance qualifying improvements;

(2) To finance by loan, grant, or otherwise, including through assessment agreements, and refinance qualifying improvements and to pay the cost of any qualifying improvement from the proceeds of revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the authority or any other funds of the authority, or from any contributions or loans by persons, corporations, partnerships, whether limited or general, or other entities, all of which the authority is authorized to receive, accept, and use;

(3) To issue revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the authority and use the proceeds thereof for the purpose of paying, or loaning or granting the proceeds thereof to pay, all or any part of the cost of any qualifying improvement and otherwise to further or carry out the public purpose of the authority and to pay all costs of the authority incidental to, or necessary and appropriate to, furthering or carrying out such purpose;

(4) To extend credit or make loans or grants to any person, corporation, partnership, whether limited or general, or other entity for the costs of any qualifying improvement or any part of the costs of any qualifying improvement, which credit, loans, or grants may be evidenced or secured by loan agreements, grant agreements, assessment agreements, notes, mortgages, deeds to secure debt, trust deeds, security agreements, assignments, or such other instruments, or by assessments, revenues, fees, or charges, upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine to be reasonable in connection with such extension of credit, loans, or grants, including provision for the establishment and maintenance of reserve funds; and, in the exercise of powers granted by this article in connection with any qualifying improvement, the authority shall have the right and power to require the inclusion in any such loan agreement, grant agreement, assessment agreement, note, mortgage, deed to secure debt, trust deed, security agreement, assignment, or other instrument of such provisions or requirements for guaranty of any obligations, insurance, construction, use, operation, maintenance, and financing of a qualifying improvement, and such other terms and conditions as the authority may deem necessary or desirable;

(5) As security for repayment of any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the authority, to pledge, convey, assign, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber any property of the authority, including, but not limited to, contract rights under intergovernmental assessment agreements and revenues or other funds, and to execute any trust indenture; trust agreement; agreement for the sale of the authority's revenue bonds, notes, or other

obligations; loan agreement; security agreement; assignment; or other agreement or instrument as may be necessary or desirable, in the judgment of the authority, to secure any such revenue bonds, notes, or the obligations, which instruments or agreements may provide for foreclosure or forced sale of any property of the authority upon default in any obligation of the authority, either in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest or in the performance of any term or condition contained in any such agreement or instrument. The State of Georgia, on behalf of itself and each county, municipal corporation, political subdivision, or taxing district therein, waives any right it or such county, municipal corporation, political subdivision, or taxing district may have to prevent the forced sale or foreclosure of any property of the authority upon such default and agrees that any agreement or instrument encumbering such property may be foreclosed in accordance with law and the terms thereof;

(6) To receive and use the proceeds of any assessment imposed by a municipal corporation or a county to pay the costs of any qualifying improvement or for any other purpose for which the authority may use its own funds pursuant to this article, including the payment of principal or premium, if any, and interest on revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the authority; and

(7) To establish and administer programs and to appoint, select, and employ program administrators and to fix their compensation and pay their expenses.

(b) When an authority exercises its grant powers given by subsection (a) of this Code section, in determining compliance with Article III, Section VI, Paragraph VI(a) of the Constitution of Georgia, the authority may take into consideration the assessments to be paid by the grant recipient, as well as the substantiality of the public purpose to be achieved by the grant."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"36-62-8.1.

(a) Revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by an authority to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement shall be paid solely from the property, including, but not limited to, contract rights, revenues, or other funds, pledged, conveyed, assigned, hypothecated, or otherwise encumbered to secure or to pay such bonds, notes, or other obligations.

(b) All revenue bonds, notes, and other obligations shall be authorized by resolution of the authority, adopted by a majority vote of the directors of the authority at a regular or special meeting.

(c) Revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement shall bear such date or dates; shall mature at such time or times, not more than 40 years from their respective dates; shall bear interest at such rate or rates, which may be fixed or may fluctuate or otherwise change from time to time; shall be subject to redemption on such terms; and shall contain such other terms, provisions, covenants, assignments, and conditions as the resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds, notes, or other obligations may permit or provide. The terms,

provisions, covenants, assignments, and conditions contained in or provided or permitted by any resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance of such revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations shall bind the directors of the authority then in office and their successors.

(d) The authority shall have the power from time to time and whenever it deems it expedient to refund any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement by the issuance of new revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations, whether or not the revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations to be refunded have matured, and may issue revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations partly to refund revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations then outstanding and partly for any other purpose permitted under this article. The refunding revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations may be exchanged for the revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations to be refunded, with such cash adjustments as may be agreed upon, or may be sold and the proceeds applied to the purchase or redemption of the revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations to be refunded.

(e) There shall be no limitation upon the amount of revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations that an authority may issue to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement. Any limitations with respect to interest rates or any maximum interest rate or rates found in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of this title, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' the usury laws of this state, or any other laws of this state shall not apply to revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of an authority issued to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement.

(f) All revenue bonds issued by an authority under this article to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement shall be issued and validated under and in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 82 of this title, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' except as provided in this article, provided that notes and other obligations of an authority may, but shall not be required to, be so validated.

(g) The terms 'cost of the qualifying improvement' and 'cost of any qualifying improvement' shall have the meaning prescribed in this article whenever those terms are referred to in bond resolutions of an authority; in bonds, notes, or other obligations of an authority; or in notices or proceedings to validate such bonds, notes, or other obligations of an authority.

36-62-8.2.

(a) A program shall establish a financing application and review process to evaluate such applications. The program shall prescribe the form and manner of the financing application. At a minimum:

(1) An applicant shall demonstrate that the qualifying improvement provides a benefit to the public in the form of energy or water resource conservation or improved resiliency;

(2) For an existing building:

(A) When energy or water efficiency improvements are proposed, an applicant shall provide:

(i) An energy or water efficiency analysis by a licensed engineering firm, engineer, or other qualified professional listed in the program guidebook; and

(ii) A statement by the author of the analysis that the proposed qualifying improvements will result in more efficient use or conservation of energy or water, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, or the addition of renewable sources of energy or water; or

(B) When resiliency improvements are proposed, an applicant shall provide certification by a licensed engineering firm, engineer, or other qualified professional listed in the program guidebook stating that the proposed qualifying improvements will result in improved resilience;

(3) For new construction, an applicant shall provide certification by a licensed engineering firm, engineer, or other qualified professional listed in the program guidebook stating that the proposed qualifying improvements will enable the qualifying property to exceed the current building code requirements for:

(A) Energy efficiency;

(B) Water efficiency;

(C) Renewable energy; or

(D) Resilience;

(4) An applicant shall include a certification that the person requesting the proposed qualifying improvements is the owner of the qualifying property and that there are no delinquent taxes or assessments on the qualifying property; and

(5) An applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed assessment financing meets the following guidelines and any other guidelines adopted by the authority, which may be in addition to or more restrictive than the following guidelines:

(A) Unless a higher percentage is agreed to by the holder of a lien, mortgage, or security deed encumbering the qualifying property in the written consent required by subsection (b) of this Code section, an applicant must demonstrate that the amount of the proposed assessment financing and all other debt secured by the qualifying property upon execution of the assessment agreement will not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the qualifying property as determined by a qualified appraiser, which appraisal may take into account the expected increase in fair market value of the qualifying property resulting from the proposed qualifying improvements, as completed or as stabilized;

(B) An applicant must demonstrate that the amount of the proposed assessment financing will not exceed 25 percent of the fair market value of the qualifying property as determined by a qualified appraiser, which appraisal may take into account the expected increase in fair market value of the qualifying property resulting from the proposed qualifying improvements, as completed or as stabilized; and

(C) An applicant must demonstrate that the period or term of the assessment financing will not exceed the weighted average useful life expected for the proposed qualifying improvements. The applicant shall include a statement from a qualified professional indicating the weighted average useful life expected for the proposed qualifying improvements.

(b) For approved qualifying improvements, an authority may enter into an assessment agreement with the owner of the qualifying property to pay the cost of qualifying improvements. Prior to entering into an assessment agreement, an applicant shall provide written consent from any holder of a lien, mortgage, or security deed encumbering the qualifying property. Such written consent shall be signed in the sole and absolute discretion of the holder of a prior lien, mortgage, or security deed encumbering the qualifying property and, at a minimum, shall state that the holder of such prior lien, mortgage, or security deed has reviewed the final terms of the financing and the assessment agreement; that the qualifying property may participate in the program; and that the assessment lien shall have the same priority status as a lien for ad valorem taxes of the participating local government.

(c) Each assessment agreement shall include:

(1) A description of the qualifying improvements;

(2) A statement describing the procedures for billing and collection of assessments to be imposed by the participating local government pursuant to an intergovernmental assessment agreement, which the owner of the qualifying property shall voluntarily request to be imposed and shall agree to pay either directly or through an escrow account that may be established or increased by a prior lien holder on the qualifying property;

(3) The total amount of the assessment;

(4) A schedule of assessment installments requested to be imposed by the participating local government;

(5) Any administrative fees to be paid to the authority or to the participating local government pursuant to the related intergovernmental assessment agreement;

(6) The number of years the assessment shall be imposed on the qualifying property; and

(7) The conditions under which the owner of the qualifying property may prepay and permanently satisfy the unpaid portion of the assessment and remove the assessment lien from the qualifying property, including a description of the terms of any prepayment penalty.

(d) An assessment agreement may authorize the owner of the qualifying property to contract directly, including through lease, power purchase agreement, or other service contract, for installing or modifying a qualifying improvement.

(e) Upon execution of an assessment agreement by an owner of the qualifying property and an authority, the authority shall cause the participating local government to execute and record a notice of assessment in the land record of the jurisdiction in which the qualifying property is located, in accordance with Article 2 of this chapter.

(f) No authority described in this article shall grant any capital provider the exclusive right to provide financing or refinancing on a program-wide basis. It is the intent of this subsection to enable owners of qualifying properties to recommend to authorities the capital providers to finance or refinance the qualifying improvements owned or to be owned by such qualifying property owners."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

36-62-15.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Commercial Property Assessed Conservation, Energy, and Resiliency Cooperation Law.'

36-62-16.

The General Assembly finds that it is in the public interest and vital to the public welfare of the people of the State of Georgia, and it is declared to be the intent of this article, to authorize municipal corporations and counties to enact ordinances or resolutions to establish commercial property assessed conservation, energy, and resiliency programs and to enter into agreements with development authorities to carry out such programs, all for the purpose of developing trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities. It is found and declared that the assistance provided in this article for the purposes set forth in Article 1 of this chapter constitutes a public use and purpose and an essential governmental function for which public moneys consisting solely of assessments may be spent and that the provisions enacted in this article are necessary in the public interest.

36-62-17.

(a) For the purpose of aiding and cooperating in the planning, undertaking, constructing, or carrying out of qualifying improvements located within the area in which it is authorized to act, any municipal corporation or county, upon such terms, with or without consideration, as it may determine, may:

(1) Enter into intergovernmental assessment agreements with an authority respecting action to be taken by such municipal corporation or county pursuant to any of the powers granted by this article, including the furnishing of funds or other assistance in connection with qualifying improvements, provided that the obligations of any such municipal corporation or county under any such intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be limited obligations payable solely from assessments and shall not be paid from any other public moneys;

(2) Do any and all things necessary or convenient to aid or cooperate in the planning, undertaking, constructing, and carrying out of qualifying improvements; and

(3) Grant or contribute assessments to an authority or agree to take such action.

(b) Any participating local government shall have the power to impose, bill, and collect assessments and to pledge and assign assessments to an authority to secure its obligations under an intergovernmental assessment agreement.

(c) Pursuant to Code Section 36-62-8.2, an authority may enter into an assessment agreement with an owner of qualifying property for qualifying improvements, under which such owner voluntarily agrees to the imposition of assessments under this article. After an assessment agreement is entered into, and upon notice from the authority, a

participating local government shall have the power to execute and record a notice of assessment on the subject property in the real property records of the relevant county. Such notice of assessment shall contain:

(1) The principal amount of the assessment;

(2) The legal description of the property;

(3) The name of each property owner;

(4) A copy of the assessment agreement, including a schedule of assessments to be imposed by the participating local government; and

(5) A reference to subsection (d) of this Code section authorizing the creation of an assessment lien to secure an assessment imposed under this article.

(d) An assessment imposed by a participating local government under this article:

(1) Is a lien against the property on which the assessment is imposed, from the date on which the notice of assessment is recorded until the assessment, interest, and penalties are paid in full; and

(2) Has the same priority status as a lien for ad valorem taxes levied by the participating local government.

(e) The assessment lien created under this article runs with the land and that portion of the assessment that is not yet due may not be accelerated or eliminated by foreclosure of a property tax lien or other lien.

(f) Assessments imposed under this article shall be billed and collected in installments in the same manner, by the same tax collector, and at the same times as ad valorem taxes levied by the participating local government are billed and collected. The tax collector may include any assessment installment as a separate line item on an ad valorem tax bill or may send a separate bill for any assessment installment. The participating local government may charge fees that shall reflect the reasonable costs of the tax collector for his or her actions under this subsection and that shall be added to the assessment. The tax collector shall be a party signatory to each intergovernmental assessment agreement entered into by a participating local government. All proceeds of assessment installments received by a participating local government, net of administrative fees of the participating local government, that are subject to a pledge created in an intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be remitted to the applicable authority pursuant to the terms of the intergovernmental assessment agreement.

(g) A delinquent assessment installment that is unpaid when due shall incur interest and penalties in the same manner as delinquent ad valorem taxes and shall be enforced by or on behalf of the participating local government in the same manner as its ad valorem tax liens. All proceeds from enforcing a delinquent assessment installment and related penalties and interest received by a participating local government that are subject to a pledge created in an intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be remitted to the applicable authority pursuant to the terms of the intergovernmental assessment agreement.

(h) Subject to an intergovernmental assessment agreement, a participating local government may charge fees that shall reflect the reasonable costs of the participating local government for its actions under this article and that shall be added to the

assessment.
(i) Assessments shall not count against the tax limitations contained in paragraph (20) of Code Section 48-5-220 or Code Section 48-5-350.

36-62-18.
(a) No obligations of any participating local government under any intergovernmental assessment agreement shall constitute a pledge of the full faith or credit of such participating local government.
(b) Any monetary obligation of any participating local government under any intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be payable solely from assessments pledged and proceeds from enforcing delinquent assessments pursuant to such intergovernmental assessment agreement.
(c) No party to or third-party beneficiary of any intergovernmental assessment agreement or any assignee of any rights under any intergovernmental assessment agreement shall have the right to compel:
(1) Any exercise of the taxing power of any participating local government, provided that such party, third-party beneficiary, or assignee may compel the imposition and enforcement of assessments agreed to be imposed and enforced pursuant to such intergovernmental assessment agreement; or
(2) The enforcement of any payment against any property or public moneys of any such participating local government other than assessments pledged or proceeds from enforcing delinquent assessments pursuant to such intergovernmental assessment agreement.

36-62-19.
The exercise by a participating local government of the powers granted by this article may be authorized by resolution of the governing body of such participating local government. The resolution shall be adopted by a majority of the members of the governing body present at a meeting of such governing body, which resolution may be adopted at the meeting at which such resolution is introduced. Such a resolution or resolutions shall take effect immediately and need not be laid over or published or posted."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Esteves of the 6th, Mallow of the 2nd, and Ginn of the 47th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Rules substitute to HB 206 (LC 50 0887ERS) by replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following:

To amend Chapter 42 and Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to downtown development authorities and development authorities, respectively, so as to authorize such authorities to provide certain

By inserting after line 12 the following:

Chapter 42 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to downtown development authorities, is amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 36-42-8, relating to powers of authorities generally, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (23), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (24) with "; and", and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(25) To exercise any power granted to development authorities in Code Sections 36-62-2.1, 36-62-6.2, 36-62-8.1, and 36-62-8.2."

SECTION 2.

By renumbering Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, respectively.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Esteves amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	N Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 43, nays 9.

HB 206, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3-26-24

I inadvertently voted yes on HB 206. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote no.

/s/ Walker III of the 20th

HB 181. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hutchinson of the 106th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide that mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine are Schedule I controlled substances; to repeal provisions relating to the regulation of kratom; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Brass of the 28th.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 181:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 6 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kratom, so as to revise definitions; to prohibit the sale or transfer of possession of kratom to an individual under 21 years of age; to prohibit an individual under 21 years of age from purchasing or possessing kratom; to prohibit the ingestion of kratom through a heating element or vaporizing mechanism or the selling of such mechanisms; to provide for penalties; to provide requirements and limitations relating to the sale of kratom products

in this state; to prohibit the sale of kratom unless behind a counter or in a secured display; to revise packaging requirements; to require manufacturers and others to maintain a registered agent in this state; to provide for violations of such requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, is amended by revising Code Section 16-13-120, relating to the definition of kratom, as follows:

"16-13-120.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Adulterated' has the same meaning as in Code Section 26-2-26.

(2) 'Kratom' ~~'kratom'~~ means the tropical evergreen known as Mitragyna speciosa, which is native to Southeast Asia and contains the alkaloid mitragynine or metabolite 7-hydroxymitragynine.

(3) 'Kratom extract' means a kratom product that has been modified, processed, or otherwise manufactured with a food-grade solvent.

(4) 'Kratom product' means a product containing any part of the leaf of the plant mitragyna whether sold as a powder, capsule, pill, beverage, extract, or other form.

(5) 'Processor' means a person or entity that prepares, manufactures, distributes, or maintains kratom products or that advertises, represents, or holds itself out as preparing, manufacturing, distributing, or maintaining kratom products.

(6) 'Retailer' means a person or entity that sells or holds itself out as selling kratom products at retail to the general public; provided, however, that such person or entity shall also be included within the definition of 'processor' as set forth in this Code section to the extent that he or she engages in the business of a processor. Such term shall not include a store employee at a retailer's place of business."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-121, relating to possession of kratom by individual under age 18 and penalty, as follows:

"16-13-121.

(a)(1) No person shall knowingly sell or transfer possession of any kratom, kratom product, or kratom extract to another person under ~~18~~ 21 years of age, nor shall any person under ~~18~~ 21 years of age purchase or possess any kratom, kratom product, or kratom extract. ~~A person who is convicted of violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

(2)(A) The prohibition contained in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply with respect to the sale or transfer of possession of kratom, kratom product, or kratom extract by a person when such person has been furnished with proper identification

showing that the individual to whom the kratom, kratom product, or kratom extract is sold or transferred is 21 years of age or older.

(B) In any case when a reasonable or prudent person could reasonably be in doubt as to whether or not the individual to whom kratom, kratom product, or kratom extract is to be sold or transferred is actually 21 years of age or older, it shall be the duty of such person to request to see and to be furnished with proper identification. The failure to make such request and verification may be considered by the trier of fact in determining whether such person did knowingly sell or transfer possession in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) No person shall ingest kratom in a manner that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor in a solution or other form, including, but not limited to, any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of kratom in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device.

(c) No person shall sell, deliver, cause to be delivered, or assist in the delivery of any kratom in or to this state that can be ingested in a manner that violates subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) No person shall offer for sale kratom in this state unless such product is behind a counter in an area only accessible to store employees or in a secured display which is only accessible with the intervention of a store employee.

(e) Any person that commits an act in violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that, for a conviction of a first offense, such individual shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $250.00; for a conviction of a second offense, such individual shall be punished by a fine of up to $500.00; and for a conviction of a third offense and each subsequent offense, such individual shall be punished by a fine of up to $1,000.00."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-122, relating to required labeling, as follows:

"16-13-122.

(a) All kratom products sold in, or delivered to, this state shall be derived from the natural kratom plant, and any manufactured or processed kratom product, including kratom extracts, shall not be modified, chemically or otherwise, processed, synthesized, or otherwise treated in any way that increases the levels of mitragynine or 7-hydroxymitragynine, beyond those described in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) No kratom product sold in, or delivered to, this state shall have a concentration ratio that is:

(1) Greater than 150 mg of mitragynine per serving;

(2) Greater than 0.5 mg 7-hydroxymitragynine per gram; or

(3) Greater than 1 mg 7-hydroxymitragynine per serving.

(c) A processor or retailer shall not prepare, distribute, sell, or expose for sale any of the following:

(1) A kratom product that is adulterated;

(2) A kratom product that contains or uses in its processing or manufacturing a food substance that is not generally recognized as safe in food products;

(3) A kratom product containing any synthetic alkaloids or metabolite including synthetic mitragynine, synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine, or any other synthetically derived compounds of the kratom plant; or

(4) A kratom product in a form that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor in a solution or other form, including, but not limited to, any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of kratom in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device.

(d) A processor shall maintain a registered agent in this state for service of process for the entire duration of such entity's engagement in the business of a processor.

(e) Kratom packaging shall be accompanied by a label bearing the following information prior to its sale in this state:

(1) Clearly labeled ingredients;

(2) That the sale or transfer possession of kratom to another person under ~~18~~ 21 years of age is prohibited;

(3) The amount of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine contained in such product;

(4) The total amount of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine contained in the packaging for such product;

(5) The common or usual name of each ingredient used in the manufacture of such product, listed in descending order of predominance;

(6) The name, physical address, and ~~the~~ principal mailing address of the manufacturer or the person responsible for distributing such product;

(7) Clear and adequate directions for the consumption ~~and safe and effective use~~ of such product, including the recommended serving size and the time frame within which safe consumption should occur; ~~and~~

(8) Any precautionary statements as to the safety and effectiveness of such product, including a warning that a consumer should consult their physician on questions about use of kratom, and state that the kratom product is not intended to 'diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease'; and

(9) A statement that a kratom product label is prohibited from making any therapeutic claims unless approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(f)(1) A processor who knowingly or with criminal negligence commits an act in violation of this Code section shall, upon a first conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature, and upon a subsequent conviction, be guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor

more than 15 years, by a fine not to exceed $100,000.00, or both.

(2) A processor who negligently commits an act in violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000.00.

(g)(1) A retailer who knowingly or with criminal negligence commits an act in violation of subsection (a), (b), (c), or (e) of this Code section shall, upon a first conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature, and upon a subsequent conviction, be guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 15 years, by a fine not to exceed $100,000.00, or both.

(2) A retailer who negligently commits an act in violation of subsection (a), (b), (c), or (e) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that, for a conviction of a first offense, such individual shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $250.00; for a conviction of a second offense, such individual shall be punished by a fine of up to $500.00; and for a conviction of a third offense, such individual shall be punished by a fine of up to $1,000.00; provided, further, that upon each subsequent conviction after a third conviction, such individual shall be guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than 12 months and punished by a fine of not less than $1,000.00 nor more than $5,000.00.

(3) A retailer shall have a defense to prosecution under this subsection if such retailer proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the retailer relied in good faith upon the representations of a processor that the kratom, kratom product, or kratom extract and labeling complied with the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	E Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 3.

HB 181, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 338. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Mathiak of the 74th, Smith of the 70th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the inclusion of methods for the promotion of the safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship in the comprehensive character education program; to repeal a provision regarding applicability; to provide for implementation; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dixon of the 45th.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to HB 338:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the inclusion of methods for the promotion of the safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship in the comprehensive character education program; to revise requirements for internet safety policies in public schools; to revise existing definitions and provide for new

definitions; to require local boards of education and governing bodies of charter schools to annually submit acceptable-use policies and technology protection measures for review by the State Board of Education; to provide for compliance standards and specifications for technology protection measures to be used in public schools; to provide for inclusion of parental measures and controls in such technology protection measures; to provide for the identification and prioritization of providers of technology protection measures which meet or exceed such standards and specifications; to provide for the Department of Education to provide guidance and develop training programs to assist public schools; to provide for the withholding of state funds allotted for public schools that have not provided for adequate technology protection measures; to prohibit certain waivers; to repeal a provision regarding applicability; to provide for implementation; to lower the age of eligibility from 18 to 16 for certain students to be enrolled in a completion special school; to revise definitions; to provide for reports of cohort graduation rates by local school system and by completion special school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 2 of Article 6, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-145, relating to the comprehensive character education program, as follows:

"20-2-145.

(a) The State Board of Education shall develop by the start of the 1997-1998 school year a comprehensive character education program for levels K-12. This comprehensive character education program shall be known as the 'character curriculum' and shall focus on the students' development of the following character traits: courage, patriotism, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect for others, kindness, cooperation, self-respect, self-control, courtesy, compassion, tolerance, diligence, generosity, punctuality, cleanliness, cheerfulness, school pride, respect for the environment, respect for the creator, patience, creativity, sportsmanship, loyalty, perseverance, and virtue. Such program shall also address, by the start of the ~~1999-2000~~ 2025-2026 school year, methods of discouraging bullying and violent acts against fellow students and methods of promoting the safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship. Local boards shall implement such a program in all grade levels at the beginning of the ~~2000-2001~~ 2026-2027 school year and shall provide opportunities for parental involvement in establishing expected outcomes of the character education program.

(b) The Department of Education shall develop character education program workshops designed for employees of local school systems."

SECTION 1-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 15 of Article 6, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-324, relating to internet safety policies in public schools, as follows:

"20-2-324.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Acceptable-use policy' means a policy for ~~Internet usage~~ internet use adopted by a local board of education or appropriate school governing body that meets the requirements of this Code section.

(2) 'Child pornography' means any ~~computer depiction or other material depicting a child under the age of 18 years engaging in sexually explicit conduct or in the simulation of such conduct~~ visual depiction, including any live performance, photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-12-100, when:

(A) The production of the visual depiction involves a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;

(B) The visual depiction is of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or

(C) The visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

(3) 'Harmful to minors' ~~has the meaning given to such term in Code Section 16-12-100.1~~ means that quality of description or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse, when:

(A) Taken as a whole, it predominantly appeals to the prurient, shameful, or morbid interest of minors;

(B) It is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material for minors; and

(C) Taken as a whole, it is lacking in serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

(4) 'Identifiable minor' means a person:

(A)(i) Who was a minor at the time the visual depiction was created, adapted, or modified; or

(ii) Whose image as a minor was used in creating, adapting, or modifying the visual depiction; and

(B) Who is recognizable as an actual person by such person's face, likeness, or other distinguishing physical characteristic or other recognizable physical feature.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Internet' means ~~a global network that connects computers via telephone lines, fiber networks, or both to electronic information~~ the global information system that is logically linked together by a globally unique address space based on the internet protocol or its subsequent extensions; that is able to support unencrypted communications using the transmission control protocol/internet protocol suite, its subsequent extensions, or other internet protocol compatible protocols; and that provides, uses, or makes accessible, either publicly or privately, high level services

layered on the communications and related infrastructure described in this paragraph.

~~(5) 'Obscene' has the meaning given to such term in Code Section 16-12-80.~~

(6) 'Obscene material' means material which meets the following requirements:

(A) To the average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, the material predominantly appeals to the prurient interest, that is, a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;

(B) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value; and

(C) The material depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct as follows:

(i) Acts of sexual intercourse, heterosexual or homosexual, normal or perverted, actual or simulated;

(ii) Acts of masturbation;

(iii) Acts involving excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals;

(iv) Acts of bestiality or the fondling of sex organs of animals; or

(v) Sexual acts of flagellation, torture, or other violence indicating a sadomasochistic sexual relationship.

~~(6) 'Sexually explicit conduct' has the meaning given to such term in Code Section 16-12-100.~~

(7) 'Technology protection measure' means a technology that inspects and analyzes unencrypted internet traffic for malware and that blocks or filters electronic access to obscene materials, child pornography, or material that is harmful to minors.

(b)(1) No later than ~~January 1, 2007~~ October 1, 2024, each local board of education and appropriate school governing body shall adopt an acceptable-use policy for its school system. At a minimum, an acceptable-use policy shall contain provisions which are reasonably designed to:

~~(1)~~(A) Prevent and prohibit ~~students and employees of the school system from using~~ any computer or computer networking equipment, technology or technology related service, ~~and~~ or communication ~~services~~ system or service operated, owned, or leased by the school or local school system from being used for accessing, sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading ~~visual depictions of obscenity~~ obscene materials, child pornography, or material that is harmful to minors;

~~(2)~~(B) Establish appropriate measures to be taken by the school or local school system in response to:

(i) Students ~~against students~~ and school employees who ~~willfully~~ intentionally violate the acceptable-use policy, whether or not such student or school employee was, at the time of such violation, on school property, on a school bus or other school vehicle, at a school related function, or elsewhere; provided, however, that such measures shall include disciplinary measures; and

(ii) Any person who is not a student or school employee who violates the acceptable-use policy, whether or not such person was, at the time of such violation, on school property, on a school bus or other school vehicle, at a school related function, or elsewhere;

(C) Provide for administrative procedures to enforce the acceptable-use policy;

(D) Provide for administrative procedures to address complaints regarding possible violations of the acceptable-use policy which, at a minimum, require that each complaint is responded to in writing by an appropriate school or local school system official; and

~~(3)~~(E) Provide for expedited review and resolution of a claim that the application of the acceptable-use policy is denying a student or school employee access to material that is not within the ~~prohibition~~ prohibitions of the acceptable-use policy.

(2) The acceptable-use policy provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection may include terms, conditions, and requirements deemed appropriate by the local board of education or appropriate school governing body to differentiate acceptable uses among elementary, middle, and high school students and among different age groups; provided, however, that the rationale for each method of differentiation such board or governing body chooses to include in its acceptable-use policy shall be articulated in the policy.

(3) Each local board of education and appropriate school governing body shall provide reasonable opportunities and procedures for parents or guardians of current students to confer and collaborate with school administrators and teachers regarding appropriate internet access for their students.

(c) ~~A~~ Each local board of education, appropriate school governing body, and local school superintendent shall take such steps ~~as it deems appropriate~~ as are necessary and appropriate to implement and enforce the acceptable-use policy, which shall include, but shall not be limited to~~:~~, providing for the adoption, use, and routine upgrading of technology protection measures which meet or exceed compliance standards and specifications established by the department.

~~(1) Use of software programs reasonably designed to block access to visual depictions of obscenity, child pornography, and material that is harmful to minors; or~~

~~(2) Selection of online servers that block access to visual depictions of obscenity, child pornography, and material that is harmful to minors.~~

(d) Each school and local school system shall provide, upon written request of a parent or guardian, a copy of the acceptable-use policy adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section and information regarding the administrative procedures in effect to enforce such acceptable-use policy and to address complaints about such enforcement.

(e)(1)(A) By April 1 of each year, the department shall establish compliance standards and specifications for technology protection measures to be used by schools and local school systems. To the extent practicable, such compliance standards and specifications for technology protection measures shall include measures and controls for parents or guardians of current students to supervise and manage appropriate internet access by their students who are using a school issued device while not on school property, not on a school bus or other school vehicle, or not at a school related function. In addition to establishing such compliance standards and specifications, the department shall recommend technology protection measures to be installed by schools and local school systems on each computer or other electronic device issued

to students for off-campus use.

(B) The department is authorized, in collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services, to identify a nonexclusive list of providers of technology protection measures that meet or exceed such standards and specifications; provided, however, that the department shall no less than annually require each such provider to verify that the technology protection measures it provides meet or exceed such standards and specifications. The department is authorized to provide information to schools and local school systems regarding state contracts with such providers of technology protection measures. The department shall prioritize the identification of providers of technology protection measures that include parental measures and controls as provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(2)(A) The department shall provide guidance and technical assistance to assist schools and local school systems in complying with the requirements of this Code section.

(B) No later than December 1, 2024, the department shall develop guidelines for the training of school personnel. The training guidelines shall include instruction in:

(i) Implementing and complying with acceptable-use policies required by this Code section;

(ii) Basic cyber security issues pertinent to schools, students, and educators, including, but not limited to, phishing and multifactor authentication; and

(iii) Other current and emerging issues and topics which address the safe and secure use of technology by students and educators.

~~The Attorney General and the department shall consult with and assist any local board of education in the development and implementation of an acceptable use policy pursuant to this Code section.~~

(f)(1) ~~No later than January 31, 2007,~~ Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and each school year thereafter, by October 15 each local board of education and appropriate school governing body shall submit a copy of the acceptable-use policy adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section to the State Board of Education. Such submission shall also include the identification of ~~any software program or online server~~ the technology protection measures that ~~is~~ are being ~~utilized~~ used to block access to material in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section.

(2) The State Board of Education shall review each acceptable-use policy and technology protection measure and any subsequent revisions submitted pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection. If the state board determines after review that a policy, technology protection measure, or revision is not reasonably designed to achieve the requirements of this Code section, the state board shall provide written notice to the local board of education or appropriate school governing body explaining the nature of such noncompliance, and the local board of education or appropriate school governing body shall have 30 days from the receipt of written notice to correct such noncompliance. The state board may provide an extension to the 30 day period on a showing of good cause.

(3) No revision of an acceptable-use policy submission which has been approved by

the state board pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be implemented until such revision is approved by the state board. If the state board fails to disapprove the revision within 60 days after the submission is received, the local board of education or appropriate school governing body may proceed with the implementation of the revision.

(4) The state board shall be authorized to withhold a portion of the state funding allotment for a school or ~~to a~~ local school system ~~if the local board of education~~ that:

(A) Fails to timely submit an acceptable-use policy or technology protection measure in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(B) Submits an acceptable-use policy that is not reasonably designed to achieve the requirements of this Code section; ~~or~~

(C) Is not enforcing or is substantially disregarding its acceptable-use policy~~.~~;

(D) Is using technology protection measures which do not meet or exceed standards and specifications established by the department to block access to material in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section; or

(E) Is not using any technology protection measures to block access to material in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section.

(5) If the state board disapproves an acceptable-use policy ~~of a local board of education~~ or any revision thereof or notifies ~~the~~ a local board of education or appropriate school governing body that it is subject to the withholding of funding pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection, the local board of education or appropriate school governing body may appeal the decision to the superior court of the county where ~~the local board of education~~ such board or governing body is situated.

(g)(1) The state board shall be responsible for conducting investigations and making written determinations as to whether a local board of education or governing body of a charter school has violated the requirements of this Code section.

(2) If the state board determines that a local board of education or appropriate school governing body is in violation of the requirements of this Code section, it shall direct ~~the local board of education~~ such board or governing body to acknowledge and correct the violation within 30 days and to develop a corrective plan for preventing future recurrences.

(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section to the contrary, an administrator or supervisor of a school or local school system, or designee thereof, may disable the ~~software program or online server that is being utilized~~ technology protection measure that is being used to block access to material or take other reasonable steps for an adult or for a minor who provides written consent from his or her parent or guardian to enable access to the ~~Internet~~ internet for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be construed to permit any person to have access to material the character of which is illegal under federal or state law.

(i) This Code section shall not be subject to waivers pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-244 for a local board of education, Code Section 20-2-2063.2 for a charter system, or Code Section 20-2-2065

for a charter school established pursuant to Article 31 or Article 31A of this chapter, a charter system, or schools within a charter system, or any state special school. ~~A local board of education which is fulfilling the requirements of the federal Children's Internet Protection Act, P.L. 106-554, is not required to comply with this Code section.~~"

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 31C, the "Completion Special Schools Act," by revising paragraphs (5) and (6) of Code Section 20-2-2096.1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(5) 'Dropout' means an individual 16 years of age or older who previously dropped out of school according to the uniform definition of 'dropout' provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 20-14-33.

(6) 'Enrollment eligible student' means:

(A) An individual ~~18~~ 16 years of age or older who is eligible for enrollment in appropriate education programs as provided in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-150, who meets the definition of dropout provided in paragraph (5) of this Code section, and who is not currently enrolled in a public school in this state; or

(B) An individual who is attending a United States Department of Defense Youth Challenge Academy or who is in the custody of a correctional facility, detention facility, jail, prison, or other lawful place of confinement for the period of such attendance or custody."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-2096.2, relating to adoption of policies, procedures, regulations and other such requirements, to read as follows:

"(c)(1) The state board shall, in consultation with the Office of Student Achievement, adopt policies, procedures, regulations, and other such requirements by which the Department of Education shall prepare a report of cohort graduation rates by local school system and by completion special school.

(2) For purposes of the report required in paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(A) Enrollment eligible students who are enrolled in a completion special school:

(i) During the period of each such student's four-year cohort, shall be included with the local school system in which such student would be enrolled based on his or her residence; and

(ii) Outside the period of the four-year cohort, shall be included with the completion special school in which they are enrolled; and

(B) Enrollment eligible students who are attending a United States Department of Defense Youth Challenge Academy or who are in the custody of a correctional facility, detention facility, jail, prison, or other lawful place of confinement for the period of such attendance or custody shall be included with the completion special

school in which they are enrolled.

(3) For purposes of this Code section, a student's four-year cohort shall be measured from October 1 of the calendar year four years immediately preceding the calendar year of the regular date of graduation of such cohort.

(4) By December 1 each year, the Department of Education shall publish on its public website and deliver to the State Board of Education and the Office of Student Achievement the report required by paragraph (1) of this subsection for the immediately preceding school year."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to HB 338 (LC 49 1914S) by replacing "2026-2027" *with* "2025-2026" *on line 39.*

By replacing "2024" *with* "2025" *on line 109.*

By replacing line 162 with the following:

(e)(1)(A) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, by April 1 the department shall establish compliance standards

By replacing "2024" *with* "2025" *on line 185.*

By replacing "2024-2025" *with* "2025-2026" *on line 196.*

Senators Setzler of the 37th, Dixon of the 45th, and Parent of the 42nd offered the following amendment #2:

Amend HB 338 (LC 49 1914S) by inserting before "to provide for related matters;" *on line 19 the following:*

to provide for the payment of the costs of health insurance coverage for family members of local board of education members;

By inserting after line 301 the following:

PART III
SECTION 1-1.

Code Section 20-2-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to per diem, insurance, and expenses of local board members, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) A local board of education is authorized to provide group medical and dental insurance for its members who elect to participate. Such insurance may be provided through a group policy secured by the local school district, a group policy secured by several local school districts, a policy secured by an organization of local school boards, or in accordance with Code Section 45-18-5 providing for the inclusion of members of the local board of education and their spouses and dependents within any health insurance plan or plans established under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. It shall be the duty of the board to make the employer contributions required for the operation of such plan or plans. Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a board providing such insurance shall pay no greater percentage of the cost of that insurance than the percentage of the cost paid as an employer contribution by the state for the health insurance plan for state employees pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. The remainder of such insurance costs~~, and all the costs of any coverage for family members,~~ shall be paid as an employee contribution by the board member. It shall be the duty of the board to deduct from the salary or other remuneration of qualified members or otherwise collect such payment from the qualified members or dependents."

On the adoption of amendment #2, Senator Walker III of the 20th objected.

On the adoption of amendment #2, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of amendment #2, the yeas were 38, nays 16, and the Setzler amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Dixon amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

HB 338, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following

Bills of the Senate:

SB 97. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency management, so as to create the Georgia Cyber Command Division under the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 132. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Goodman of the 8th, Summers of the 13th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, so as to prohibit the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain nonresident aliens; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 212. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to probate courts, and Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, respectively, so as to end activities and duties of probate court judges relating to elections; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 399. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Esteves of the 6th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to encourage and state expectations for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, units of the University System of Georgia, and local boards of education to enter into and amend existing agreements with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia for awarding postsecondary course credits that are transferrable between the university system and the technical college system and between units thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

purposes.

SB 402. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Williams of the 25th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to instruction permits, graduated licensing and related restrictions, and temporary licenses relative to the operation of a motor vehicle, so as to revise restrictions upon the operation of Class C motor vehicles by Class D license holders with certain passengers in the vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 449. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-7-12.8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certification as nursing aid and employer sponsored training and competency examination program, to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to personnel regarding emergency medical services; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to licensed practical nurses; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

The following legislation was read and put upon its passage:

HB 1114. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald of the 26th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to enact the "Data Analysis for Tort Reform Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for data collection from certain insurers, insurance rating organizations, and state agencies; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for data analysis; to provide for reports; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill upon reconsideration, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 38, nays 16.

HB 1114, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed upon reconsideration.

The President recognized members of the University of Georgia Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 916. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political

subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 916
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
PART I

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

HB 916 (FY 2025G)		Governor	House	SAC
Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$36,087,802,875	$36,087,802,875	$36,087,802,875
State General Funds		$31,342,739,626	$31,342,739,626	$31,342,739,626
State Motor Fuel Funds		$2,201,466,000	$2,201,466,000	$2,201,466,000
Lottery Proceeds		$1,511,852,557	$1,511,852,557	$1,511,852,557
Tobacco Settlement Funds		$148,615,599	$148,615,599	$148,615,599
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund		$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
State Children's Trust Funds		$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds		$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
Trauma Care Trust Funds		$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds		$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
Solid Waste Trust Funds		$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds		$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
Fireworks Trust Funds		$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
Transit Trust Funds		$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds		$228,614,524	$228,614,524	$228,614,524
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund		$254,319	$254,319	$254,319

Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715
Hospital Provider Fee	$410,990,552	$410,990,552	$410,990,552
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,392,116,447	$19,025,204,170	$19,070,098,867
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,187,489,428	$6,187,489,428	$6,187,489,428
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$227,917,447	$227,917,447	$227,917,447
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$81,759,372	$83,753,271	$85,253,271
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$16,975,266	$16,975,266	$16,975,266
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$10,196,692,970	$9,865,089,132	$9,835,022,592
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$41,247,338	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$52,654,959	$52,654,959	$52,654,959
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$541,671,996
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$369,516,820	$369,516,820	$369,516,820
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$368,253,772	$368,253,772	$368,253,772
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,787,077,831	$5,787,077,831	$5,787,077,831
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$2,180,902	$2,180,902	$2,180,902
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$2,180,902	$2,180,902	$2,180,902
Reserved Fund Balances	$20,834,667	$20,834,667	$20,834,667
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$20,834,667	$20,834,667	$20,834,667
Interest and Investment Income	$8,926,262	$8,926,262	$8,926,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,926,262	$8,926,262	$8,926,262
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,673,875,820	$1,673,875,820	$1,673,875,820
Hospital Authorities	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$481,614,297	$481,614,297	$481,614,297

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$540,389,862	$540,389,862	$540,389,862
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$540,389,862	$540,389,862	$540,389,862
Royalties and Rents	$1,125,058	$1,125,058	$1,125,058
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$1,125,058	$1,125,058	$1,125,058
Sales and Services	$3,535,925,353	$3,535,925,353	$3,535,925,353
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$853,509,256	$853,509,256	$853,509,256
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,681,724,059	$2,681,724,059	$2,681,724,059
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,569,010,540	$5,569,010,540	$5,958,643,456
State Funds Transfers	$5,565,312,666	$5,565,312,666	$5,955,081,329
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$136,539,986	$136,539,986	$136,539,986
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$14,683,916	$14,683,916	$14,616,052
Health Insurance Payments	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$5,231,542,397
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$8,809,215	$8,809,215	$8,809,215
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	$84,087,441	$84,087,441	$84,087,441
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,565,000	$1,565,000	$1,565,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,565,000	$1,565,000	$1,565,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$2,132,874	$2,132,874	$1,997,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,937,874	$1,937,874	$1,802,127
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,266,997,153	$60,900,084,876	$60,944,979,573
Changes in Fund Availability			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,651,116,025	$3,651,116,025	$3,651,116,025
State General Funds	$3,520,849,350	$3,520,849,350	$3,520,849,350
State Motor Fuel Funds	$73,454,329	$73,454,329	$73,454,329
Lottery Proceeds	($2,792,758)	($2,792,758)	($2,792,758)

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$50,648	$50,648	$50,648
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	($65,585)	($65,585)	($65,585)
State Children's Trust Funds	$30,611	$30,611	$30,611
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$6,128	$6,128	$6,128
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$1,139,434	$1,139,434	$1,139,434
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$73,395	$73,395	$73,395
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$200,250	$200,250	$200,250
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	($2,813,801)	($2,813,801)	($2,813,801)
Fireworks Trust Funds	($405,769)	($405,769)	($405,769)
Transit Trust Funds	$8,815,660	$8,815,660	$8,815,660
Transportation Trust Funds	$26,289,723	$26,289,723	$26,289,723
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$54,120	$54,120	$54,120
Ambulance Provider Fees	$611,694	$611,694	$611,694
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$201,221	$201,221	$201,221
Hospital Provider Fee	$25,417,375	$25,417,375	$25,417,375
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$985,365,840	$618,453,563	$663,348,260
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$0	$1,993,899	$3,493,899
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$866,623,140	$535,019,302	$504,952,762
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$0	$0	$73,461,237
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	($23,194,612)	($23,194,612)	($23,194,612)
Intergovernmental Transfers	($3,194,612)	($3,194,612)	($3,194,612)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($3,194,612)	($3,194,612)	($3,194,612)
Sales and Services	($20,000,000)	($20,000,000)	($20,000,000)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($20,000,000)	($20,000,000)	($20,000,000)
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$15,595,347	$15,595,347	$405,228,263
State Funds Transfers	$15,459,600	$15,459,600	$405,228,263
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$67,864	$67,864	$0
Health Insurance Payments	$0	$0	$389,836,527
Liability Funds	$13,300,000	$13,300,000	$13,300,000
Merit System Assessments	$884,153	$884,153	$884,153
Federal Funds Transfers	$135,747	$135,747	$0

Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$135,747	$135,747	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,628,882,600	$4,261,970,323	$4,696,497,936

Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application

Section 1: Georgia Senate

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,918,856	$15,918,856	$15,918,856
State General Funds	$15,918,856	$15,918,856	$15,918,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,998,808	$15,998,808	$15,998,808

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,234,408	$16,234,408	$17,390,468
State General Funds	$16,234,408	$16,234,408	$17,390,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,234,408	$16,234,408	$17,390,468

Lieutenant Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231
State General Funds	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,791,231	$1,791,231	$1,791,231

1.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations, staff retention initiatives, and growth of field constituent program. (S:Increase funds for legislative operations and staff retention initiatives)*

State General Funds	$35,825

1.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$39,884

1.3 *Increase funds for growth of field constituent program.*

State General Funds	$80,000

1.4 *Increase funds for a statewide workforce study initiative.*

State General Funds $200,000

1.1000 Lieutenant Governor's Office			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,827,056	$1,827,056	$2,146,940
State General Funds	$1,827,056	$1,827,056	$2,146,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,827,056	$1,827,056	$2,146,940

Secretary of the Senate's Office		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336
State General Funds	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,486,336	$1,486,336	$1,486,336

2.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds $29,727 $29,727 $29,727

2.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds $37,180

2.1000 Secretary of the Senate's Office			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,516,063	$1,516,063	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,516,063	$1,516,063	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,516,063	$1,516,063	$1,553,243

Senate		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,641,289	$12,641,289	$12,641,289
State General Funds	$12,641,289	$12,641,289	$12,641,289
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$79,952	$79,952	$79,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,721,241	$12,721,241	$12,721,241

3.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$730,024
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($79,952)	($79,952)	($79,952)
Total Public Funds:	$170,048	$170,048	$650,072

3.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$318,972

3.1000 Senate			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,891,289	$12,891,289	$13,690,285
State General Funds	$12,891,289	$12,891,289	$13,690,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,891,289	$12,891,289	$13,690,285

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
State General Funds	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,898,240	$26,046,911	$26,046,911
State General Funds	$24,898,240	$26,046,911	$26,046,911
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,898,240	$26,046,911	$26,046,911

House of Representatives		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
State General Funds	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,410,039	$24,410,039	$24,410,039

4.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$488,201	$968,225	$968,225

4.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$661,331	$661,331

4.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds		$7,316	$7,316

4.1000 House of Representatives			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,898,240	$26,046,911	$26,046,911
State General Funds	$24,898,240	$26,046,911	$26,046,911
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,898,240	$26,046,911	$26,046,911

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346
State General Funds	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,292,346	$18,292,346	$18,292,346

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,658,194	$22,378,538	$22,381,613
State General Funds	$18,658,194	$22,378,538	$22,381,613
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,658,194	$22,378,538	$22,381,613

Ancillary Activities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730
State General Funds	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,475,730	$11,475,730	$11,475,730

5.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$229,515	$1,857,641	$1,857,641

5.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$93,131	$93,131

5.3 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$292	$292

5.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$20,178	$20,178

5.5 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$950,586	$950,586

5.6 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$11,448	$14,523

5.7 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$5,142	$5,142

5.8 *Transfer funds from the Legislative Fiscal Office program to the Ancillary Activities program to match projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000

5.1000 Ancillary Activities		**Appropriation (HB 916)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,705,245	$14,564,148	$14,567,223
State General Funds	$11,705,245	$14,564,148	$14,567,223
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,705,245	$14,564,148	$14,567,223

Legislative Fiscal Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680
State General Funds	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,515,680	$1,515,680	$1,515,680

6.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$30,314	$30,314	$30,314

6.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$34,306	$34,306

6.3 *Transfer funds from the Legislative Fiscal Office program to the Ancillary Activities program to match projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($150,000)	($150,000)

6.1000 Legislative Fiscal Office **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,545,994	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
State General Funds	$1,545,994	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,545,994	$1,430,300	$1,430,300

Office of Legislative Counsel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936
State General Funds	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,300,936	$5,300,936	$5,300,936

7.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$106,019	$947,121	$947,121

7.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$136,033	$136,033

7.1000 Office of Legislative Counsel **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,406,955	$6,384,090	$6,384,090
State General Funds	$5,406,955	$6,384,090	$6,384,090

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,406,955	$6,384,090	$6,384,090

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,891,338	$44,891,338	$44,891,338
State General Funds	$44,891,338	$44,891,338	$44,891,338
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,951,338	$44,951,338	$44,951,338

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,238,079	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
State General Funds	$46,238,079	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,298,079	$46,553,165	$46,553,165

Audit and Assurance Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,680,185	$36,680,185	$36,680,185
State General Funds	$36,680,185	$36,680,185	$36,680,185
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,740,185	$36,740,185	$36,740,185

8.1 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives.*			
State General Funds	$1,160,895	$0	$0
8.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds		$1,054,954	$1,054,954
8.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds		$5,240	$5,240
8.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*			
State General Funds		$292,729	$292,729
8.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds		$1,138	$1,138
8.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*			
State General Funds		$4,542	$4,542

8.1000 Audit and Assurance Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,841,080	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
State General Funds	$37,841,080	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,901,080	$38,098,788	$38,098,788

Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029
State General Funds	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,098,029	$3,098,029	$3,098,029

9.1 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives.*

State General Funds	$93,598	$0	$0

9.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$95,571	$95,571

9.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$331	$331

9.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds		$18,481	$18,481

9.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds		$72	$72

9.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds		$287	$287

9.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,191,627	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
State General Funds	$3,191,627	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,191,627	$3,212,771	$3,212,771

Legislative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

10.1 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives.*

State General Funds	$4,009	$0	$0

10.1000 Legislative Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,247,009	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,247,009	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,247,009	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124
State General Funds	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,870,124	$2,870,124	$2,870,124

11.1 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives.*

State General Funds	$88,239	$0	$0

11.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$105,263	$105,263

11.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$401	$401

11.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$22,384	$22,384

11.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$87	$87

11.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$347	$347

11.1000 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,958,363	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
State General Funds	$2,958,363	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,958,363	$2,998,606	$2,998,606

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,419,560	$27,419,560	$27,419,560
State General Funds	$27,419,560	$27,419,560	$27,419,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,569,560	$27,569,560	$27,569,560
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,362,445	$30,276,526	$28,646,668
State General Funds	$28,362,445	$30,276,526	$28,646,668
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,512,445	$30,426,526	$28,796,668

Court of Appeals **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,585,681	$25,585,681	$25,585,681
State General Funds	$25,585,681	$25,585,681	$25,585,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,735,681	$25,735,681	$25,735,681

12.1 *Increase funds to increase Judges' salaries to $212,230 annually in line with Judicial Compensation Committee's recommendation.*

State General Funds	$812,654	$406,327	$67,721

12.2 *Increase funds for annual cyber security insurance premiums.*

State General Funds	$6,500	$6,500	$0

12.3 *Increase funds for server room and data closet five-year battery replacement.*

State General Funds	$23,281	$23,281	$23,281

12.4 *Increase funds to annualize increase in utilization costs for online legal research tools.*

State General Funds	$8,124	$8,124	$8,124

12.5 *Increase funds to reflect cost of redundant internet security.*

State General Funds	$18,300	$18,300	$18,300

12.6 *Increase funds for required annual information technology maintenance.*

State General Funds	$14,956	$14,956	$14,956

12.7 *Increase funds to annualize cost of moving disaster recovery and back up to a cloud based off-site vendor.*

State General Funds	$28,564	$28,564	$28,564

12.8 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$436,384	$510,680

12.9 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		($8,343)	($8,343)

12.10 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds		$566,148	$566,148

12.11 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds		$16,283	$16,283

12.12 *Reduce funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds		($545)	($545)

12.13 *Reduce funds for temporary judge's salary.*

State General Funds		($117,069)	($117,069)

12.14 *Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for staff attorneys and professional staff. (S:NO; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees)*

State General Funds		$1,085,622	$0

12.15 *Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for clerk's office, administrative, financial, and IT staff. (S:NO; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees)*

State General Funds		$246,557	$0

12.1000 Court of Appeals			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,498,060	$28,316,770	$26,713,781
State General Funds	$26,498,060	$28,316,770	$26,713,781
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,648,060	$28,466,770	$26,863,781

Georgia State-wide Business Court **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
State General Funds	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,833,879	$1,833,879	$1,833,879

13.1 *Increase funds for a salary enhancement per the Judicial Council's judicial compensation reform proposal.*

State General Funds	$30,506	$15,253	$2,542

13.2 *Utilize existing funds to authorize expenditures to comply with O.C.G.A. 15-5A-9(a)(2) and 15-5A-9(a)(3). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

13.3 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$34,198	$20,040

13.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds		$75,138	$75,138

13.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds		$1,288	$1,288

13.1000 Georgia State-wide Business Court **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,864,385	$1,959,756	$1,932,887
State General Funds	$1,864,385	$1,959,756	$1,932,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,864,385	$1,959,756	$1,932,887

Section 6: Judicial Council

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,187,869	$20,187,869	$20,187,869
State General Funds	$20,187,869	$20,187,869	$20,187,869
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,644,556	$24,644,556	$24,644,556

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,232,759	$21,561,173	$21,750,671
State General Funds	$21,232,759	$21,561,173	$21,750,671
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,689,446	$26,017,860	$26,207,358

Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606
State General Funds	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$926,606	$926,606	$926,606

14.1 *Increase funds to annualize one Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) statewide coordinator position.*

State General Funds	$32,444	$32,444	$32,444

14.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$26,639	$26,639

14.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds		$22,078	$22,078

14.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$26,639	$0

14.1000 Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$959,050	$1,034,406	$1,007,767
State General Funds	$959,050	$1,034,406	$1,007,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$959,050	$1,034,406	$1,007,767

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

15.1000 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$822,352	$822,352	$822,352
State General Funds	$822,352	$822,352	$822,352
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,775,555	$1,775,555	$1,775,555

16.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$22,244	$22,244

16.1000 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court

Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$822,352	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$822,352	$844,596	$844,596
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,775,555	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

Judicial Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,341,232	$16,341,232	$16,341,232
State General Funds	$16,341,232	$16,341,232	$16,341,232
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,357,504	$19,357,504	$19,357,504

17.1 *Increase funds for personnel for one project coordinator position. (S:NO; Recognize funding in FY2024 for personnel for one policy counsel position and to coordinate policy)*

State General Funds	$83,807	$83,807	$0

17.2 *Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients.*

State General Funds	$419,000	$209,500	$209,500

17.3 *Increase funds for Council of Municipal Court Judges operations.*			
State General Funds	$18,951	$18,951	$18,951
17.4 *Increase funds for Council of Magistrate Court Judges operations.*			
State General Funds	$10,723	$10,723	$10,723
17.5 *Transfer funds from the Supreme Court to the Judicial Council for the National Center for State Courts statewide dues.*			
State General Funds	$262,635	$262,635	$262,635
17.6 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds		$255,984	$255,984
17.7 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds		$2,171	$2,171
17.8 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*			
State General Funds		$179,256	$179,256
17.9 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds		$5,889	$5,889
17.10 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*			
State General Funds		$307	$307
17.11 *Increase funds for two information technology positions and operations to support the juvenile courts case management system.*			
State General Funds			$299,944

17.1000 Judicial Council			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,136,348	$17,370,455	$17,586,592
State General Funds	$17,136,348	$17,370,455	$17,586,592
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,152,620	$20,386,727	$20,602,864

Judicial Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679
State General Funds	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,297,679	$1,297,679	$1,297,679

18.1 *Increase funds for one legal assistant position.*

State General Funds	$117,330	$83,807	$83,807

18.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$25,142	$25,142

18.3 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$5,088	$5,088

18.1000 Judicial Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial

candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,415,009	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
State General Funds	$1,415,009	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,415,009	$1,411,716	$1,411,716

Resource Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
State General Funds	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000

19.1 *Increase funds for one staff attorney position.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

19.1000 Resource Center **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,501,119	$9,501,119	$9,501,119
State General Funds	$9,501,119	$9,501,119	$9,501,119
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,568,605	$9,568,605	$9,568,605

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,769,119	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
State General Funds	$9,769,119	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,836,605	$9,876,234	$9,876,234

Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,522	$1,986,522	$1,986,522
State General Funds	$1,986,522	$1,986,522	$1,986,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,054,008	$2,054,008	$2,054,008

20.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$46,790	$46,790

20.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,207)	($10,207)

20.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$3,018	$3,018

20.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$28	$28

20.1000 Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction

in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,522	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
State General Funds	$1,986,522	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,054,008	$2,093,637	$2,093,637

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597
State General Funds	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,514,597	$7,514,597	$7,514,597

21.1 *Increase funds for grants to counties for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-52 effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000

21.2 *Increase funds for grants to counties for the Coweta Judicial Circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-52 effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000

21.3 *Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges' salary supplement pursuant to the General Appropriations for FY2023 (Act 865, HB911, 2022 Session). (S:Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges' salary supplement. Beginning in FY2023, a $6,000 supplement has been paid to Juvenile Court Judges who certified no backlog of cases existed in their courts. There is ambiguity surrounding whether the purpose of this allocation has been followed. A new data system should answer questions concerning case backlogs. Therefore, this $6,000 supplement shall cease on February 1, 2025 for any Juvenile Court Judge who has not adopted a uniform case management system that at a minimum provides the period of time that a child has been in Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) custody pending permanency)*

State General Funds	$218,000	$218,000	$218,000

21.1000 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597

State General Funds	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$116,266,535	$116,266,535	$116,266,535
State General Funds	$116,266,535	$116,266,535	$116,266,535
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,395,240	$118,395,240	$118,395,240

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$132,765,828	$134,191,514	$122,584,003
State General Funds	$132,765,828	$134,191,514	$122,584,003
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,332,316	$2,332,316	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$394,442	$394,442	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$394,442	$394,442	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,937,874	$1,937,874	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,937,874	$1,937,874	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$135,098,144	$136,523,830	$124,712,708

Conflict Case **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727
State General Funds	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,801,727	$1,801,727	$1,801,727

22.1 *Increase funds for prosecution to support recruitment and retention needs. (S:NO; Recognize raise commensurate with raises*

given to other state employees)

State General Funds	$85,427	$85,427	$0

22.2 *Increase funds for personnel to allow eligible state employees to withdraw up to 40 hours of earned leave annually from their accrued leave balance.*

State General Funds	$10,592	$10,592	$10,592

22.3 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$26,528	$26,528

22.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$413	$413

22.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds		$38	$38

22.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$5,088	$5,088

22.7 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for vehicles, software, and computers for conflict case unit.*

State General Funds		($210,734)	($210,734)

22.1000 Conflict Case **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,897,746	$1,719,079	$1,633,652
State General Funds	$1,897,746	$1,719,079	$1,633,652
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,897,746	$1,719,079	$1,633,652

Council of Superior Court Clerks **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
State General Funds	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$185,166	$185,166	$185,166

23.1 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds	$5,555	$5,555	$5,555

23.1000 Council of Superior Court Clerks **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

District Attorneys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,321,999	$104,321,999	$104,321,999
State General Funds	$104,321,999	$104,321,999	$104,321,999
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,128,705	$2,128,705	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$326,578	$326,578	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,802,127	$1,802,127	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,450,704	$106,450,704	$106,450,704

24.1 *Increase funds for prosecution to support recruitment and retention needs. (S:NO; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees)*

State General Funds	$15,215,681	$15,215,681	$0

24.2 *Increase funds to allow eligible state-paid victim advocates to withdraw up to 40 hours of earned leave annually from their*

accrued leave balance.

State General Funds	$59,822	$59,822	$59,822

24.3 *Increase funds to annualize additional assistant district attorney positions for the new judgeships in Atlantic, Coweta, and Dougherty Judicial Circuits.*

State General Funds	$234,088	$234,088	$234,088

24.4 *Increase fund for travel to support prosecution.*

State General Funds	$138,709	$138,709	$138,709

24.5 *Increase funds for Department of Human Services Child Support Services contract to support recruitment and retention needs. (S:NO; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees)*

Agency to Agency Contracts	$67,864	$67,864	$0
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$135,747	$135,747	$0
Total Public Funds:	$203,611	$203,611	$0

24.6 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds		$286	$286

24.7 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$106,847	$106,847

24.8 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds		$6,651	$6,651

24.9 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$254,421	$254,421

24.10 *Increase funds for three additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in Douglas, Houston, and Tifton Judicial Circuits starting January 1, 2025.*

State General Funds		$237,228	$237,228

24.11 *Collaborate with the Public Defenders Council to establish and maintain a unified pay scale between assistant district attorneys and public defenders and report findings to House and Senate Appropriations Committees by July 1, 2024. (H:YES)(S:NO; The*

State Commission on Compensation, per O.C.G.A. 45-7-90 et seq., shall convene, research and provide recommendations on salary plans for the job titles of assistant district attorneys and assistant public defenders. The Commission shall report final recommendations by September 1, 2024)

State General Funds $0 $0

24.12 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds $3,162,153

24.1000 District Attorneys			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$119,970,299	$120,575,732	$108,522,204
State General Funds	$119,970,299	$120,575,732	$108,522,204
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,332,316	$2,332,316	$2,128,705
State Funds Transfers	$394,442	$394,442	$326,578
Agency to Agency Contracts	$394,442	$394,442	$326,578
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,937,874	$1,937,874	$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,937,874	$1,937,874	$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$122,302,615	$122,908,048	$110,650,909

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643
State General Funds	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,957,643	$9,957,643	$9,957,643

25.1 *Increase funds for prosecution to support recruitment and retention needs. (S:NO; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees)*

State General Funds $468,556 $468,556 $0

25.2 *Increase funds for office rent.*

State General Funds	$260,863	$260,863	$260,863

25.3 *Increase funds for Solicitor General training and travel.*

State General Funds	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000

25.4 *Transfer funds ($1,125,000) from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council program to establish a new Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission program. (G:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	($1,125,000)	($1,125,000)

25.5 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$218,559	$218,559

25.6 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$3,027	$3,027

25.7 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds		$6,492	$6,492

25.8 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds		$488	$488

25.9 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$20,354	$20,354

25.10 *Increase funds for repeat offender tracking system. (S:Increase funds for a repeat offender and gang case management system)*

State General Funds		$750,000	$1,750,000

25.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,707,062	$10,580,982	$11,112,426
State General Funds	$10,707,062	$10,580,982	$11,112,426
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,707,062	$10,580,982	$11,112,426

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission	**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

500.1 *Transfer funds from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council program for the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission program.*

State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

500.999 ***SAC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors-general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.*

State General Funds	$0

500.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission	**Appropriation (HB 916)**	

The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors-general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

Section 9: Superior Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$88,790,503	$88,790,503	$88,790,503
State General Funds	$88,790,503	$88,790,503	$88,790,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,871,628	$88,871,628	$88,871,628

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$110,312,470	$101,221,598	$93,806,686
State General Funds	$110,312,470	$101,221,598	$93,806,686
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$110,393,595	$101,302,723	$93,887,811

Council of Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,861,834	$1,861,834	$1,861,834
State General Funds	$1,861,834	$1,861,834	$1,861,834
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,886,834	$1,886,834	$1,886,834

26.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$45,203	$45,203

26.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$43,398	$43,398

26.3 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$97	$97

26.1000 Council of Superior Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,861,834	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,861,834	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,886,834	$1,975,532	$1,975,532

Judicial Administrative Districts			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,396,756	$3,396,756	$3,396,756
State General Funds	$3,396,756	$3,396,756	$3,396,756
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,407,881	$3,407,881	$3,407,881

27.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*		
State General Funds	$86,608	$86,608
27.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*		
State General Funds	$3,425	$3,425
27.3 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*		
State General Funds	$254	$254

27.1000 Judicial Administrative Districts			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,396,756	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,396,756	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,407,881	$3,498,168	$3,498,168

Superior Court Judges			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,531,913	$83,531,913	$83,531,913
State General Funds	$83,531,913	$83,531,913	$83,531,913
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,576,913	$83,576,913	$83,576,913

28.1 *Reduce funds for a decrease in the employer contribution rate for Judicial Retirement System from 6.90% to 6.43%.*

State General Funds	($148,943)	($148,943)	($148,943)

28.2 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Dougherty Circuit created in HB77 (2023 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$214,069	$214,069	$214,069

28.3 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Coweta Circuit created in HB243 (2023 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$214,069	$214,069	$214,069

28.4 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Atlantic Circuit created in SB66 (2023 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	$214,069	$214,069	$214,069

28.5 *Increase funds to implement the Judicial Salary Restructuring plan.*

State General Funds	$19,808,123	$9,904,062	$1,650,677

28.6 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Tifton Circuit effective July 1, 2024. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Tifton Circuit effective January 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$437,110	$218,555	$218,555

28.7 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Houston Circuit effective July 1, 2024. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Houston Circuit effective January 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$437,110	$218,555	$218,555

28.8 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective July 1, 2024. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective January 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$437,110	$218,555	$218,555

28.9 *Reduce funds for initial equipment set-up funds for the South Georgia Circuit new judgeship created in HB624 (2022 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)

28.10 *Reduce funds for initial equipment set-up funds for the Blue Ridge Circuit new judgeship created in HB56 (2022 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)

28.11 *Reduce funds for initial equipment set-up funds for the Mountain Circuit new judgeship created in SB395 (2022 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)

28.12 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,251,816	$2,090,289

28.13 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$33,094	$33,094

28.14 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,411	$1,411

28.15 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$3,548	$3,548	

28.1000 Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$105,053,880	$95,784,023	$88,369,111
State General Funds	$105,053,880	$95,784,023	$88,369,111
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,098,880	$95,829,023	$88,414,111

Section 10: Supreme Court

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
State General Funds	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,131,960	$20,131,960	$20,131,960

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,689,943	$20,410,670	$18,999,183
State General Funds	$18,689,943	$20,410,670	$18,999,183
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,549,766	$22,270,493	$20,859,006

Supreme Court of Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a

law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
State General Funds	$18,272,137	$18,272,137	$18,272,137
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,131,960	$20,131,960	$20,131,960

29.1 *Increase funds to annualize funds for the Department of Public Safety Georgia State Patrol Trooper agreement.*

State General Funds	$10,067	$10,067	$10,067

29.2 *Increase funds to annualize an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) administered self-insurance premiums.*

State General Funds	$16,257	$16,257	$16,257

29.3 *Transfer funds from the Supreme Court to the Judicial Council for the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) dues.*

State General Funds	($262,635)	($262,635)	($262,635)

29.4 *Increase funds for personnel for a salary enhancement, consistent with Judicial Council proposal.*

State General Funds	$654,117	$327,059	$54,510

29.5 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$337,943	$380,810

29.6 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$18,202	$18,202

29.7 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds		$490,190	$490,190

29.8 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$18,830	$18,830

29.9 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$815	$815

29.10 *Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for staff attorneys and professional staff. (S:NO; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees)*

State General Funds	$881,340	$0

29.11 *Increase funds for recruitment and retention for clerk's office, administrative, financial, and IT staff. (S:NO; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees)*

State General Funds	$300,465	$0

29.1000 Supreme Court of Georgia **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,689,943	$20,410,670	$18,999,183
State General Funds	$18,689,943	$20,410,670	$18,999,183
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,549,766	$22,270,493	$20,859,006

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,951,047	$7,951,047	$7,951,047
State General Funds	$7,951,047	$7,951,047	$7,951,047
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885

Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,537,212	$34,537,212	$34,537,212
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311
State General Funds	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,865,476	$34,865,476	$34,865,476

Administration (SAO) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$355,246	$355,246	$355,246
State General Funds	$355,246	$355,246	$355,246
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,268,618	$1,268,618	$1,268,618

30.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$5,941	$5,941	$5,941

30.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.*

State General Funds	$9,617	$9,617	$9,617

30.1000 Administration (SAO) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804
State General Funds	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,284,176	$1,284,176	$1,284,176

Financial Systems **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
State Funds Transfers	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
Accounting System Assessments	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,674,250	$23,674,250	$23,674,250

31.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970

31.2 *Transfer funds from the Financial Systems program to the Statewide Accounting and Reporting program for two internal controls positions.*

Accounting System Assessments	($247,055)	($247,055)	($247,055)

31.1000 Financial Systems **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970
State General Funds	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,433,165	$23,433,165	$23,433,165

Shared Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$938,390	$938,390	$938,390
State General Funds	$938,390	$938,390	$938,390
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,802,176	$2,802,176	$2,802,176
32.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds	$24,487	$24,487	$24,487
32.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($2,387)	($2,387)	($2,387)
32.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*			
State General Funds	$6,098	$6,098	$6,098

32.1000 Shared Services		**Appropriation (HB 916)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
State General Funds	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,830,374	$2,830,374	$2,830,374

Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,792,418	$2,792,418	$2,792,418
State General Funds	$2,792,418	$2,792,418	$2,792,418
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
State Funds Transfers	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
Accounting System Assessments	$134,757	$134,757	$134,757
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,927,175	$2,927,175	$2,927,175

33.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$73,712	$73,712	$73,712

33.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$12,895	$12,895	$12,895

33.3 *Transfer funds from the Financial Systems program to the Statewide Accounting and Reporting program for two internal controls positions.*

Accounting System Assessments	$247,055	$247,055	$247,055

33.1000 Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
State General Funds	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,260,837	$3,260,837	$3,260,837

State Ethics Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public

officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449
State General Funds	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,982,449	$2,982,449	$2,982,449

34.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$69,174	$69,174	$69,174

34.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,031	$1,031	$1,031

34.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$53,658	$53,658	$53,658

34.4 *Increase funds to enhance the e-filing system to improve customer service and transparency in reporting.*

State General Funds	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000

34.998 *Change the name of the Georgia Government Transparency Campaign Finance Commission to the State Ethics Commission pursuant to HB572 (2023 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

34.1000 State Ethics Commission **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
State General Funds	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312

Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544
State General Funds	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,544	$882,544	$882,544

35.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$16,101	$16,101	$16,101

35.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$1,967	$1,967	$1,967

35.3 *Utilize existing funds ($26,476) for costs related to office relocation and administrative hearings. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

35.1000 Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
State General Funds	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,520,988	$6,520,988	$6,520,988
State General Funds	$6,520,988	$6,520,988	$6,520,988
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$48,160,504	$48,160,504	$48,160,504
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Sales and Services	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Funds Transfers	$218,404,496	$218,404,496	$218,404,496
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$51,144,343	$51,144,343	$51,144,343
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Merit System Assessments	$7,925,062	$7,925,062	$7,925,062
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$273,085,988	$273,085,988	$273,085,988

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,607,369	$18,283,814	$19,783,814
State General Funds	$19,607,369	$18,283,814	$19,783,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$48,160,504	$48,160,504	$48,160,504
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,662,329	$2,662,329	$2,662,329
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$24,974,434	$24,974,434	$24,974,434
Sales and Services	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,532,195	$4,532,195	$4,532,195
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$232,588,649	$232,588,649	$232,588,649
State Funds Transfers	$232,588,649	$232,588,649	$232,588,649
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$51,144,343	$51,144,343	$51,144,343

Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$8,809,215	$8,809,215	$8,809,215
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$300,356,522	$299,032,967	$300,532,967

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

36.1000 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

Departmental Administration (DOAS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,517,735	$4,517,735	$4,517,735
Intergovernmental Transfers	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Sales and Services	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Funds Transfers	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,302	$1,653,302	$1,653,302
Merit System Assessments	$2,251,287	$2,251,287	$2,251,287
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,232,324	$9,232,324	$9,232,324

37.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAS)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,517,735	$4,517,735	$4,517,735
Intergovernmental Transfers	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$338,577	$338,577	$338,577
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,376,511	$3,376,511	$3,376,511
Sales and Services	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$802,647	$802,647	$802,647
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Funds Transfers	$3,904,589	$3,904,589	$3,904,589
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,302	$1,653,302	$1,653,302
Merit System Assessments	$2,251,287	$2,251,287	$2,251,287
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,232,324	$9,232,324	$9,232,324

Fleet Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739

38.1000 Fleet Management **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,564,739	$1,564,739	$1,564,739

Human Resources Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
State Funds Transfers	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
Merit System Assessments	$5,673,775	$5,673,775	$5,673,775
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,079,059	$13,079,059	$13,079,059

39.1 *Increase funds to recognize additional revenue from merit system assessments to support statewide human resource initiatives.*

Merit System Assessments	$884,153	$884,153	$884,153

39.1000 Human Resources Administration **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
State Funds Transfers	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
Merit System Assessments	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,963,212	$13,963,212	$13,963,212

Risk Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,430,000	$2,430,000	$2,430,000
State General Funds	$2,430,000	$2,430,000	$2,430,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Funds Transfers	$205,751,031	$205,751,031	$205,751,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$46,511,281	$46,511,281	$46,511,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$210,504,783	$210,504,783	$210,504,783

40.1 *Reduce funds for one-time funding to pay negotiated Workers Compensation settlements.*

State General Funds	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)

40.2 *Increase funds for billings for liability insurance premiums to reflect claim expenses.*

Liability Funds	$13,300,000	$13,300,000	$13,300,000

40.3 *Increase funds for supplemental, illness-specific insurance for first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$0

40.1000 Risk Management **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$430,000	$1,430,000	$430,000
State General Funds	$430,000	$1,430,000	$430,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$221,804,783	$222,804,783	$221,804,783

State Purchasing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184

41.1000 State Purchasing **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,888,184	$19,888,184	$19,888,184

Surplus Property **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

42.1000 Surplus Property **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

Georgia Tax Tribunal **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242
State General Funds	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$566,242	$566,242	$566,242

43.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$13,047	$13,047	$13,047

43.2 *Increase funds to purchase tax law research software.*

State General Funds	$3,400	$3,400	$3,400

43.1000 Georgia Tax Tribunal **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,675,240	$2,675,240	$2,675,240
State General Funds	$2,675,240	$2,675,240	$2,675,240
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101

State Funds Transfers	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,750,341	$5,750,341	$5,750,341

44.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$69,934	$69,934	$69,934

44.1000 Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Funds Transfers	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,075,101	$3,075,101	$3,075,101
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,820,275	$5,820,275	$5,820,275

State Treasurer, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262

45.1000 State Treasurer, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262
Interest and Investment Income	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$8,586,262	$8,586,262	$8,586,262
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,194,262	$10,194,262	$10,194,262

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

46.1 *Utilize existing funds ($9,000,000) and increase funds to enhance and standardize cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies (Total Funds: $24,000,000). (H:Utilize existing funds ($9,000,000) and increase funds to enhance and standardize cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies (Total Funds: $21,500,000))(S:Utilize existing funds ($9,000,000) and increase funds to enhance and standardize cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies (Total Funds: $24,000,000))*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$12,500,000	$15,000,000

46.2 *Recognize an increase in telecommunications and infrastructure rates to offset increased costs of service (Total Funds: $19,427,715). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

46.1000 Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective

delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$12,500,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$12,500,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$12,500,000	$15,000,000

Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

501.1 *Increase funds in FY2025 to purchase annuities for wrongfully convicted individuals pursuant to the favorable passage of HR901 and HR902 (2024 Session). (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

501.2 *Increase funds to purchase an annuity for a wrongfully convicted individual (HR161, 2009 Session).*

State General Funds	$176,445	$176,445

501.1000 Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445
State General Funds	$176,445	$176,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,743,086	$61,743,086	$61,743,086
State General Funds	$59,615,358	$59,615,358	$59,615,358

Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,319,932	$73,319,932	$73,319,932
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$65,912,024	$66,328,485	$66,071,485
State General Funds	$63,778,168	$64,194,629	$63,937,629
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930

Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,488,870	$77,905,331	$77,648,331

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
State General Funds	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,048,552	$4,048,552	$4,048,552

47.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$86,187	$86,187	$86,187

47.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$9,355	$9,355	$9,355

47.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	$17,773	$17,773	$17,773

47.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
State General Funds	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867

Consumer Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,571,608	$34,571,608	$34,571,608
State General Funds	$34,571,608	$34,571,608	$34,571,608
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,242,753	$44,242,753	$44,242,753

48.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,019,194	$1,019,194	$1,019,194

48.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($23,782)	($23,782)	($23,782)

48.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$307,213	$307,213	$307,213

48.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$10,652	$10,652	$10,652

48.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,888	$1,888	$1,888

48.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$20,113	$20,113	$20,113

48.7 *Transfer funds from the Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority program ($322,800) to the Consumer Protection program and increase funds for ten inspector positions to implement the Georgia Electric Vehicle Charging Program pursuant to SB146 (2023 Session). (H and S:Increase funds to continue implementation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program)*

State General Funds	$1,058,400	$250,000	$250,000

48.8 *Increase funds for the Feral Hog Task Force, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

48.9 *Increase funds to provide an additional $2,000 targeted salary enhancement for Consumer Protection positions.*

State General Funds	$1,200,583	$1,200,583	$1,200,583

48.10 *Increase funds for two shellfish inspection and certification program positions.*

State General Funds		$267,861	$267,861

48.1000 Consumer Protection **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,315,869	$37,775,330	$37,775,330
State General Funds	$38,315,869	$37,775,330	$37,775,330
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,987,014	$47,446,475	$47,446,475

Departmental Administration (DOA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,663,878	$7,663,878	$7,663,878
State General Funds	$7,663,878	$7,663,878	$7,663,878
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,713,878	$8,713,878	$8,713,878

49.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$223,410	$223,410	$223,410

49.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($8,061)	($8,061)	($8,061)

49.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$158,563	$158,563	$158,563

49.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,748	$1,748	$1,748

49.5 *Increase funds for an information security officer position.*

State General Funds		$185,000	$0

49.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding for agricultural improvements.*

State General Funds		$700,000	$700,000

49.1000 Departmental Administration (DOA)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,039,538	$8,924,538	$8,739,538
State General Funds	$8,039,538	$8,924,538	$8,739,538
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,089,538	$9,974,538	$9,789,538

Marketing and Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,029,741	$8,029,741	$8,029,741
State General Funds	$5,902,013	$5,902,013	$5,902,013
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,127,728	$2,127,728	$2,127,728
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,885,442	$8,885,442	$8,885,442

50.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$96,155	$96,155	$96,155

50.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,392	$1,392	$1,392

50.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$25,854	$25,854	$25,854

50.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$10,147	$10,147	$10,147

50.5 *Increase funds for the Agricultural Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of the Agricultural Tax Exemption fee pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$6,128	$6,128	$6,128

50.1000 Marketing and Promotion **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,169,417	$8,169,417	$8,169,417
State General Funds	$6,035,561	$6,035,561	$6,035,561
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,025,118	$9,025,118	$9,025,118

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

51.1000 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578
State General Funds	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,222,578	$1,222,578	$1,222,578

52.1 *Transfer funds from the Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority program to the Consumer Protection program to align budget with expenditures. (H and S:Reduce funds)*

State General Funds	($322,800)	($322,800)	($322,800)

52.1000 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control

structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672
State General Funds	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,157,672	$3,157,672	$3,157,672

53.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$95,704	$95,704	$95,704

53.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$10,120	$10,120	$10,120

53.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$13,002	$13,002	$13,002

53.4 *Increase funds to develop and implement a Master Farmer Program. (S:YES; Utilize industry sponsorships to develop and implement a Master Farmer Program)*

State General Funds		$72,000	$0

53.1000 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,348,498	$3,276,498
State General Funds	$3,276,498	$3,348,498	$3,276,498
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,348,498	$3,276,498

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948
State General Funds	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,266,948	$14,266,948	$14,266,948
Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,886,415	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
State General Funds	$14,886,415	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,886,415	$14,916,241	$14,916,241

Departmental Administration (DBF) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917
State General Funds	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,878,917	$2,878,917	$2,878,917

54.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$63,118	$63,118	$63,118

54.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,236)	($4,236)	($4,236)

54.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,258	$1,258	$1,258

54.1000 Departmental Administration (DBF) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
State General Funds	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057

Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers

operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531
State General Funds	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,174,531	$8,174,531	$8,174,531

55.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$207,256	$207,256	$207,256

55.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($7,280)	($7,280)	($7,280)

55.3 *Increase funds to provide an additional $2,000 targeted salary enhancement for Financial Institution Supervision examiners.*

State General Funds	$152,586	$152,586	$152,586

55.1000 Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
State General Funds	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500

State General Funds	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,213,500	$3,213,500	$3,213,500

56.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$57,782	$87,608	$87,608

56.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,292)	($1,292)	($1,292)

56.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,600	$1,600	$1,600

56.4 *Increase funds for personnel for two examiners to address increased workload.*

State General Funds	$148,675	$148,675	$148,675

56.1000 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,420,265	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
State General Funds	$3,420,265	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,420,265	$3,450,091	$3,450,091

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,498,212,940	$1,498,212,940	$1,498,212,940
State General Funds	$1,487,957,802	$1,487,957,802	$1,487,957,802
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$149,263,138	$149,263,138	$149,263,138
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,081,397	$5,081,397	$5,081,397
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$29,958,095	$29,958,095	$29,958,095

Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,971,962	$25,971,962	$25,971,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,675,867,750	$1,675,867,750	$1,675,867,750

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,637,699,882	$1,657,239,792	$1,653,107,691
State General Funds	$1,627,444,744	$1,646,984,654	$1,642,852,553
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$385,824,033	$230,703,500	$385,824,033
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$86,521,759	$86,521,759	$86,521,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$185,078,628	$29,958,095	$185,078,628
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,971,962	$25,971,962	$25,971,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,846,902	$24,846,902	$24,846,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,051,915,587	$1,916,334,964	$2,067,323,396

Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,133,411	$56,133,411	$56,133,411
State General Funds	$56,133,411	$56,133,411	$56,133,411
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,822,545	$100,822,545	$100,822,545

57.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$21,925	$21,925	$21,925

57.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$5,295	$5,295	$5,295

57.3 *Increase funds to expand Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites. (S:Increase funds to double the base funding to $500,000 to expand Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$250,000

57.4 *Increase funds for addiction treatment locator. (S:YES; Consider using $400,000 of the $111,430,810 in Opioid Settlement funds for addiction treatment locator)*

State General Funds		$100,000	$0

57.1000 Adult Addictive Diseases Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,160,631	$56,760,631	$56,410,631
State General Funds	$56,160,631	$56,760,631	$56,410,631
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,849,765	$101,449,765	$101,099,765

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

58.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$429,164,775	$429,164,775	$429,164,775
State General Funds	$418,909,637	$418,909,637	$418,909,637
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,317,724	$50,317,724	$50,317,724
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,336,582	$12,336,582	$12,336,582
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,342,499	$502,342,499	$502,342,499

59.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,664,498	$1,664,498	$1,664,498

59.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$240	$240	$240

59.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($887,697)	($887,697)	($887,697)

59.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$90,712	$90,712	$90,712

59.5 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of 500 slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

State General Funds	$9,377,302	$9,377,302	$9,377,302

59.6 *Increase funds for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

State General Funds	$2,345,692	$2,345,692	$2,345,692

59.7 *Transfer funds ($4,947,743) from the Adult Forensics, Adult Mental Health Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and Departmental Administration (DBHDD) programs to the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program and increase funds to implement the New Option Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Option Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study. (H:Recognize agency-wide transfers ($4,947,743) and increase funds ($74,953,932) to implement the New Option Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Option Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study (Total Funds: $161,342,037))(S:Transfer funds ($4,947,743) from the Adult Forensic Services, Adult Mental Health Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and Departmental Administration (DBHDD) programs to the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program and increase funds to implement the New Option Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Option Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study)*

State General Funds	$79,901,675	$79,901,675	$79,901,675
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$155,120,533	$0	$155,120,533
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Total Public Funds:	$316,462,570	$161,342,037	$316,462,570

59.8 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.*

State General Funds	($717,268)	($717,268)	($717,268)

59.9 *Increase funds to operationalize the Macon Crisis Stabilization Diagnostic Center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

State General Funds		$3,194,724	$3,194,724

59.10 *Increase funds for adult autism services.*

State General Funds		$108,000	$108,000

59.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$520,939,929	$524,242,653	$524,242,653
State General Funds	$510,684,791	$513,987,515	$513,987,515
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$286,878,619	$131,758,086	$286,878,619
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$167,457,115	$12,336,582	$167,457,115
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$830,678,548	$678,860,739	$833,981,272

Adult Forensic Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$141,815,480	$141,815,480	$141,815,480
State General Funds	$141,815,480	$141,815,480	$141,815,480
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,841,980	$141,841,980	$141,841,980

60.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$3,378,223	$3,378,223	$3,378,223

60.2 *Increase funds to staff and operate a forensic step-down unit to address the statewide waitlist.*

State General Funds	$3,218,210	$3,218,210	$3,218,210

60.3 *Transfer funds from the Adult Forensic Services program to the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program to align*

budget with expenditures.

State General Funds	($1,495,370)	($1,495,370)	($1,495,370)

60.4 *Increase funds for an additional 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot in Dodge County.*

State General Funds		$1,993,384	$1,993,384

60.5 *Increase funds for the expansion of the Cobb County jail-based restoration program. (S:NO; The Senate is not confident that the provider will remain even at the current $125,000 per-bed proposed rate)*

State General Funds		$1,250,000	$0

60.1000 Adult Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$146,916,543	$150,159,927	$148,909,927
State General Funds	$146,916,543	$150,159,927	$148,909,927
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$26,500	$26,500	$26,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$146,943,043	$150,186,427	$148,936,427

Adult Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$596,965,329	$596,965,329	$596,965,329
State General Funds	$596,965,329	$596,965,329	$596,965,329
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,858,953	$11,858,953	$11,858,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,070,420	$2,070,420	$2,070,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$609,914,377	$609,914,377	$609,914,377
61.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds	$17,576,246	$17,576,246	$17,576,246
61.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($1,234,726)	($1,234,726)	($1,234,726)
61.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$164,078	$164,078	$164,078
61.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*			
State General Funds	$189,251	$189,251	$189,251
61.5 *Reduce funds to reflect decreased demand for core adult mental health services.*			
State General Funds	($11,420,218)	($11,420,218)	($11,420,218)
61.6 *Increase funds for a behavioral health crisis center in DBHDD's Region 1. (H and S:Increase funds for a behavioral health crisis center)*			
State General Funds	$9,481,532	$9,481,532	$9,481,532
61.7 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of a behavioral health crisis center in Fulton County.*			
State General Funds	$3,792,613	$5,688,919	$3,792,613
61.8 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of a behavioral health crisis center for the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia in Dublin.*			
State General Funds	$1,586,056	$1,586,056	$1,586,056
61.9 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of a behavioral health crisis center for Serenity Behavioral Health Systems in Augusta.*			
State General Funds	$1,221,116	$1,221,116	$1,221,116
61.10 *Transfer funds from the Adult Mental Health Services program to the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program to align budget with expenditures.*			
State General Funds	($1,802,373)	($1,802,373)	($1,802,373)

61.11 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding to coordinate outreach to address homelessness in the Atlanta area.*

State General Funds	($825,000)	($825,000)	($825,000)

61.12 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.*

State General Funds	($121,126)	($121,126)	($121,126)

61.13 *Increase funds to match rate implementation of the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study for uninsured Georgians. (H and S:YES; Increase funds to match rate implementation of the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study for uninsured Georgians and transfer funds ($4,227,287) from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for Georgians covered by Medicaid)*

State General Funds	$22,430,804	$26,658,091	$26,658,091

61.14 *Increase funds to support staffing of the '988' hotline.*

State General Funds		$300,000	$300,000

61.15 *Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement. (S:NO; Pause increase in funding for Georgia Housing Voucher program awaiting response from the US Department of Justice (DOJ) concerning progress towards substantial compliance with the Olmstead Settlement Agreement)*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0

61.16 *Increase funds for behavioral health services for Georgians experiencing homelessness in the Atlanta area. (S:NO; Recognize funding for Atlanta area homelessness programming for behavioral health and support services at a rehousing facility)*

State General Funds		$225,000	$0

61.17 *Increase funds for behavioral health and support services at a rehousing facility.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$515,000

61.1000 Adult Mental Health Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$638,003,582	$647,352,175	$643,045,869
State General Funds	$638,003,582	$647,352,175	$643,045,869
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,858,953	$11,858,953	$11,858,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355

Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,070,420	$2,070,420	$2,070,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,090,095	$1,090,095	$1,090,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$650,952,630	$660,301,223	$655,994,917

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,325,741	$3,325,741	$3,325,741
State General Funds	$3,325,741	$3,325,741	$3,325,741
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,253,890	$11,253,890	$11,253,890

62.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$4,380	$4,380	$4,380

62.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$838	$838	$838

62.1000 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,226,511	$16,226,511	$16,226,511
State General Funds	$16,226,511	$16,226,511	$16,226,511
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,512,007	$19,512,007	$19,512,007

63.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$61,036	$61,036	$61,036

63.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$2,627	$2,627	$2,627

63.3 *Increase funds to expand enrichment activities, family support, and employment opportunities for children and young adults with developmental disabilities.*

State General Funds		$300,000	$300,000

63.4 *Increase funds for autism early screening and care training in rural counties. (S:Increase funds and recognize ongoing fieldwork for autism early screening and care training in rural counties)*

State General Funds		$200,000	$200,000

63.1000 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,290,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174
State General Funds	$16,290,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,575,670	$20,075,670	$20,075,670

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031
State General Funds	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,185,031	$7,185,031	$7,185,031

64.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$121,233	$121,233	$121,233

64.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,880	$1,880	$1,880

64.1000 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,984,605	$56,984,605	$56,984,605
State General Funds	$56,984,605	$56,984,605	$56,984,605
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,324,515	$10,324,515	$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,886,984	$2,886,984	$2,886,984
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,394,120	$67,394,120	$67,394,120

65.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$70,259	$70,259	$70,259

65.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$3,631	$3,631	$3,631

65.3 *Transfer funds from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program to the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)

65.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Georgia psychiatric residential treatment facilities receiving less than $500 per patient day while under current cost report reimbursement methodology. (H and S:Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Georgia psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) receiving less than $500 per patient day while under current cost report reimbursement methodology due to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of PRTF rate at 75% of Medicare inpatient facility rates)*

State General Funds	($600,000)	($600,000)	($600,000)

65.5 *Increase funds for operations of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.*

State General Funds		$225,795	$0

65.6 *Increase funds for the Georgia Apex Program to expand mental health services in schools. (S:Increase funds for the Georgia Apex Program to include telehealth services to expand mental health services in schools)*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$1,000,000

65.1000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$55,458,495	$57,684,290	$56,458,495
State General Funds	$55,458,495	$57,684,290	$56,458,495
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,324,515	$10,324,515	$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,886,984	$2,886,984	$2,886,984

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,868,010	$68,093,805	$66,868,010

Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,964,012	$31,964,012	$31,964,012
State General Funds	$31,964,012	$31,964,012	$31,964,012
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,264,758	$41,264,758	$41,264,758

66.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,208,140	$1,208,140	$1,208,140

66.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$130,106	$130,106	$130,106

66.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$330,186	$330,186	$330,186

66.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$43,325	$43,325	$43,325

66.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$87,920	$87,920	$87,920

66.6 *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration (DBHDD) program to the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services*

program to align budget with expenditures.			
State General Funds	($650,000)	($650,000)	($650,000)
66.7 *Reduce funds to reflect technology cost savings.*			
State General Funds	($2,016,954)	($2,016,954)	($2,016,954)

66.1000 Departmental Administration (DBHDD)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
State General Funds	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,397,481	$40,397,481	$40,397,481

Direct Care Support Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$154,255,108	$154,255,108	$154,255,108
State General Funds	$154,255,108	$154,255,108	$154,255,108
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,128,149	$158,128,149	$158,128,149

67.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$3,022,741	$3,022,741	$3,022,741

67.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$42,619	$42,619	$42,619

67.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($33,216)	($33,216)	($33,216)

67.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$372,985	$372,985	$372,985

67.5 *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	$80,299	$80,299	$80,299

67.1000 Direct Care Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
State General Funds	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,613,577	$161,613,577	$161,613,577

Substance Abuse Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$352,378	$352,378	$352,378
State General Funds	$352,378	$352,378	$352,378
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,348,793	$10,348,793	$10,348,793

68.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$6,852	$6,852	$6,852

68.1000 Substance Abuse Prevention **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,355,645	$10,355,645	$10,355,645

Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$780,964	$780,964	$780,964
State General Funds	$780,964	$780,964	$780,964
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,800,006	$2,800,006	$2,800,006

69.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$5,978	$5,978	$5,978

69.1000 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
State General Funds	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,805,984	$2,805,984	$2,805,984

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595
State General Funds	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$959,595	$959,595	$959,595

70.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$35,444	$35,444	$35,444

70.2 *Increase funds for personnel for two new evaluator positions to address the growth of the existing caseload backlog. (H and S:Increase funds for five new evaluator positions to address the growth of the existing caseload backlog)*

State General Funds	$212,943	$532,357	$532,357

70.3 *Increase funds to address sexual offender caseload backlog.*

State General Funds			$3,000,000

70.998 *Change the name of the Sexual Offender Review Board to the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

70.1000 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,207,982	$1,527,396	$4,527,396
State General Funds	$1,207,982	$1,527,396	$4,527,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,982	$1,527,396	$4,527,396

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,372,566	$58,372,566	$58,372,566
State General Funds	$58,372,566	$58,372,566	$58,372,566
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,758,057	$14,758,057	$14,758,057
Reserved Fund Balances	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Intergovernmental Transfers	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Sales and Services	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
State Funds Transfers	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
Agency to Agency Contracts	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$242,403,370	$242,403,370	$242,403,370

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,282,615	$62,831,597	$61,782,615
State General Funds	$61,282,615	$62,831,597	$61,782,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$169,081,824	$169,081,824	$169,081,824
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$14,758,057	$14,758,057	$14,758,057
Reserved Fund Balances	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$467,418	$467,418	$467,418

Intergovernmental Transfers	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$13,141,147	$13,141,147	$13,141,147
Sales and Services	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,149,492	$1,149,492	$1,149,492
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
State Funds Transfers	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
Agency to Agency Contracts	$190,923	$190,923	$190,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$245,313,419	$246,862,401	$245,813,419

Building Construction **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$306,335	$306,335	$306,335
State General Funds	$306,335	$306,335	$306,335
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$538,688	$538,688	$538,688

71.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$9,074	$9,074	$9,074

71.1000 Building Construction **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353

Sales and Services	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$232,353	$232,353	$232,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$547,762	$547,762	$547,762

Coordinated Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918
State General Funds	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,745,918	$3,745,918	$3,745,918

72.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$40,441	$40,441	$40,441

72.1000 Coordinated Planning **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359
State General Funds	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359

Departmental Administration (DCA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,790,639	$1,790,639	$1,790,639
State General Funds	$1,790,639	$1,790,639	$1,790,639

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,945,396	$2,945,396	$2,945,396
Reserved Fund Balances	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Sales and Services	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
State Funds Transfers	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
Agency to Agency Contracts	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,699,074	$7,699,074	$7,699,074

73.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$18,352	$18,352	$18,352

73.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$3,348	$3,348	$3,348

73.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,306	$1,306	$1,306

73.4 *Increase funds for personnel.*

State General Funds		$448,982	$0

73.1000 Departmental Administration (DCA)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,645	$2,262,627	$1,813,645
State General Funds	$1,813,645	$2,262,627	$1,813,645
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,933,711	$2,933,711	$2,933,711
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,945,396	$2,945,396	$2,945,396

Reserved Fund Balances	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$228,827	$228,827	$228,827
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,645,435	$2,645,435	$2,645,435
Sales and Services	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,134	$71,134	$71,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
State Funds Transfers	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
Agency to Agency Contracts	$29,328	$29,328	$29,328
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,722,080	$8,171,062	$7,722,080

Federal Community and Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,782,656	$1,782,656	$1,782,656
State General Funds	$1,782,656	$1,782,656	$1,782,656
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$631,978	$631,978	$631,978
Intergovernmental Transfers	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Sales and Services	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,918,456	$49,918,456	$49,918,456

74.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$51,199	$51,199	$51,199

74.1000 Federal Community and Economic Development Programs **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855

State General Funds	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$47,503,822	$47,503,822	$47,503,822
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$631,978	$631,978	$631,978
Intergovernmental Transfers	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$460,580	$460,580	$460,580
Sales and Services	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,398	$171,398	$171,398
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,969,655	$49,969,655	$49,969,655

Homeownership Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,600,238	$5,600,238	$5,600,238
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Sales and Services	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,118,534	$8,118,534	$8,118,534

75.1000 Homeownership Programs **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,518,296	$2,518,296	$2,518,296
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,600,238	$5,600,238	$5,600,238
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,554,033	$5,554,033	$5,554,033
Sales and Services	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$46,205	$46,205	$46,205
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,118,534	$8,118,534	$8,118,534

Regional Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,264,767	$1,264,767	$1,264,767
State General Funds	$1,264,767	$1,264,767	$1,264,767
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$140,752	$140,752	$140,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,605,519	$1,605,519	$1,605,519

76.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$45,334	$45,334	$45,334

76.1000 Regional Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership

infrastructure across local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
State General Funds	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$140,752	$140,752	$140,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$123,752	$123,752	$123,752
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,650,853	$1,650,853	$1,650,853

Rental Housing Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,145,738	$4,145,738	$4,145,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Sales and Services	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,019,277	$116,019,277	$116,019,277

77.1000 Rental Housing Programs **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them

to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$111,873,539	$111,873,539	$111,873,539
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,145,738	$4,145,738	$4,145,738
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,766,738	$3,766,738	$3,766,738
Sales and Services	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$379,000	$379,000	$379,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,019,277	$116,019,277	$116,019,277

Research and Surveys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$397,224	$397,224	$397,224
State General Funds	$397,224	$397,224	$397,224
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$447,224	$447,224	$447,224

78.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$12,937	$12,937	$12,937

78.1000 Research and Surveys **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
State General Funds	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$460,161	$460,161	$460,161

Special Housing Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,031,329	$4,031,329	$4,031,329
State General Funds	$4,031,329	$4,031,329	$4,031,329
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,993	$289,993	$289,993
Reserved Fund Balances	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Sales and Services	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
State Funds Transfers	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
Agency to Agency Contracts	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,533,781	$7,533,781	$7,533,781

79.1 *Utilize existing funds ($800,000), transfer funds ($400,000) from the State Community Development Programs program to the Special Housing Initiatives program, and increase funds for one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund to improve homelessness services and pursue new federal grant opportunities (Total Funds: $4,597,416). (H and S:Utilize new and existing funds for the State Housing Trust Fund to improve homelessness services and pursue new federal grant opportunities (Total Funds: $4,597,416))*

State General Funds	$3,797,416	$3,797,416	$3,797,416

79.1000 Special Housing Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745

State General Funds	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,050,864	$3,050,864	$3,050,864
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,993	$289,993	$289,993
Reserved Fund Balances	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$238,591	$238,591	$238,591
Sales and Services	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$51,402	$51,402	$51,402
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
State Funds Transfers	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
Agency to Agency Contracts	$161,595	$161,595	$161,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,331,197	$11,331,197	$11,331,197

State Community Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,184,467	$3,184,467	$3,184,467
State General Funds	$3,184,467	$3,184,467	$3,184,467
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,286,059	$4,286,059	$4,286,059

80.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$59,416	$59,416	$59,416

80.2 *Eliminate funds remaining for state broadband programs. (S:Reduce funds for state broadband programs and utilize remaining existing funds ($32,813) for other broadband operations)*

State General Funds	($302,087)	($302,087)	($302,087)

80.3 *Transfer funds from the State Community Development Programs program to the Special Housing Initiatives program to align*

budget with expenditures.

State General Funds	($400,000)	($400,000)	($400,000)

80.1000 State Community Development Programs **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,541,796	$2,541,796	$2,541,796
State General Funds	$2,541,796	$2,541,796	$2,541,796
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,001,592	$1,001,592	$1,001,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,643,388	$3,643,388	$3,643,388

State Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,705,396	$13,705,396	$13,705,396
State General Funds	$13,705,396	$13,705,396	$13,705,396
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$476,088	$476,088	$476,088
Intergovernmental Transfers	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Sales and Services	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,181,484	$14,181,484	$14,181,484

81.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$23,313	$23,313	$23,313

81.1000 State Economic Development Programs			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
State General Funds	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$476,088	$476,088	$476,088
Intergovernmental Transfers	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$345,088	$345,088	$345,088
Sales and Services	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$131,000	$131,000	$131,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,204,797	$14,204,797	$14,204,797

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495

82.1 *Increase funds for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$0

82.1000 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,353,495	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,353,495	$1,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,353,495	$1,253,495

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,910,340	$26,910,340	$26,910,340
State General Funds	$26,910,340	$26,910,340	$26,910,340

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,055,861	$27,055,861	$27,055,861

83.1 *Utilize existing funds ($6,000,000) for the Rural Workforce Housing Program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

83.998 *Transfer funds from the Payments to OneGeorgia Authority program to the Department of Economic Development Rural Development program for the Governor's Rural Strike Force to align budgets with program expenditures.*

State General Funds	($450,000)	($450,000)	($450,000)

83.1000 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340
State General Funds	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,605,861	$26,605,861	$26,605,861

Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$0	$0
State General Funds		$0	$0

502.1 *Increase funds to create the accountable housing initiative. (S:Increase funds and recognize funds ($500,000) in the Adult Mental Health Services program in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to create the accountable housing initiative)*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$500,000

502.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this program is to fund accountable housing initiative.*
House*: The purpose of this program is to fund accountable housing initiative.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

502.1000 Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project	**Appropriation (HB 916)**	
The purpose of this program is to fund accountable housing initiative.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$500,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,000,000	$500,000

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,755,971,201	$4,755,971,201	$4,755,971,201
State General Funds	$4,084,880,864	$4,084,880,864	$4,084,880,864
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,769,315	$8,769,315	$8,769,315
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,685,494	$152,685,494	$152,685,494
Hospital Provider Fee	$385,573,177	$385,573,177	$385,573,177
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,687,933,882	$9,687,933,882	$9,687,933,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,684,102	$26,684,102	$26,684,102
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,193,039,021	$9,193,039,021	$9,193,039,021
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$468,210,759
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$220,774,078	$220,774,078	$220,774,078
Intergovernmental Transfers	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Hospital Authorities	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
State Funds Transfers	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,788,410,812	$19,788,410,812	$19,788,410,812

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,240,573,874	$5,248,252,002	$5,267,129,834
State General Funds	$4,543,253,247	$4,550,931,375	$4,569,809,207
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715
Hospital Provider Fee	$410,990,552	$410,990,552	$410,990,552
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,436,738,827	$10,222,953,184	$10,111,227,348
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,684,102	$26,684,102	$26,684,102
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,904,541,628	$9,728,058,323	$9,542,871,250
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$37,302,338		
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$468,210,759	$468,210,759	$541,671,996
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$220,774,078	$220,774,078	$220,774,078
Intergovernmental Transfers	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Hospital Authorities	$214,057,828	$214,057,828	$214,057,828
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,513,568,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,123,731,651	$5,123,731,651	$5,513,568,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$4,841,705,870	$4,841,705,870	$5,231,542,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,021,818,430	$20,815,710,915	$21,112,699,438

Departmental Administration (DCH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,078,435	$91,078,435	$91,078,435
State General Funds	$91,078,435	$91,078,435	$91,078,435
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$376,976,734	$376,976,734	$376,976,734
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,778,946	$17,778,946	$17,778,946

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$493,651,523	$493,651,523	$493,651,523

84.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$746,927	$746,927	$746,927

84.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$315	$315	$315

84.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$405,510	$405,510	$405,510

84.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$266,792	$266,792	$266,792

84.5 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($358)	($358)	($358)

84.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$3,516	$3,516	$3,516

84.7 *Increase funds for 20 positions to monitor, evaluate, and improve Care Management Organization oversight.*

State General Funds	$1,527,825	$1,527,825	$1,527,825

84.8 *Reduce funds for savings resulting from the implementation of the Medicaid Enterprise System Transformation Program.*

State General Funds	($1,372,082)	($1,372,082)	($1,372,082)

84.9 *Reduce funds for rent to reflect savings from office space consolidation.*

State General Funds	($417,212)	($417,212)	($417,212)

84.10 *Evaluate reimbursement parity between all children's hospitals in the state and report findings to House and Senate Appropriations Committees by July 1, 2024. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

84.11 *The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change and rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of long-acting injectable medications used in an inpatient setting to improve the coordination of care and reduce inpatient readmission rates for individuals with serious mental illness. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

84.12 *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration (DCH) program to implement a sickle cell managed care pilot program.*

State General Funds			$1,085,208

84.1000 Departmental Administration (DCH)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$92,239,668	$92,239,668	$93,324,876
State General Funds	$92,239,668	$92,239,668	$93,324,876
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$376,976,734	$376,976,734	$376,976,734
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,778,946	$17,778,946	$17,778,946
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$494,812,756	$494,812,756	$495,897,964

Georgia Board of Dentistry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037
State General Funds	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$874,037	$874,037	$874,037

85.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$23,956	$23,956	$23,956

85.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$3,425	$3,425	$3,425

85.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$5,361	$5,361	$5,361

85.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$10,057	$10,057	$10,057

85.5 *Utilize existing funds ($20,065) for investigative software. (G:YES)(H and S:Increase funds for the annual operations for investigative software)*

State General Funds	$0	$25,664	$25,664

85.1000 Georgia Board of Dentistry **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$916,836	$942,500	$942,500
State General Funds	$916,836	$942,500	$942,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$916,836	$942,500	$942,500

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432
State General Funds	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$849,432	$849,432	$849,432

86.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$26,218	$26,218	$26,218

86.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,712	$1,712	$1,712

86.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$5,361	$5,361	$5,361

86.1000 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723
State General Funds	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723

Health Care Access and Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,992,849	$18,992,849	$18,992,849
State General Funds	$18,992,849	$18,992,849	$18,992,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,165,437	$19,165,437	$19,165,437

87.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$20,148	$20,148	$20,148

87.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,712	$4,712	$4,712

87.3 *Eliminate one-time funds for grants up to $1,000,000 for hospitals with graduate medical education programs. (H:Reduce funds and maintain funds for grants up to $1,000,000 for hospitals with graduate medical education programs to fund medical education training, equipment, and infrastructure needs to support new and expanding residency programs with priority given to new and rural sites)(S:Eliminate one-time funds for grants up to $1,000,000 for hospitals with graduate medical education programs and recognize $3,344,140 in base funding for grants to hospitals with graduate medical education programs in Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program)*

State General Funds	($4,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($4,000,000)

87.4 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

87.5 *Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.*

State General Funds		($500,000)	($500,000)

87.6 *Increase funds for three federally qualified health center start-up grants for primary care in Union County, behavioral health expansion in Cobb County, and a dental service expansion for multiple counties.*

State General Funds		$750,000	$750,000

87.7 *Increase funds for continuous glucose monitors (SB35, 2024 Session). (S:YES; Reflect in the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program)*

State General Funds		$2,806,902	$0

87.8 *Recognize existing funds ($409,000) and increase funds to sustain existing area health education centers (AHEC) housing across the state.*

State General Funds		$292,000	$292,000

87.9 *Increase funds for emergency equipment.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$0

87.10 *Increase funds for rural hospital stabilization grants.*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$0

87.1000 Health Care Access and Improvement **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,967,709	$22,566,611	$15,509,709
State General Funds	$14,967,709	$22,566,611	$15,509,709
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,140,297	$22,739,199	$15,682,297

Healthcare Facility Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,136,965	$27,136,965	$27,136,965
State General Funds	$27,136,965	$27,136,965	$27,136,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,945,354	$5,945,354	$5,945,354
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,060,223	$6,060,223	$6,060,223
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,242,542	$39,242,542	$39,242,542

88.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$547,524	$547,524	$547,524

88.2 *Increase funds to provide a $2,000 additional salary enhancement for nurse managers, compliance specialists, quality assurance*

specialists, and regulatory compliance managers.

State General Funds	$382,965	$382,965	$382,965

88.1000 Healthcare Facility Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
State General Funds	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,945,354	$5,945,354	$5,945,354
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,060,223	$6,060,223	$6,060,223
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,173,031	$40,173,031	$40,173,031

Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$142,586,524	$142,586,524	$142,586,524
Intergovernmental Transfers	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$554,269,739	$554,269,739	$554,269,739

89.1000 Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$358,801,173	$358,801,173	$358,801,173
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$142,586,524	$142,586,524	$142,586,524
Intergovernmental Transfers	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524	$139,386,524	$139,386,524
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$554,269,739	$554,269,739	$554,269,739

Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,329,655,949	$2,329,655,949	$2,329,655,949
State General Funds	$2,122,710,631	$2,122,710,631	$2,122,710,631
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,769,315	$8,769,315	$8,769,315
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,685,494	$152,685,494	$152,685,494
Hospital Provider Fee	$39,298,703	$39,298,703	$39,298,703
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,440,149,741	$4,440,149,741	$4,440,149,741
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,437,362,527	$4,437,362,527	$4,437,362,527
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Hospital Authorities	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,099,437,310	$7,099,437,310	$7,099,437,310

90.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization. (H and S:Reduce funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization)*

State General Funds	$68,442,628	($21,590,319)	($21,590,319)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$132,874,022	($41,915,289)	($41,915,289)
Total Public Funds:	$201,316,650	($63,505,608)	($63,505,608)

90.2 *Increase funds to restore funding to reflect the termination of temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase provided by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Extension through December 31, 2023.*

State General Funds	$137,715,755	$137,715,755	$137,715,755

90.3 *Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.*

State General Funds	$29,552,700	$44,603,398	$44,603,398
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$57,373,397	$86,592,713	$86,592,713
Total Public Funds:	$86,926,097	$131,196,111	$131,196,111

90.4 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 60.04%. (H and S:Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%)*

State General Funds	($6,869,541)	($6,225,761)	($6,225,761)

90.5 *Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2022 cost reports.*

State General Funds	$118,184,930	$141,591,432	$141,591,432
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$229,443,367	$274,884,580	$274,884,580
Total Public Funds:	$347,628,297	$416,476,012	$416,476,012

90.6 *Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

State General Funds	$63,669,553	$61,094,619	$61,094,619

90.7 *Replace $2,541,738 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*

State General Funds	($2,541,738)	($2,541,738)	($2,541,738)
Hospital Provider Fee	$2,541,738	$2,541,738	$2,541,738
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

90.8 *Replace $201,221 in state general funds with nursing home provider fees.*

State General Funds	($201,221)	($201,221)	($201,221)
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$201,221	$201,221	$201,221
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

90.9 *Increase funds to recognize ambulance provider fees.*

Ambulance Provider Fees	$611,694	$611,694	$611,694

90.10 *Increase funds to implement the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) and Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program (EDWP) provider rate study.*

State General Funds	$39,596,901	$39,596,901	$39,596,901
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$39,570,797	$76,873,135	$76,873,135
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$37,302,338	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$116,470,036	$116,470,036	$116,470,036

90.11 *Increase funds to implement the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study. (H and S:Transfer state funds ($4,227,287) from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and recognize federal funds ($45,509,162) for the implementation of the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study)*

State General Funds	$4,227,287	$0	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$45,509,162	$45,509,162	$45,509,162
Total Public Funds:	$49,736,449	$45,509,162	$45,509,162

90.12 *Recognize funds for the New Option Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Option Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study. (S:YES; Recognize funding in Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities)*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$155,120,533	$0

90.13 *Increase funds for the Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP). (S:Increase funds to provide rate parity for the Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) in order to maintain the provider network)*

State General Funds		$8,004,616	$15,957,601
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$23,468,786	$30,979,972
Total Public Funds:		$31,473,402	$46,937,573

90.14 *The department shall evaluate and implement a reimbursement policy for the clinically appropriate administration of long-acting injectable medications used in an inpatient setting, to improve the coordination of care and reduce inpatient readmission rates for individuals with serious mental illness. (H:YES)(S:YES; Reflect in the Departmental Administration (DCH) program)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

90.15 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers.*

State General Funds	$3,125,373	$6,250,746
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,077,728	$12,133,801
Total Public Funds:	$9,203,101	$18,384,547

90.16 *Increase funds to increase the dispensing fee to $11.50 for independent low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year. (S:YES; Increase funds to increase the dispensing fee for independent low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year)*

State General Funds	$220,084	$220,084
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$427,985	$427,985
Total Public Funds:	$648,069	$648,069

90.17 *Increase funds to provide for reimbursement for Acute Kidney Injury in the outpatient End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) dialysis setting.*

State General Funds	$75,485	$150,971
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$146,792	$293,387
Total Public Funds:	$222,277	$444,358

90.18 *Increase funds for adult coverage of dental services.*

State General Funds	$3,807,079	$3,807,079
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,391,037	$7,391,037
Total Public Funds:	$11,198,116	$11,198,116

90.19 *Increase funds for emergency medical service (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin at mile zero. (S:NO; Reimbursement rates for EMS treatment on-site have increased from $30 to $753.35)*

State General Funds	$1,587,919	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,082,774	$0
Total Public Funds:	$4,670,693	$0

90.20 *Increase funds to increase select primary care and OB/GYN codes.*

State General Funds	$2,290,335	$4,580,333
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,470,204	$8,901,146
Total Public Funds:	$5,760,539	$13,481,479

90.21 *Increase funds for rate increases for select optometric codes.*

State General Funds	$64,947	$64,947
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$126,074	$126,074

Total Public Funds:	$191,021	$191,021

90.22 *Increase funds for continuous glucose monitors (SB35, 2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$5,613,804
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$10,909,533
Total Public Funds:	$16,523,337

90.23 *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration (DCH) program to implement a sickle cell managed care pilot program.*

State General Funds	($1,085,208)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($2,106,815)
Total Public Funds:	($3,192,023)

90.1000 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,784,787,856	$2,746,229,506	$2,762,614,025
State General Funds	$2,574,487,885	$2,535,929,535	$2,552,314,054
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715
Hospital Provider Fee	$41,840,441	$41,840,441	$41,840,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,982,222,824	$5,081,405,955	$4,951,150,162
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,942,133,272	$5,078,618,741	$4,948,362,948
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$37,302,338		
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
Hospital Authorities	$62,342,988	$62,342,988	$62,342,988
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,096,642,300	$8,157,267,081	$8,043,395,807

Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,013,907,252	$2,013,907,252	$2,013,907,252
State General Funds	$1,549,762,233	$1,549,762,233	$1,549,762,233
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$346,274,474	$346,274,474	$346,274,474
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485	$4,061,067,485
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Hospital Authorities	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,100,719,900	$6,100,719,900	$6,100,719,900

91.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($104,160,297)	($111,455,894)	($111,455,894)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$202,216,045	($216,379,664)	($216,379,664)
Total Public Funds:	$98,055,748	($327,835,558)	($327,835,558)

91.2 *Increase funds to restore funding to reflect the termination of temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase provided by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) extension through December 31, 2023.*

State General Funds	$135,038,841	$135,038,841	$135,038,841

91.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.*

State General Funds	($4,925,355)	($4,925,355)	($4,925,355)

91.4 *Replace $22,875,637 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*

State General Funds	($22,875,637)	($22,875,637)	($22,875,637)
Hospital Provider Fee	$22,875,637	$22,875,637	$22,875,637

Total Public Funds:	$0	$0

91.5 *The department shall evaluate and implement a reimbursement policy for the clinically appropriate administration of long-acting injectable medications used in an inpatient setting, to improve the coordination of care and reduce inpatient readmission rates for individuals with serious mental illness. (H:YES)(S:YES; Reflect in the Departmental Administration (DCH) program)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

91.6 *Increase funds to increase the dispensing fee to $11.50 for independent low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year. (S:YES; Increase funds to increase the dispensing fee for independent low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year)*

State General Funds	$428,745	$428,745
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$833,756	$833,756
Total Public Funds:	$1,262,501	$1,262,501

91.7 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers.*

State General Funds	$3,959,843	$7,919,687
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,700,473	$15,373,509
Total Public Funds:	$11,660,316	$23,293,196

91.8 *Increase funds for rate increases for select optometric codes.*

State General Funds	$327,226	$327,226
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$635,204	$635,204
Total Public Funds:	$962,430	$962,430

91.9 *Increase funds to evaluate and, where appropriate, implement a process to allow reimbursement for blood and biomarker testing when clinically indicated so as to provide enhanced surveillance for inpatient pregnant patients between 23-34 weeks with hypertensive disorder of pregnancy. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds to provide appropriate biomarker testing when medically necessary as adopted by the Board of Community Health on October 12, 2023)*

State General Funds	$283,995	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$551,285	$0
Total Public Funds:	$835,280	$0

91.10 *Increase funds to provide for reimbursement for Acute Kidney Injury in the outpatient End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) dialysis setting.*

State General Funds	$226,456	$452,912

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,376	$880,161
Total Public Funds:	$666,832	$1,333,073

91.11 *Increase funds for adult coverage of dental services.*

State General Funds	$5,840,869	$5,840,869
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$11,339,420	$11,339,420
Total Public Funds:	$17,180,289	$17,180,289

91.12 *Increase funds for emergency medical service (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin at mile zero. (S:NO; Reimbursement rates for EMS treatment on-site have increased from $30 to $753.35)*

State General Funds	$1,811,212	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,516,273	$0
Total Public Funds:	$5,327,485	$0

91.13 *Increase funds for reimbursement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving Children's Intervention Services (CIS) and Children's Intervention School Services (CISS).*

State General Funds	$1,241,270	$1,241,270
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,409,525	$2,409,525
Total Public Funds:	$3,650,795	$3,650,795

91.14 *Increase funds to increase select primary care and OB/GYN codes.*

State General Funds	$6,108,461	$12,216,024
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,255,244	$23,739,897
Total Public Funds:	$15,363,705	$35,955,921

91.1000 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,039,860,441	$2,052,792,921	$2,060,991,577
State General Funds	$1,552,839,785	$1,565,772,265	$1,573,970,921
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$369,150,111	$369,150,111	$369,150,111
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,263,283,530	$3,881,369,377	$3,899,899,293
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,263,283,530	$3,881,369,377	$3,899,899,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316

Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
Hospital Authorities	$12,328,316	$12,328,316	$12,328,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,328,889,134	$5,959,907,461	$5,986,636,033

PeachCare **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,953,107	$100,953,107	$100,953,107
State General Funds	$100,953,107	$100,953,107	$100,953,107
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$438,760,584	$438,760,584	$438,760,584
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,565	$4,565	$4,565
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$438,756,019	$438,756,019	$438,756,019
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$539,865,474	$539,865,474	$539,865,474

92.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$2,326,071	$22,847,923	$22,847,923
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,515,817	$73,161,839	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767			$73,161,839
Total Public Funds:	$6,841,888	$96,009,762	$96,009,762

92.2 *Increase funds to restore funds to reflect the termination of temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase provided by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) extension through December 31, 2023.*

State General Funds	$624,566	$624,566	$624,566

92.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%. (H and S:Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (e-FMAP) from 76.12% to 76.23%)*

State General Funds	($262,407)	($314,197)	($314,197)

92.4 *Increase funds for reimbursement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving Children's Intervention Services (CIS) and Children's Intervention School Services (CISS).*

State General Funds	$93,500	$93,500
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$299,357	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767		$299,398
Total Public Funds:	$392,857	$392,898

92.1000 PeachCare **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,641,337	$124,204,899	$124,204,899
State General Funds	$103,641,337	$124,204,899	$124,204,899
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$443,276,401	$512,221,780	$512,221,821
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,520,382	$73,465,761	$4,565
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$438,756,019	$438,756,019	$512,217,256
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$547,069,521	$636,578,462	$636,578,503

State Health Benefit Plan **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
State Funds Transfers	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
Health Insurance Payments	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285

93.1 *Recognize an increase in formula funds ($244,147,056) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, and Georgia Military College, to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,760, effective July 1, 2024. (G:YES)(H:YES; Recognize an increase in formula funds ($248,317,075) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, and Georgia Military College, to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,760, effective July 1, 2024)(S:YES; Recognize an increase in formula funds ($248,279,937) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, Georgia Military College, and Public Libraries, to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,760, effective July 1, 2024)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Health Insurance Payments			$248,279,937
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$248,279,937

93.2 *Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective January 1, 2027. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective January 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Health Insurance Payments			$141,556,590
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$141,556,590

93.1000 State Health Benefit Plan **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$5,210,230,812
State Funds Transfers	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$5,210,230,812
Health Insurance Payments	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$5,210,230,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,820,394,285	$4,820,394,285	$5,210,230,812

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001
State General Funds	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,779,001	$1,779,001	$1,779,001

94.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$31,124	$31,124	$31,124

94.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,997	$2,997	$2,997

94.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$9,197	$9,197	$9,197

94.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$226	$226	$226

94.5 *Reduce funds for operations to align budget to expenditures.*

State General Funds	($11,262)	($11,262)	($11,262)

94.6 *Utilize existing funds ($168,738) for one data analyst and data management software. (G:YES)(H and S:Increase funds for one data analyst and data management software)*

State General Funds	$0	$168,738	$168,738

94.7 *Utilize existing funds ($100,000) for statewide healthcare specialty assessments to evaluate gaps in healthcare services. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

94.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,811,283	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
State General Funds	$1,811,283	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,811,283	$1,980,021	$1,980,021

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
State General Funds	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,198,231	$34,198,231	$34,198,231

95.1 *Increase funds for 79 new residency slots in primary care medicine. (H and S:Increase funds for 105 new residency slots in primary care)*

State General Funds	$1,494,596	$2,010,343	$2,010,343

95.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.*

State General Funds	($62,870)	($62,870)	($62,870)

95.3 *Increase funds for a rural public health preventative medicine rotation.*

State General Funds		$56,757	$56,757

95.4 *Increase funds for one-time start-up funding for the development of a Pediatric Rural Training Track.*

State General Funds		$50,000	$0

95.5 *Increase funds for year two of the maternal fetal medicine fellowship.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$150,000

95.6 *Increase funds for one-time start-up funding for OB/GYN service expansion. (S:YES; Consider utilizing existing funds ($3,494,140) for one-time start-up funding for OB/GYN service expansion)*

State General Funds		$750,000	$0

95.7 *Increase funds for one-time start-up funding for two internal medicine residency programs. (S:YES; Consider utilizing existing funds ($3,494,140) for one-time start-up funding for two internal medicine residency programs)*

State General Funds		$550,000	$0

95.8 *Eliminate residency start-up funds for Southern Regional Medical Center.*

State General Funds		($150,000)	$0

95.9 *Utilize existing funds ($3,494,140) for start-up grants for hospitals with graduate medical education programs to support new*

and expanding residency programs with priority given to existing agreements and rural sites. (S:YES)

State General Funds	$0

95.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,629,957	$37,552,461	$36,352,461
State General Funds	$35,629,957	$37,552,461	$36,352,461
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,629,957	$37,552,461	$36,352,461

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
State General Funds	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,928,552	$31,928,552	$31,928,552

96.1 *Increase funds for the fifth year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.*

State General Funds	$850,055	$850,055	$850,055

96.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the expansion of the Valdosta campus. (S:Increase funds to provide one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for the expansion of the Valdosta Campus)*

State General Funds	$150,000	$75,000

96.3 *Increase funds to increase the class size of Mercer's Accelerated Track.*

State General Funds	$1,232,990	$1,232,990

96.4 *Increase funds to provide one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for scholarships for year four students committed to practicing primary care for five years in rural Georgia.*

State General Funds	$500,000

96.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,778,607	$34,161,597	$34,586,597
State General Funds	$32,778,607	$34,161,597	$34,586,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,778,607	$34,161,597	$34,586,597

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
State General Funds	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,929,696	$32,929,696	$32,929,696

97.1 *Increase funds for infant mortality research. (S:YES; Recognize National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant funding and provide funds for one-time matching donations for infant mortality research)*

State General Funds	$500,000	$250,000

97.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,929,696	$33,429,696	$33,179,696
State General Funds	$32,929,696	$33,429,696	$33,179,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,929,696	$33,429,696	$33,179,696

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Physicians for Rural Areas **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000
State General Funds	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,065,000	$5,065,000	$5,065,000

98.1 *Increase funds for additional loan repayment for Dentists in Rural Areas.*

State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000

98.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Physicians for Rural Areas **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,065,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
State General Funds	$5,065,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,065,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
State General Funds	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783

99.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
State General Funds	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783

Georgia Composite Medical Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,151,410	$3,151,410	$3,151,410
State General Funds	$3,151,410	$3,151,410	$3,151,410

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,451,410	$3,451,410	$3,451,410

100.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$88,339	$88,339	$88,339

100.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$11,837	$11,837	$11,837

100.3 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$391	$391	$391

100.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$30,171	$40,227	$40,227

100.5 *Utilize existing funds ($94,542) to replace three vehicles. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:Increase funds and utilize existing funds for one-time funding to replace six vehicles)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$90,000

100.6 *Utilize existing funds ($31,514) for one customer service specialist. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:Utilize existing funds ($31,514) and increase funds for one communications specialist)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$63,806

100.7 *Increase funds for a systems analyst. (S:Increase funds for personnel to support licensing, enforcement, compliance, and investigations)*

State General Funds		$95,320	$831,150

100.8 *Increase funds for a criminal investigator.*

State General Funds		$131,234	$131,234

100.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding to modernize licensure application software.*

State General Funds			$501,715

100.1000 Georgia Composite Medical Board			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,282,148	$3,518,758	$4,910,109
State General Funds	$3,282,148	$3,518,758	$4,910,109
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,582,148	$3,818,758	$5,210,109

Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460
State General Funds	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,143,460	$3,143,460	$3,143,460

101.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$79,543	$79,543	$79,543

101.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,849	$6,849	$6,849

101.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$38,832	$38,832	$38,832

101.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$309	$309	$309

101.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$60,341	$65,369	$65,369

101.6 *Increase funds to reflect the full cost of the database management agreement funded by HB19 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$21,000	$21,000	$21,000

101.7 *Increase funds for tablets to enhance inspection and investigation efficiency.*

State General Funds	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000

101.8 *Utilize existing funds ($30,000) to digitize existing license, complaint, inspection, and investigative records into the data management system. (G:YES)(H:NO)(S:NO)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

101.9 *Utilize existing funds ($5,000) to replenish and maintain law enforcement body armor. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

101.10 *Utilize existing funds ($3,000) to properly dispose of seized drugs and other evidence as required by law. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

101.11 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for database implementation.*

State General Funds			($100,000)

101.1000 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,385,334	$3,390,362	$3,290,362
State General Funds	$3,385,334	$3,390,362	$3,290,362
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,385,334	$3,390,362	$3,290,362

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$206,256,998	$206,256,998	$206,256,998
State General Funds	$206,256,998	$206,256,998	$206,256,998
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,944	$289,944	$289,944
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$208,643,406	$208,643,406	$208,643,406
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$222,991,726	$222,979,344	$223,022,810
State General Funds	$222,991,726	$222,979,344	$223,022,810
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,250,346	$1,250,346	$1,250,346
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$289,944	$289,944	$289,944
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$176,215	$176,215	$176,215
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$225,378,134	$225,365,752	$225,409,218

Departmental Administration (DCS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,770,766	$10,770,766	$10,770,766

State General Funds	$10,770,766	$10,770,766	$10,770,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,771,966	$10,771,966	$10,771,966

102.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$301,729	$301,729	$301,729

102.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,279	$4,279	$4,279

102.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$2,372	$2,372	$2,372

102.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$14,762	$14,762	$14,762

102.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100

102.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$25,142	$60,341	$60,341

102.1000 Departmental Administration (DCS)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,120,150	$11,155,349	$11,155,349
State General Funds	$11,120,150	$11,155,349	$11,155,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,121,350	$11,156,549	$11,156,549

Field Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$189,869,483	$189,869,483	$189,869,483
State General Funds	$189,869,483	$189,869,483	$189,869,483
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$127,515	$127,515	$127,515
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$191,905,338	$191,905,338	$191,905,338

103.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$6,536,471	$6,709,354	$6,709,354

103.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$55,737	$55,737	$55,737

103.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$39,284	$39,284	$39,284

103.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$142,019	$142,019	$142,019

103.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$25,622	$25,622	$25,622

103.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$6,793,395	$7,165,499	$7,165,499

103.7 *Increase funds to create a Centralized Reporting Unit with eight virtual agent positions.*

State General Funds	$641,204	$641,204	$641,204

103.8 *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in leased office space.*

State General Funds	($302,865)	$0	($302,865)

103.9 *Increase funds for 25 community supervision aide positions. (H:Increase funds for 12 community supervision aide positions)(S:Increase funds for 17 community supervision aide positions)*

State General Funds	$1,731,656	$831,195	$1,177,526

103.1000 Field Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,532,006	$205,479,397	$205,522,863
State General Funds	$205,532,006	$205,479,397	$205,522,863
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,062,222	$1,062,222	$1,062,222
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$127,515	$127,515	$127,515
Intergovernmental Transfers	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$113,729	$113,729	$113,729
Sales and Services	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,786	$13,786	$13,786
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$846,118	$846,118	$846,118
State Funds Transfers	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency to Agency Contracts	$201,118	$201,118	$201,118
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$207,567,861	$207,515,252	$207,558,718

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840
State General Funds	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,951,840	$3,951,840	$3,951,840

104.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$92,707	$92,707	$92,707

104.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$992	$992	$992

104.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$871	$871	$871

104.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$168	$168	$168

104.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$361	$361	$361

104.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$10,057	$10,057	$10,057

104.7 *Increase funds for seven additional community coordinator positions.*

State General Funds	$527,905	$527,905	$527,905

104.1000 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success

of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
State General Funds	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901

Misdemeanor Probation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962
State General Funds	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$978,962	$978,962	$978,962

105.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$26,157	$26,157	$26,157

105.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$255	$255	$255

105.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$213	$213	$213

105.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$126	$126	$126

105.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$10,057	$15,085	$15,085

105.1000 Misdemeanor Probation **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,020,798	$1,020,798

State General Funds	$1,015,770	$1,020,798	$1,020,798
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,020,798	$1,020,798

Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$685,947	$685,947	$685,947
State General Funds	$685,947	$685,947	$685,947
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,035,300	$1,035,300	$1,035,300

106.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$30,837	$30,837	$30,837

106.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,021	$1,021	$1,021

106.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$148	$148	$148

106.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$284	$284	$284

106.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$84	$84	$84

106.6 *Increase funds for training, research, and data development.*

State General Funds	$20,578	$20,578	$20,578

106.1000 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
State General Funds	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,252	$1,088,252	$1,088,252

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125
State General Funds	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125	$1,329,528,125
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,343,263,283	$1,343,263,283	$1,343,263,283

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,482,219,799	$1,489,756,131	$1,504,375,734
State General Funds	$1,482,219,799	$1,489,756,131	$1,504,375,734
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,555	$170,555	$170,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,564,603	$13,564,603	$13,564,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,495,954,957	$1,503,491,289	$1,518,110,892

Departmental Administration (DOC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788
State General Funds	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,503,788	$36,503,788	$36,503,788

107.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$897,790	$897,790	$897,790

107.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$22,395	$22,395	$22,395

107.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$43,890	$43,890	$43,890

107.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$310,612	$310,612	$310,612

107.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$606	$606	$606

107.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$15,085	$35,199	$35,199

107.7 *Transfer funds from the Offender Management program to the Departmental Administration (DOC) program ($3,551,094) and increase funds ($2,574,744) for an advertising campaign and culture review. (S:Transfer funds from the Offender Management program to the Departmental Administration (DOC) program for an advertising campaign and culture review)*

State General Funds	$6,125,838	$6,125,838	$3,551,094

107.1000 Departmental Administration (DOC) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that

administers a balanced correctional system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,920,004	$43,940,118	$41,365,374
State General Funds	$43,920,004	$43,940,118	$41,365,374
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,920,004	$43,940,118	$41,365,374

Detention Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,221,640	$62,221,640	$62,221,640
State General Funds	$62,221,640	$62,221,640	$62,221,640
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,675,140	$64,675,140	$64,675,140

108.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$2,000,529	$2,000,529	$2,000,529

108.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$61,594	$61,594	$61,594

108.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$106,723	$106,723	$106,723

108.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,615	$1,615	$1,615

108.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$2,544,381	$2,655,006	$2,655,006

108.6 *Increase funds for operations cost at facilities, statewide.*

State General Funds	$302,271	$302,271	$302,271

108.7 *Utilize existing funds ($378,582) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

108.1000 Detention Centers			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$67,238,753	$67,349,378	$67,349,378
State General Funds	$67,238,753	$67,349,378	$67,349,378
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,453,500	$2,453,500	$2,453,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,692,253	$69,802,878	$69,802,878

Food and Farm Operations			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020
State General Funds	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,754,020	$27,754,020	$27,754,020

109.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$47,890	$47,890	$47,890

109.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,079	$2,079	$2,079

109.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,434	$1,434	$1,434

109.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$80,455	$70,398	$70,398

109.5 *Increase funds to provide additional meals on weekends.*

State General Funds	$1,234,218	$1,234,218	$1,234,218

109.6 *Utilize existing funds ($22,702) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

109.1000 Food and Farm Operations **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,120,096	$29,110,039	$29,110,039
State General Funds	$29,120,096	$29,110,039	$29,110,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,120,096	$29,110,039	$29,110,039

Health **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$273,257,694	$273,257,694	$273,257,694
State General Funds	$273,257,694	$273,257,694	$273,257,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$273,718,249	$273,718,249	$273,718,249

110.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$119,316	$119,316	$119,316

110.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,938	$4,938	$4,938

110.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$52,087	$52,087	$52,087

110.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$129	$129	$129

110.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$5,028	$10,057	$10,057

110.6 *Increase funds for physical health and pharmacy service contracts.*

State General Funds	$71,974,388	$71,974,388	$71,974,388

110.1000 Health **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$345,413,580	$345,418,609	$345,418,609
State General Funds	$345,413,580	$345,418,609	$345,418,609
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,555	$70,555	$70,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,000	$390,000	$390,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$345,874,135	$345,879,164	$345,879,164

Offender Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,417,607	$48,417,607	$48,417,607
State General Funds	$48,417,607	$48,417,607	$48,417,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000

Sales and Services	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,447,607	$48,447,607	$48,447,607

111.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$162,715	$162,715	$162,715

111.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,024	$5,024	$5,024

111.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$18,637	$18,637	$18,637

111.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$132	$132	$132

111.5 *Transfer funds from the Offender Management program to the Departmental Administration (DOC) program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($3,551,094)	($3,551,094)	($3,551,094)

111.6 *Reduce funds for virtual courts technology efficiencies.*

State General Funds	($2,771,395)	($2,771,395)	($2,771,395)

111.7 *Increase funds for a $2 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions.*

State General Funds		$1,775,547	$3,551,094

111.1000 Offender Management **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,281,626	$44,057,173	$45,832,720
State General Funds	$42,281,626	$44,057,173	$45,832,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
Sales and Services	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,311,626	$44,087,173	$45,862,720

Private Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593
State General Funds	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$138,311,593	$138,311,593	$138,311,593

112.1 *Increase funds to provide 200 temporary additional beds at Coffee and Wheeler facilities to allow for maintenance and repairs at state prisons.*

State General Funds	$6,955,440	$6,955,440	$6,955,440

112.2 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$1,349,255	$1,349,255

112.3 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$2,568,270	$2,568,270

112.1000 Private Prisons **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$145,267,033	$149,184,558	$149,184,558
State General Funds	$145,267,033	$149,184,558	$149,184,558
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$145,267,033	$149,184,558	$149,184,558

State Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work

details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$711,018,989	$711,018,989	$711,018,989
State General Funds	$711,018,989	$711,018,989	$711,018,989
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$721,810,092	$721,810,092	$721,810,092

113.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$16,987,270	$16,987,270	$16,987,270

113.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$1,307	$1,307	$1,307

113.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,519,520	$2,519,520	$2,519,520

113.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,047,798	$1,047,798	$1,047,798

113.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$19,357	$19,357	$19,357

113.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$17,886,090	$19,454,957	$19,454,957

113.7 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$172,200	$240,427	$240,427

113.8 *Increase funds for offender call monitoring at facilities, statewide.*

State General Funds	$1,003,807	$1,003,807	$1,003,807

113.9 *Increase funds for radio communications at facilities, statewide.*

State General Funds	$331,000	$331,000	$331,000

113.10 *Increase funds for operations cost at facilities, statewide.*

State General Funds	$2,951,508	$2,951,508	$2,951,508

113.11 *Increase funds for capital maintenance and repairs. (H:Utilize existing funds ($42,456,560) and increase funds (17,543,440) for capital maintenance and repairs)(S:Utilize existing funds ($42,456,560) and increase funds (17,543,440) for maintenance and repairs)*

State General Funds	$17,543,440	$17,543,440	$17,543,440

113.12 *Reduce funds for recruitment and retention cost avoidance.*

State General Funds	($1,559,992)	($1,559,992)	($1,559,992)

113.13 *Reduce funds for closing HR recruitment centers in favor of increased advertising.*

State General Funds	($1,821,757)	($1,821,757)	($1,821,757)

113.14 *Reduce funds for privatizing food services at Coastal State Prison, Arrendale State Prison, Smith State Prison, and Valdosta State Prison.*

State General Funds	($657,734)	($657,734)	($657,734)

113.15 *Reduce funds for replacing Basic Correctional Officer Training paper books with Chromebooks.*

State General Funds	($2,933,310)	($2,933,310)	($2,933,310)

113.16 *Utilize existing funds ($3,790,622) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

113.17 *Increase funds for safety, security, and technology initiatives to eliminate contraband and provide quarterly updates to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and the Senate Public Safety Committee.*

State General Funds			$15,418,800

113.1000 State Prisons			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$764,509,493	$766,146,587	$781,565,387
State General Funds	$764,509,493	$766,146,587	$781,565,387
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,691,103	$10,691,103	$10,691,103
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$775,300,596	$776,937,690	$792,356,490
Transition Centers			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794
State General Funds	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,042,794	$32,042,794	$32,042,794
114.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds	$1,018,675	$1,018,675	$1,018,675
114.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$31,187	$31,187	$31,187
114.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$52,406	$52,406	$52,406
114.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*			
State General Funds	$818	$818	$818

114.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$1,151,508	$1,231,963	$1,231,963

114.6 *Increase funds for operations cost at facilities, statewide.*

State General Funds	$165,799	$165,799	$165,799

114.7 *Increase funds to annualize funding for the operations cost for Metro Re-Entry Phase IV to add 400 transition center beds.*

State General Funds	$10,006,027	$10,006,027	$10,006,027

114.8 *Utilize existing funds ($160,767) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

114.1000 Transition Centers			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,469,214	$44,549,669	$44,549,669
State General Funds	$44,469,214	$44,549,669	$44,549,669
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,469,214	$44,549,669	$44,549,669

Section 20: Defense, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,393,076	$12,393,076	$12,393,076
State General Funds	$12,393,076	$12,393,076	$12,393,076
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$110,927,121	$110,927,121	$110,927,121
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,786,046	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
State General Funds	$13,786,046	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,320,091	$111,162,590	$111,162,590

Departmental Administration (DOD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,196	$1,400,196	$1,400,196
State General Funds	$1,400,196	$1,400,196	$1,400,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,537,967	$2,537,967	$2,537,967

115.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$89,566	$36,051	$36,051

115.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,611	$4,611	$4,611

115.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$887	$887	$887

115.1000 Departmental Administration (DOD)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,495,260	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
State General Funds	$1,495,260	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,633,031	$2,579,516	$2,579,516

Military Readiness **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,009,257	$6,009,257	$6,009,257
State General Funds	$6,009,257	$6,009,257	$6,009,257
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,553,926	$88,553,926	$88,553,926

116.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,191,199	$71,407	$71,407

116.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$68,622	$68,622	$68,622

116.3 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement*

officers.

State General Funds	$5,028	$0	$0

116.1000 Military Readiness **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,274,106	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
State General Funds	$7,274,106	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,818,775	$88,693,955	$88,693,955

Youth Educational Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,983,623	$4,983,623	$4,983,623
State General Funds	$4,983,623	$4,983,623	$4,983,623
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,835,228	$19,835,228	$19,835,228

117.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds	$90,548	$111,382	$111,382
117.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$53,410	$53,410	$53,410
117.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$13,029	$13,029	$13,029
117.4 *Reduce funds to reflect lower graduation rates.*			
State General Funds	($123,930)	($123,930)	($123,930)

117.1000 Youth Educational Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,016,680	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
State General Funds	$5,016,680	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,868,285	$19,889,119	$19,889,119

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,774,172	$80,774,172	$80,774,172
State General Funds	$80,774,172	$80,774,172	$80,774,172
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,618,293	$83,618,293	$83,618,293

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996
State General Funds	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,962,117	$88,962,117	$88,962,117

Departmental Administration (DDS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,376,670	$10,376,670	$10,376,670
State General Funds	$10,376,670	$10,376,670	$10,376,670
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,877,527	$10,877,527	$10,877,527

118.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$201,286	$201,286	$201,286

118.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$14,232	$14,232	$14,232

118.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$315,689	$315,689	$315,689

118.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,154	$1,154	$1,154

118.1000 Departmental Administration (DDS) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck

compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
State General Funds	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,409,888	$11,409,888	$11,409,888

License Issuance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,430,595	$69,430,595	$69,430,595
State General Funds	$69,430,595	$69,430,595	$69,430,595
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,258,430	$71,258,430	$71,258,430

119.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,884,368	$1,884,368	$1,884,368

119.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($5,227)	($5,227)	($5,227)

119.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$728,414	$728,414	$728,414

119.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$7,988	$7,988	$7,988

119.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$50,284	$50,284	$50,284
119.6 *Increase funds for an increase in federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees.*			
State General Funds	$166,925	$166,925	$166,925
119.7 *Increase funds for information technology for card services cloud server annual maintenance.*			
State General Funds	$1,980,000	$1,980,000	$1,980,000
119.8 *Increase funds for postage rate increases.*			
State General Funds	$341,057	$341,057	$341,057
119.9 *Reduce funds for regular operations and software subscription efficiencies.*			
State General Funds	($380,207)	($380,207)	($380,207)
119.10 *Reduce funds for the closure of the Helena Customer Service Center.*			
State General Funds	($3,000)	($3,000)	($3,000)

119.1000 License Issuance **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197
State General Funds	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,029,032	$76,029,032	$76,029,032

Regulatory Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,907	$966,907	$966,907
State General Funds	$966,907	$966,907	$966,907
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429

Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,482,336	$1,482,336	$1,482,336

120.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$31,485	$31,485	$31,485

120.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$9,136	$9,136	$9,136

120.3 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$240	$240	$240

120.999 ***SAC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.*

***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.*

***Governor**: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

120.1000 Regulatory Compliance			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
State General Funds	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429

Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,523,197	$1,523,197	$1,523,197

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$506,324,539	$506,324,539	$506,324,539
State General Funds	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475
Lottery Proceeds	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$494,874,422	$494,874,422	$494,874,422
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$174,961,385	$174,961,385	$174,961,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$227,164,017	$227,164,017	$227,164,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,001,698,461	$1,001,698,461	$1,001,698,461

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$557,071,135	$560,250,782	$563,742,097
State General Funds	$67,248,186	$67,248,186	$71,882,694
Lottery Proceeds	$489,822,949	$493,002,596	$491,859,403
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$494,874,422	$494,874,422	$494,874,422
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$174,961,385	$174,961,385	$174,961,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$227,164,017	$227,164,017	$227,164,017
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500

State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,052,445,057	$1,055,624,704	$1,059,116,019

Child Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475
State General Funds	$62,534,475	$62,534,475	$62,534,475
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$267,505,684	$267,505,684	$267,505,684
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,786,385	$4,786,385	$4,786,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$169,970,279	$169,970,279	$169,970,279
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,040,159	$330,040,159	$330,040,159

121.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$35,010	$35,010	$35,010

121.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$32,751	$32,751	$32,751

121.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$11,442	$11,442	$11,442

121.4 *Increase funds to raise Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) reimbursement to the 50th percentile of market rates for childcare providers in accordance with federal regulation. (S:Increase funds to raise Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) reimbursement to the 75th percentile of market rates for childcare providers)*

State General Funds	$4,634,508	$4,634,508	$9,269,016

121.1000 Child Care Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$67,248,186	$67,248,186	$71,882,694

State General Funds	$67,248,186	$67,248,186	$71,882,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$267,505,684	$267,505,684	$267,505,684
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,786,385	$4,786,385	$4,786,385
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$169,970,279	$169,970,279	$169,970,279
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$334,753,870	$334,753,870	$339,388,378

Nutrition Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

122.1000 Nutrition Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

Pre-Kindergarten Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$443,790,064	$443,790,064	$443,790,064

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$443,965,064	$443,965,064	$443,965,064

123.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

Lottery Proceeds	$242,607	$242,607	$242,607

123.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

Lottery Proceeds	$725,625	$724,675	$724,675

123.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

Lottery Proceeds	$37,217	$37,217	$37,217

123.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

Lottery Proceeds	$15,236	$15,236	$15,236

123.5 *Increase funds for computer refresh.*

Lottery Proceeds	$49,787	$49,787	$49,787

123.6 *Increase funds to expand the Summer Transition Program with income eligibility requirements. (H:Increase funds to maintain the current number of classrooms in the Summer Transition Program without the implementation of an income eligibility requirement)(S:Increase funds and utilize existing funds to maintain the current number of classrooms in the Summer Transition Program without the implementation of an income eligibility requirement)*

Lottery Proceeds	$6,143,166	$8,974,800	$7,831,607

123.7 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified Pre-K teachers and assistant teachers by $2,500.*

Lottery Proceeds	$23,560,469	$24,986,832	$24,986,832

123.8 *Increase formula funds for teacher training and experience.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,261,869	$1,261,840	$1,261,840

123.9 *Increase funds for year one of a four-year phase in to reduce classroom size from 22 to 20 students to improve instructional quality.*

Lottery Proceeds	$10,970,826	$9,509,822	$9,509,822

123.10 *Increase funds to upgrade provider management system.*

Lottery Proceeds	$612,290	$612,290	$612,290

123.11 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified teachers at public Pre-K providers to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.*

Lottery Proceeds	$2,413,793	$2,414,115	$2,414,115

123.12 *Increase funds for three Pre-Kindergarten administrative positions.*

Lottery Proceeds		$383,311	$383,311

123.1000 Pre-Kindergarten Program **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$489,822,949	$493,002,596	$491,859,403
Lottery Proceeds	$489,822,949	$493,002,596	$491,859,403
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$489,997,949	$493,177,596	$492,034,403

Quality Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

124.1000 Quality Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,668,877	$37,668,877	$37,668,877
State General Funds	$37,668,877	$37,668,877	$37,668,877
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,709,727	$41,709,727	$41,709,727

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,943,152	$39,313,152	$38,989,026
State General Funds	$39,943,152	$39,313,152	$38,989,026
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,869,342	$40,239,342	$39,915,216

Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841
State General Funds	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,449,841	$5,449,841	$5,449,841

125.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$148,236	$148,236	$148,236

125.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,072	$5,072	$5,072

125.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$17,654	$17,654	$17,654

125.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,290	$1,290	$1,290

125.5 *Transfer funds from the Tourism program ($70,000) to the Departmental Administration (DEcD) program and increase funds to align budget with rent expenditures. (H and S:Increase funds to align budget with rent expenditures)*

State General Funds	$300,000	$150,000	$150,000

125.1000 Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,922,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
State General Funds	$5,922,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,922,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093

Film, Video, and Music **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives,

infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937
State General Funds	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,137,937	$1,137,937	$1,137,937

126.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$27,451	$27,451	$27,451

126.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$2,539	$2,539	$2,539

126.1000 Film, Video, and Music **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
State General Funds	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927

Arts, Georgia Council for the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056
State General Funds	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$590,056	$590,056	$590,056

127.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$20,738	$20,738	$20,738

127.1000 Arts, Georgia Council for the			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

128.1000 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

Global Commerce **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679
State General Funds	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,444,679	$10,444,679	$10,444,679

129.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$195,687	$195,687	$195,687

129.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$20,927	$20,927	$20,927

129.1000 Global Commerce **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293
State General Funds	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293

Innovation and Technology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792
State General Funds	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,691,792	$2,691,792	$2,691,792

130.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$41,210	$41,210	$41,210

130.2 *Increase funds for personnel to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000

130.1000 Innovation and Technology			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002
State General Funds	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002

International Relations and Trade			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,636,322	$2,636,322	$2,636,322
State General Funds	$2,636,322	$2,636,322	$2,636,322
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,903,112	$2,903,112	$2,903,112

131.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds	$40,438	$40,438	$40,438
131.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$2,632	$2,632	$2,632
131.3 *Increase funds for contracts to support the global export of Georgia manufactured and agricultural products.*			
State General Funds	$200,000	$200,000	$100,000

131.1000 International Relations and Trade			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,779,392
State General Funds	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,779,392
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,182	$3,146,182	$3,046,182

Rural Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,313	$966,313	$966,313
State General Funds	$966,313	$966,313	$966,313
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,114,660	$3,114,660	$3,114,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,080,973	$4,080,973	$4,080,973

132.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$5,702	$5,702	$5,702

132.2 *Increase funds for personnel for two workforce development positions for the Hyundai and Rivian economic development projects. (H:NO; Reflect funds for two workforce development positions to support the Hyundai and Rivian economic development projects in the Technical College System of Georgia)(S:NO; Reflect funds for one workforce development position to support the Hyundai economic development project in the Technical College System of Georgia)*

State General Funds	$450,000	$0	$0

132.3 *Increase funds for personnel for a site development specialist position to support economic development in rural communities.*

State General Funds	$200,000	$100,000	$100,000

132.4 *Reduce funds for a project management position.*

State General Funds			($224,126)

132.998 *Transfer funds from the Payments to OneGeorgia Authority program to the Rural Development program for the Governor's Rural Strike Force to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($3,114,660)	($3,114,660)	($3,114,660)
Total Public Funds:	($2,664,660)	($2,664,660)	($2,664,660)

132.1000 Rural Development			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,072,015	$1,522,015	$1,297,889
State General Funds	$2,072,015	$1,522,015	$1,297,889
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,072,015	$1,522,015	$1,297,889

Small and Minority Business Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169
State General Funds	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,055,169	$1,055,169	$1,055,169

133.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$25,212	$25,212	$25,212

133.1000 Small and Minority Business Development			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381
State General Funds	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381

Tourism **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412

State General Funds	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,720,412	$11,720,412	$11,720,412

134.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$149,066	$149,066	$149,066

134.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$15,421	$15,421	$15,421

134.3 *Transfer funds from the Tourism program to the Departmental Administration (DEcD) program to align budget with expenditures. (H and S:NO; Maintain funds for state-owned historical markers)*

State General Funds	($70,000)	$0	$0

134.1000 Tourism			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,814,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
State General Funds	$11,814,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,814,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899

Section 24: Education, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900
State General Funds	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900	$11,860,383,900
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,158,675,433	$14,158,675,433	$14,158,675,433

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,261,897,830	$13,260,807,837	$13,252,455,563
State General Funds	$13,261,897,830	$13,260,807,837	$13,252,455,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,560,189,363	$15,559,099,370	$15,550,747,096

Agricultural Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,484,116	$14,484,116	$14,484,116
State General Funds	$14,484,116	$14,484,116	$14,484,116
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,943,119	$15,943,119	$15,943,119

135.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$30,685	$30,685	$30,685

135.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$205,329	$28,056	$28,056

135.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$443	$443	$443

135.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$284	$284	$284

135.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,227	$1,227	$1,227

135.6 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($288,000)	($288,000)	($288,000)

135.7 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024. (H and S:Increase funds to annualize the $2,000 salary increase in FY2024 and increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024)*

State General Funds	$477,193	$523,795	$513,154

135.8 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.*

State General Funds		$368,946	$368,946

135.9 *Increase funds for eight extended day/year programs.*

State General Funds		$88,000	$88,000

135.10 *Increase funds for two Young Farmer positions in Barrow and Peach counties. (S:Increase funds for one Young Farmer position in Peach County)*

State General Funds	$192,000	$96,000

135.1000 Agricultural Education			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,911,277	$15,429,552	$15,322,911
State General Funds	$14,911,277	$15,429,552	$15,322,911
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,370,280	$16,888,555	$16,781,914

Business and Finance Administration			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,048,336	$8,048,336	$8,048,336
State General Funds	$8,048,336	$8,048,336	$8,048,336
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,121,337	$18,121,337	$18,121,337

136.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$256,158	$256,158	$256,158

136.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$714	$714	$714

136.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,272	$6,272	$6,272

136.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$22,608	$22,608	$22,608

136.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$4,903	$4,903	$4,903

136.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$603	$603	$603

136.1000 Business and Finance Administration			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,339,594	$8,339,594	$8,339,594
State General Funds	$8,339,594	$8,339,594	$8,339,594
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,412,595	$18,412,595	$18,412,595

Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,046,404	$5,046,404	$5,046,404
State General Funds	$5,046,404	$5,046,404	$5,046,404
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,271,994	$66,271,994	$66,271,994

137.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$114,927	$114,927	$114,927

137.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$1,317	$1,317	$1,317

137.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,488	$2,488	$2,488

137.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$9,981	$9,981	$9,981

137.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$240	$240	$240

137.6 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for study and host meetings with House and Senate committees and stakeholders concerning Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) formula funding.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

137.7 *Increase funds for an adaptive sports program. (S:Increase funds to increase the base funding by 33 percent for an adaptive*

sports program)			
State General Funds		$200,000	$100,000

137.8 *Increase funds for outdoor learning grants and recognize $75,000 in existing funds.*

State General Funds			$25,000

137.1000 Central Office			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,125,357	$5,325,357	$5,250,357
State General Funds	$5,125,357	$5,325,357	$5,250,357
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,350,947	$66,550,947	$66,475,947

Charter Schools			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,853,152	$9,853,152	$9,853,152
State General Funds	$9,853,152	$9,853,152	$9,853,152
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,802,494	$14,802,494	$14,802,494

138.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$16,859	$16,859	$16,859

138.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$346	$346	$346

138.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$388	$388	$388

138.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$1,537	$1,537	$1,537

138.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$5,499	$5,499	$5,499

138.6 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,700,000)	($1,700,000)	($1,700,000)

138.7 *Reduce funds for facilities grants to reflect the full $100,000 for each locally-approved charter school, pursuant to HB430 (2017 Session).*

State General Funds		($2,700,000)	($2,700,000)

138.1000 Charter Schools **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,177,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781
State General Funds	$8,177,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,127,123	$10,427,123	$10,427,123

Communities in Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations

across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100
State General Funds	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,690,100	$1,690,100

139.1 *Increase funds to leverage matching grant funds for program expansion. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to leverage matching grant funds for program expansion)*

State General Funds		$1,579,900	$1,579,900

139.1000 Communities in Schools **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,690,100	$3,270,000	$3,270,000
State General Funds	$1,690,100	$3,270,000	$3,270,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,690,100	$3,270,000	$3,270,000

Curriculum Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,734,693	$6,734,693	$6,734,693
State General Funds	$6,734,693	$6,734,693	$6,734,693
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,744,743	$13,744,743	$13,744,743

140.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$118,426	$118,426	$118,426

140.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$2,606	$2,606	$2,606

140.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$3,123	$3,123	$3,123

140.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$12,048	$12,048	$12,048

140.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$177	$177	$177

140.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$298	$298	$298

140.7 *Increase funds to support evidence-based reading instruction grants to fund two Literacy Coaches per Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) and provide $2,000 supplements to Literacy Support Coordinators and Leads at school districts. (H:Increase funds to support evidence-based reading instruction grants to fund literacy coaches at each Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) and provide $2,000 supplements to literacy support coordinators and leads at school districts)(S:Recognize funding in Special Project - Curriculum Development)*

State General Funds	$6,304,500	$6,304,500	$0

140.8 *Increase funds for life sciences industry certification.*

State General Funds		$177,000	$177,000

140.9 *Transfer existing funds for AP and PSAT exams from the Testing program to the Curriculum Development program to properly align with department administration.*

State General Funds		$4,924,130	$4,924,130

140.10 *Increase funds for one STEM International Baccalaureate exam to all students and one International Baccalaureate exam for free and reduced-paying lunch students.*

State General Funds		$319,000	$319,000

140.11 *Increase funds for computer science professional development to support SB108 (2019 Session). (S:Increase funds and utilize undesignated Local Education Agency (LEA) reserve funds for computer science professional development to support SB108*

(2019 Session))

State General Funds $1,000,000 $500,000

140.12 *Increase funds for a supplementary secondary math pilot program.*

State General Funds $475,000

140.13 *Transfer funds from the Curriculum Development program to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program for Dyslexia Screening pursuant to SB48 (2019 Session).*

State General Funds ($1,500,000)

140.1000 Curriculum Development **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,175,871	$19,596,001	$11,766,501
State General Funds	$13,175,871	$19,596,001	$11,766,501
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,185,921	$26,606,051	$18,776,551

140.1001 Special Project - Curriculum Development: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional literacy coaches to the bottom 25 percent of schools ($1,989,650); to provide required training for regional literacy coaches ($32,000), local literacy coaches in the bottom 25 percent of elementary schools ($245,000), and Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers in the bottom 25 percent of schools ($1,720,000); to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) literacy training to Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers in the bottom 25 percent of schools with more than 5 percent of students in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) ($135,000).

State General Funds $6,111,300

Federal Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

141.1000 Federal Programs **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,808,418	$52,808,418	$52,808,418
State General Funds	$52,808,418	$52,808,418	$52,808,418
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,131,220	$64,131,220	$64,131,220

142.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$5,034	$5,034	$5,034

142.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$265,481	$265,481	$265,481

142.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$115	$115	$115

142.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$504	$504	$504

142.5 *Reduce formula funds for enrollment and training and experience decline.*

State General Funds	($2,067,804)	($4,261,708)	($4,261,708)

142.6 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$576,720	$576,720	$576,720

142.7 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$1,638,923	$1,638,923	$1,638,923

142.1000 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) Appropriation (HB 916)

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,227,391	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
State General Funds	$53,227,391	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,550,193	$62,356,289	$62,356,289

Georgia Virtual School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,958,631	$2,958,631	$2,958,631
State General Funds	$2,958,631	$2,958,631	$2,958,631
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,242,631	$11,242,631	$11,242,631

143.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$125,258	$125,258	$125,258

143.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$2,115	$2,115	$2,115

143.1000 Georgia Virtual School **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
State General Funds	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,370,004	$11,370,004	$11,370,004

Information Technology Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,653,162	$20,653,162	$20,653,162
State General Funds	$20,653,162	$20,653,162	$20,653,162
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,062,429	$21,062,429	$21,062,429

144.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$356,302	$356,302	$356,302

144.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$2,078	$2,078	$2,078

144.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$9,276	$9,276	$9,276

144.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$92,420	$92,420	$92,420

144.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$4,686	$4,686	$4,686

144.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$893	$893	$893

144.1000 Information Technology Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817
State General Funds	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,528,084	$21,528,084	$21,528,084

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733
State General Funds	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,794,733	$20,794,733	$20,794,733

145.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$4,631	$4,631	$4,631

145.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$97,622	$97,802	$97,802

145.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$127	$127	$127

145.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$504	$504	$504

145.5 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024, for Sparsity Grants.*

State General Funds	$461,897	$461,897	$461,897

145.6 *Transfer funds from the Quality Basic Education program to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program to provide salary supplements of $1,000 to all custodians and adjust amount to reflect current count.*

State General Funds	$8,499,000	$8,499,000	$8,499,000

145.7 *Increase funds for Dyslexia Screening pursuant to SB48 (2019 Session). (S:Transfer funds from the Curriculum Development program ($1,500,000) to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program and increase funds for Dyslexia Screening pursuant to SB48 (2019 Session) and Universal Screening pursuant to HB538 (2023 Session), and recognize that available universal screeners can also screen for dyslexia)*

State General Funds	$1,522,090	$1,522,090	$1,522,090

145.8 *Reduce formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.*

State General Funds	($518,446)	($389,615)	($389,615)

145.9 *Increase formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment data.*

State General Funds	$255,709	$255,709	$255,709

145.10 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024, for Residential Treatment Facilities.*

State General Funds	$301,531	$296,944	$296,944

145.11 *Increase funds for a mentorship program to increase teacher retention rates. (S:Increase funds and utilize undesignated Local Education Agency (LEA) reserve funds for a mentorship program to increase teacher retention rates)*

State General Funds	$750,000	$250,000	

145.12 *Increase funds for one-time grants for CPR training and equipment for student health and safety.*

State General Funds	$362,000	$362,000	

145.1000 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,419,398	$32,655,822	$32,155,822
State General Funds	$31,419,398	$32,655,822	$32,155,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,419,398	$32,655,822	$32,155,822

Nutrition **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,262,827	$39,262,827	$39,262,827
State General Funds	$39,262,827	$39,262,827	$39,262,827
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$842,856,296	$842,856,296	$842,856,296

146.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$14,778	$14,778	$14,778

146.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$213	$213	$213

146.3 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($6,333,713)	($6,333,713)	($6,333,713)

146.4 *Increase formula funds for school nutrition.*

State General Funds	$2,005,404	$2,005,404	$2,005,404

146.5 *Increase formula funds to recognize a 4.1% increase to the salary earnings in the nutrition formula.*

State General Funds	$1,353,794	$1,353,794	$1,353,794

146.6 *Increase funds for the cost of breakfast and lunch for reduce-paying students.*

State General Funds		$6,333,713	$3,166,857

146.1000 Nutrition **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,303,303	$42,637,016	$39,470,160
State General Funds	$36,303,303	$42,637,016	$39,470,160
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$839,896,772	$846,230,485	$843,063,629

Preschool Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890
State General Funds	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,780,890	$46,780,890	$46,780,890

147.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$268,361	$268,361	$268,361

147.2 *Increase funds based on formula earnings.*

State General Funds	$7,121,204	$7,121,204	$7,121,204

147.3 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$1,552,098	$1,552,098	$1,552,098

147.4 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$1,059,936	$1,059,936	$1,059,936

147.1000 Preschool Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
State General Funds	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489

Pupil Transportation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195
State General Funds	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$148,750,195	$148,750,195	$148,750,195

148.1 *Increase funds for pupil transportation to provide additional state support for school districts statewide by reflecting updated bus count and 40% of operational costs.*

State General Funds	$204,794,070	$204,794,070	$204,794,070

148.2 *Increase formula funds to recognize a 4.1% increase to the salary earnings in the pupil transportation formula.*

State General Funds	$5,009,178	$5,009,178	$5,009,178

148.1000 Pupil Transportation			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$358,553,443	$358,553,443	$358,553,443
State General Funds	$358,553,443	$358,553,443	$358,553,443
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$358,553,443	$358,553,443	$358,553,443

Quality Basic Education Equalization			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
State General Funds	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$756,060,581	$756,060,581	$756,060,581

149.1 *Increase formula funds for Equalization grants.*			
State General Funds	$266,793,031	$266,786,906	$266,786,906

149.1000 Quality Basic Education Equalization			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,022,853,612	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
State General Funds	$1,022,853,612	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,022,853,612	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)
State General Funds	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)

150.1 *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.*

State General Funds	($185,101,722)	($183,872,858)	($183,872,858)

150.1000 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,754,623,272)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
State General Funds	($2,754,623,272)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,754,623,272)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)

Quality Basic Education Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393
State General Funds	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393

151.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$67,132,501	$67,122,281	$67,122,281

151.2 *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.*

State General Funds	$249,580,641	$243,550,636	$243,550,636

151.3 *Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement.*

State General Funds	$49,497,547	$42,824,736	$42,824,736

151.4 *Reduce formula funds for the local charter school grant.*

State General Funds	($53,514)	($53,514)	($53,514)

151.5 *Reduce funds to provide a military counselor to Chattahoochee County given the availability of existing funds.*

State General Funds	($49,493)	($49,493)	($49,493)

151.6 *Increase formula funds for the charter system grant.*

State General Funds	$301,659	$301,659	$301,659

151.7 *Transfer funds from the Quality Basic Education program to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program to provide salary supplements of $1,000 to all custodians.*

State General Funds	($8,636,781)	($8,636,781)	($8,636,781)

151.8 *Reduce formula funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.*

State General Funds	($1,727,271)	($1,419,901)	($1,419,901)

151.9 *Add formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement pursuant to HB87 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$6,351,993	$6,298,548	$6,298,548

151.10 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$367,906,383	$367,862,211	$367,862,211

151.11 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$242,421,120	$242,421,120	$242,421,120

151.1000 Quality Basic Education Program **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,116,739,178	$14,104,235,895	$14,104,235,895
State General Funds	$14,116,739,178	$14,104,235,895	$14,104,235,895
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,116,739,178	$14,104,235,895	$14,104,235,895

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615
State General Funds	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,027,615	$16,027,615	$16,027,615

152.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$4,967	$4,967	$4,967

152.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$31,714	$31,714	$31,714

152.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$115	$115	$115

152.4 *Reduce funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment.*

State General Funds	($59,330)	($59,330)	($59,330)

152.5 *Increase funds for a 4.1% salary increase for certified staff.*

State General Funds	$361,568	$396,624	$263,137

152.6 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$89,280	$89,280	$89,280

152.1000 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,455,929	$16,490,985	$16,357,498
State General Funds	$16,455,929	$16,490,985	$16,357,498
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,455,929	$16,490,985	$16,357,498

School Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies

to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,661,849	$10,661,849	$10,661,849
State General Funds	$10,661,849	$10,661,849	$10,661,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,119,570	$14,119,570	$14,119,570

153.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$231,454	$231,454	$231,454

153.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$2,521	$2,521	$2,521

153.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,754	$5,754	$5,754

153.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$7,743	$7,743	$7,743

153.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$341	$341	$341

153.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$587	$587	$587

153.1000 School Improvement **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies

to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249
State General Funds	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,367,970	$14,367,970	$14,367,970

School Nurse **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204
State General Funds	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,544,204	$41,544,204	$41,544,204

154.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$246,287	$246,287	$246,287

154.2 *Reduce formula funds for school nurses.*

State General Funds	($569,505)	($569,505)	($609,505)

154.3 *Increase funds for a 4.1% salary increase for school nurses.*

State General Funds	$1,543,244	$1,543,244	$1,543,244

154.1000 School Nurse **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,764,230	$42,764,230	$42,724,230
State General Funds	$42,764,230	$42,764,230	$42,724,230
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,764,230	$42,764,230	$42,724,230

School Security Grants		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

155.1 *Add funds to establish school security grants. (S:Add funds to establish school security grants for school hardening and POST certified personnel)*

State General Funds	$103,995,000	$103,995,000	$103,905,000

155.2 *Add funds for safety training for teachers and ability of local school systems to develop school safety plans.*

State General Funds			$5,000,000

155.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.* ***House****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.* ***Governor****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

155.1000 School Security Grants			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,995,000	$103,995,000	$108,905,000
State General Funds	$103,995,000	$103,995,000	$108,905,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$103,995,000	$103,995,000	$108,905,000

State Charter School Commission Administration		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379

156.1000 State Charter School Commission Administration **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379

State Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,543,965	$37,543,965	$37,543,965
State General Funds	$37,543,965	$37,543,965	$37,543,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,802,425	$39,802,425	$39,802,425

157.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$625,473	$625,473	$625,473

157.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$10,274	$10,274	$10,274

157.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$30,845	$30,845	$30,845

157.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$1,008	$1,008	$1,008

157.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$16,719	$16,719	$16,719

157.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$3,316	$3,316	$3,316

157.7 *Increase formula funds for training and experience.*

State General Funds	$263,962	$263,962	$263,962

157.8 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$304,556	$304,556	$304,556

157.9 *Utilize existing funds ($2,000,000) for major repairs and renovations. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

157.1000 State Schools **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118
State General Funds	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,058,578	$41,058,578	$41,058,578

Technology/Career Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,402,168	$22,402,168	$22,402,168
State General Funds	$22,402,168	$22,402,168	$22,402,168
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$79,103,378	$79,103,378	$79,103,378

158.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$66,921	$66,921	$66,921

158.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$209,473	$154,957	$154,957

158.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,284	$1,284	$1,284

158.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$4,411	$4,411	$4,411

158.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$641	$641	$641

158.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$124	$124	$124

158.7 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($711,000)	($711,000)	($711,000)

158.8 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024. (H and S:Increase funds to annualize the $2,000 salary increase in FY2024 and increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024)*

State General Funds	$1,195,211	$1,434,814	$1,434,814

158.9 *Increase funds for construction industry certification. (S:Increase funds for construction industry certification and encourage industry partners to provide additional funding)*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$1,000,000

158.10 *Increase funds for three heavy equipment simulators at ten schools. (S:Reflect funding in Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission - Capital Projects Fund)*

State General Funds		$1,500,000	$0

158.1000 Technology/Career Education **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,169,233	$26,854,320	$24,354,320
State General Funds	$23,169,233	$26,854,320	$24,354,320
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$79,870,443	$83,555,530	$81,055,530

Testing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,233,072	$22,233,072	$22,233,072
State General Funds	$22,233,072	$22,233,072	$22,233,072
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,930,879	$37,930,879	$37,930,879

159.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$100,864	$100,864	$100,864

159.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$2,151	$2,151	$2,151

159.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,529	$2,529	$2,529

159.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$9,578	$9,578	$9,578

159.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$256	$256	$256

159.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$242	$242	$242

159.7 *Increase funds to provide a universal reading screener for all K-3 students pursuant to HB538 (2023 Session). (H:Increase funds to provide a universal reading screener for all K-3 students pursuant to HB538 (2023 Session) and fund state mandated testing given the expiration of federal funds)(S:Reflect funds in the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program)*

State General Funds	$5,022,090	$5,022,090	$0

159.8 *Transfer funds for AP and PSAT exams from the Testing program to the Curriculum Development program to properly align with department administration.*

State General Funds		($4,924,130)	($4,924,130)

159.1000 Testing **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,370,782	$22,446,652	$17,424,562
State General Funds	$27,370,782	$22,446,652	$17,424,562
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,068,589	$38,144,459	$33,122,369

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

160.1000 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,191.66. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,910,561	$61,910,561	$61,910,561
State General Funds	$61,910,561	$61,910,561	$61,910,561
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$95,728,763	$95,728,763	$95,728,763

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$60,689,844	$60,689,844	$66,314,844
State General Funds	$60,689,844	$60,689,844	$66,314,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$94,508,046	$94,508,046	$100,133,046

Deferred Compensation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262

Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262

161.1000 Deferred Compensation **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,196,262	$5,196,262	$5,196,262

Georgia Military Pension Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
State General Funds	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,793,161	$2,793,161	$2,793,161

162.1 *Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	($11,717)	($11,717)	($11,717)

162.1000 Georgia Military Pension Fund **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

Public School Employees Retirement System **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
State General Funds	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,357,000	$32,357,000	$32,357,000

163.1 *Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	($1,209,000)	($1,209,000)	($1,209,000)

163.2 *Increase funds to increase the benefit multiplier from $16.50 to $17.00 pursuant to SB105 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds			$5,625,000

163.1000 Public School Employees Retirement System **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,148,000	$31,148,000	$36,773,000
State General Funds	$31,148,000	$31,148,000	$36,773,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,148,000	$31,148,000	$36,773,000

System Administration (ERS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400
State General Funds	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,382,340	$55,382,340	$55,382,340

164.1 *Recognize $26,750,000 in existing funds to support benefit adjustments for retired state employees as authorized by the board of trustees. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

164.1000 System Administration (ERS)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400
State General Funds	$26,760,400	$26,760,400	$26,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
State Funds Transfers	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
Retirement Payments	$28,621,940	$28,621,940	$28,621,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,382,340	$55,382,340	$55,382,340

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.20% for New Plan employees and 24.45% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $889.76 per member for State Fiscal Year 2025.

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,030,321	$50,030,321	$50,030,321
State General Funds	$50,030,321	$50,030,321	$50,030,321
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087

Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,493,857	$66,493,857	$66,493,857

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,982,062	$53,669,849	$51,956,541
State General Funds	$51,982,062	$53,669,849	$51,956,541
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,445,598	$70,133,385	$68,420,077

Commission Administration (SFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,938,968	$6,938,968	$6,938,968
State General Funds	$6,938,968	$6,938,968	$6,938,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,570,548	$7,570,548	$7,570,548

165.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$137,994	$137,994	$137,994

165.2 *Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (SFC) program to the Forest Protection program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,347,037)	($2,347,037)	($2,347,037)

165.3 *Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.*

State General Funds		$1,782,727	$0

165.4 *The State Forestry Commission shall study and report back to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the establishment of the State Board of Registration for Foresters. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

165.1000 Commission Administration (SFC) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,729,925	$6,512,652	$4,729,925
State General Funds	$4,729,925	$6,512,652	$4,729,925
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,361,505	$7,144,232	$5,361,505

Forest Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire

danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,522,487	$4,522,487	$4,522,487
State General Funds	$4,522,487	$4,522,487	$4,522,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,344,370	$9,344,370	$9,344,370

166.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$154,264	$154,264	$154,264

166.1000 Forest Management **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
State General Funds	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000

Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,498,634	$9,498,634	$9,498,634

Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,568,866	$38,568,866	$38,568,866
State General Funds	$38,568,866	$38,568,866	$38,568,866
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,371,859	$48,371,859	$48,371,859

167.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,316,575	$1,316,575	$1,316,575

167.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$13,166	$13,166	$13,166

167.3 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$4,600	$4,600	$4,600

167.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$25,142	$30,202	$30,202

167.5 *Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (SFC) program to the Forest Protection program for the purchase of environmental cab tractors.*

State General Funds	$2,347,037	$2,347,037	$2,316,456

167.6 *Increase funds for the on-going service contracts for equipment associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability.*

State General Funds	$300,000	$200,000	$300,000

167.1000 Forest Protection **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,575,386	$42,480,446	$42,549,865
State General Funds	$42,575,386	$42,480,446	$42,549,865
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,378,379	$52,283,439	$52,352,858

Tree Seedling Nursery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

168.1000 Tree Seedling Nursery **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863

Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$59,577,302	$59,577,302	$59,577,302
State General Funds	$59,577,302	$59,577,302	$59,577,302
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,552,612	$30,552,612	$30,552,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,799,182	$29,799,182	$29,799,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$90,937,770	$90,937,770	$90,937,770

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,515,556	$61,544,407	$62,295,882
State General Funds	$61,515,556	$61,544,407	$62,295,882
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,552,612	$30,552,612	$30,552,612
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,799,182	$29,799,182	$29,799,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,876,024	$92,904,875	$93,656,350

Governor's Emergency Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

169.1000 Governor's Emergency Fund **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437
State General Funds	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,718,437	$6,718,437	$6,718,437

170.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$148,327	$148,327	$148,327

170.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,515	$1,515	$1,515

170.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$7,440	$7,440	$7,440

170.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$28,148	$28,148	$28,148

170.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$495	$495	$495

170.1000 Governor's Office **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
State General Funds	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362

Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361
State General Funds	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,739,361	$8,739,361	$8,739,361

171.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$177,443	$177,443	$177,443

171.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$336	$336	$336

171.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,463)	($3,463)	($3,463)

171.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$153,828	$153,828	$153,828

171.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$6,857	$6,857	$6,857

171.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$727	$727	$727

171.7 *Reduce funds for contracts.*

State General Funds	($193,813)	($193,813)	($193,813)

171.1000 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
State General Funds	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276

Georgia Data Analytic Center			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072
State General Funds	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,947,072	$1,947,072	$1,947,072

172.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$25,169	$25,169	$25,169

172.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$27,426	$27,426	$27,426

172.1000 Georgia Data Analytic Center			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466
State General Funds	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,976,466	$1,976,466	$1,976,466

173.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$15,101	$15,101	$15,101

173.1000 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

Child Advocate, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137
State General Funds	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,430,137	$1,430,137	$1,430,137

174.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$36,616	$36,616	$36,616

174.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,057	$1,057	$1,057

174.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$8,078	$8,078	$8,078

174.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$274	$274	$274

174.5 *Reduce funds for training contracts.*

State General Funds	($28,851)	$0	$0

174.1000 Child Advocate, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,447,311	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
State General Funds	$1,447,311	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,447,311	$1,476,162	$1,476,162

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,990,956	$4,990,956	$4,990,956
State General Funds	$4,990,956	$4,990,956	$4,990,956
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,501,994	$35,501,994	$35,501,994

175.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$573,749	$573,749	$573,749

175.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,060	$5,060	$5,060

175.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$27,857	$27,857	$27,857

175.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$990	$990	$990

175.5 *Increase funds to enhance the State Operation Center capabilities.*

State General Funds	$125,340	$125,340	$125,340

175.6 *Utilize existing funds ($482,581) and increase funds to restore the payment of grants to counties (Total Funds: $835,001). (S:Utilize existing funds ($482,581) and increase funds to restore the payments of grants to counties (Total Funds: $1,020,001))*

State General Funds	$352,420	$352,420	$537,420

175.1000 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,076,372	$6,076,372	$6,261,372
State General Funds	$6,076,372	$6,076,372	$6,261,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,587,410	$36,587,410	$36,772,410

Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing

Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,328,407	$1,328,407	$1,328,407
State General Funds	$1,328,407	$1,328,407	$1,328,407
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,359,407	$1,359,407	$1,359,407

176.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$40,300	$40,300	$48,867

176.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($57,908)	($57,908)	($57,908)

176.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$19,248	$19,248	$19,248

176.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$2,630	$2,630	$2,630

176.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$370	$370	$370

176.6 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds			$57,908

176.1000 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,333,047	$1,333,047	$1,399,522
State General Funds	$1,333,047	$1,333,047	$1,399,522
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,000	$31,000	$31,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,364,047	$1,364,047	$1,430,522

Office of the State Inspector General **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478
State General Funds	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,547,478	$1,547,478	$1,547,478

177.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$42,048	$42,048	$42,048

177.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,353)	($3,353)	($3,353)

177.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$12,666	$12,666	$12,666

177.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$6,711	$6,711	$6,711

177.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$30,171	$30,171	$30,171

177.6 *Increase funds for fees, training, and additional ongoing expenses for the implementation of SB59 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$84,924	$84,924	$84,924

177.7 *Reduce funds for information technology efficiencies.*

State General Funds	($800)	($800)	($800)

177.8 *Increase funds for personnel for one new investigator position.*

State General Funds	$109,624	$109,624	$109,624

177.1000 Office of the State Inspector General			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
State General Funds	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469

Professional Standards Commission, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,407,153	$8,407,153	$8,407,153
State General Funds	$8,407,153	$8,407,153	$8,407,153
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$818,430	$818,430	$818,430
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,225,583	$9,225,583	$9,225,583

178.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$239,028	$239,028	$239,028

178.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$538	$538	$538

178.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,704	$2,704	$2,704

178.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$50,638	$50,638	$50,638

178.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$24,600	$24,600	$24,600

178.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$334	$334	$334

178.7 *Increase funds to expand teacher recruitment summit partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).*

State General Funds	$5,695	$5,695	$5,695

178.1000 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
State General Funds	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$818,430	$818,430	$818,430
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,000	$65,000	$65,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$753,430	$753,430	$753,430
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,549,120	$9,549,120	$9,549,120

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603
State General Funds	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,222,603	$6,222,603	$6,222,603

179.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$71,008	$71,008	$71,008

179.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$389	$389	$389

179.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,692)	($3,692)	($3,692)

179.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$33,839	$33,839	$33,839

179.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$9,849	$9,849	$9,849

179.6 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

179.7 *Reduce funds to recognize reclassified positions.*

State General Funds	($37,260)	($37,260)	($37,260)

179.8 *Reduce funds to reflect current state agreements for erasure analysis.*

State General Funds	($82,000)	($82,000)	($82,000)

179.9 *Increase funds for the Literacy Lab.*

State General Funds			$500,000

179.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$6,464,736
State General Funds	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$6,464,736
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$6,464,736

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

180.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$5,034	$5,034	$5,034

180.2 *Utilize existing funds ($500,000) to provide community grants in support of the Georgia Reads Community Partnership. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

180.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
State General Funds	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245
State General Funds	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,640,245	$1,640,245	$1,640,245

181.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$19,799	$19,799	$19,799

181.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$103	$103	$103

181.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$1,143	$1,143	$1,143

181.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
State General Funds	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946
State General Funds	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,566,946	$2,566,946	$2,566,946

182.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds	$55,371	$55,371	$55,371
182.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*			
State General Funds	$658	$658	$658
182.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$247	$247	$247
182.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*			
State General Funds	$5,472	$5,472	$5,472

182.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694
State General Funds	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$985,477,516	$985,477,516	$985,477,516
State General Funds	$983,991,858	$983,991,858	$983,991,858
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,154,399	$1,177,154,399
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$548,087,300	$548,087,300	$548,087,300
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$81,159,372	$81,159,372	$81,159,372
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$107,072,714	$107,072,714	$107,072,714
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,173,817	$12,173,817	$12,173,817
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$336,358,892	$336,358,892	$336,358,892
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$335,095,844	$335,095,844	$335,095,844
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,939,110	$25,939,110	$25,939,110
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,313,413	$1,313,413	$1,313,413
State Funds Transfers	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency to Agency Contracts	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,189,884,438	$2,189,884,438	$2,189,884,438

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,010,361,240	$1,026,062,214	$1,028,984,670
State General Funds	$1,008,790,851	$1,024,491,825	$1,027,414,281
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,177,154,399	$1,179,148,298	$1,180,648,298
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$548,087,300	$548,087,300	$548,087,300
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,693,550	$18,693,550	$18,693,550
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$81,159,372	$83,153,271	$84,653,271
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$73,608,754	$73,608,754	$73,608,754
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$107,072,714	$107,072,714	$107,072,714
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$12,173,817	$12,173,817	$12,173,817
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$336,358,892	$336,358,892	$336,358,892
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$335,095,844	$335,095,844	$335,095,844
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,939,110	$25,939,110	$25,939,110
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,439,110	$24,439,110	$24,439,110
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,313,413	$1,313,413	$1,313,413
State Funds Transfers	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency to Agency Contracts	$593,413	$593,413	$593,413
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,214,768,162	$2,232,463,035	$2,236,885,491

Adoptions Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,569,051	$46,569,051	$46,569,051
State General Funds	$46,569,051	$46,569,051	$46,569,051

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,748,473	$77,748,473	$77,748,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,627,072	$68,627,072	$68,627,072
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,317,524	$124,317,524	$124,317,524

183.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$131,930	$131,930	$131,930

183.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.*

State General Funds	($961,228)	($961,228)	($961,228)

183.1000 Adoptions Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
State General Funds	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$77,748,473	$77,748,473	$77,748,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$68,627,072	$68,627,072	$68,627,072
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$123,488,226	$123,488,226	$123,488,226

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,242,661	$3,242,661	$3,242,661
State General Funds	$1,957,202	$1,957,202	$1,957,202
State Children’s Trust Funds	$1,285,459	$1,285,459	$1,285,459
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,980,533	$10,980,533	$10,980,533
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,014,443	$8,014,443	$8,014,443
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,223,194	$14,223,194	$14,223,194

184.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$32,695	$32,695	$32,695

184.2 *Increase funds to reflect FY2023 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

State Children's Trust Funds	$30,611	$30,611	$30,611

184.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,305,967	$3,305,967	$3,305,967
State General Funds	$1,989,897	$1,989,897	$1,989,897
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,980,533	$10,980,533	$10,980,533
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,014,443	$8,014,443	$8,014,443
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,286,500	$14,286,500	$14,286,500

Child Support Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,257,326	$32,257,326	$32,257,326
State General Funds	$32,257,326	$32,257,326	$32,257,326
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,328,371	$125,328,371	$125,328,371

185.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$609,249	$609,249	$609,249

185.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$58,282	$58,282	$58,282

185.3 *Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for child support workers.*

State General Funds		$1,100,194	$1,100,194

185.4 *Increase funds for prosecution to support recruitment and retention needs.*

State General Funds		$203,611	$0

185.1000 Child Support Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,924,857	$34,228,662	$34,025,051
State General Funds	$32,924,857	$34,228,662	$34,025,051
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$89,275,285	$89,275,285	$89,275,285
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,995,902	$127,299,707	$127,096,096

Child Welfare Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$229,607,756	$229,607,756	$229,607,756
State General Funds	$229,607,756	$229,607,756	$229,607,756

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,481,983	$244,481,983	$244,481,983
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,046,628	$34,046,628	$34,046,628
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$38,889,409	$38,889,409	$38,889,409
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$91,416	$91,416	$91,416
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,908,512	$2,908,512	$2,908,512
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$168,546,018	$168,546,018	$168,546,018
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$167,282,970	$167,282,970	$167,282,970
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
State Funds Transfers	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
Agency to Agency Contracts	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$474,252,927	$474,252,927	$474,252,927

186.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$5,248,228	$5,248,228	$5,248,228

186.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$166,571	$166,571	$166,571

186.3 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$13,151	$13,151	$13,151

186.4 *Increase funds for the full cost of two community action team pilot programs funded by HB911 (2022 Session).*

State General Funds	$214,146	$214,146	$214,146

186.5 *Transfer funds from the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program to the Child Welfare Services program ($590,000) and increase funds ($828,935) for technology upgrades and improvements to the SHINES child welfare case management system to enhance efficiency.*

State General Funds	$1,418,935	$1,418,935	$1,418,935

186.6 *Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for child protection and placement services caseworkers.*

State General Funds	$4,663,798	$4,663,798	$4,663,798

186.7 *Increase funds to the court appointed special advocates (CASA) to enhance statewide capacity.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

186.8 *Increase funds for child advocacy centers to expand mental health services and forensic interviewing for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, exploitation, and trafficking.*

State General Funds	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

186.9 *Increase funds to annualize wraparound services pilot.*

State General Funds	$1,500,000
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$1,500,000
Total Public Funds:	$3,000,000

186.1000 Child Welfare Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$241,332,585	$243,832,585	$245,332,585
State General Funds	$241,332,585	$243,832,585	$245,332,585
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,481,983	$244,481,983	$245,981,983
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,046,628	$34,046,628	$34,046,628
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$38,889,409	$38,889,409	$40,389,409
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$91,416	$91,416	$91,416
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,908,512	$2,908,512	$2,908,512
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$168,546,018	$168,546,018	$168,546,018
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$167,282,970	$167,282,970	$167,282,970
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$1,263,048	$1,263,048	$1,263,048
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
State Funds Transfers	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
Agency to Agency Contracts	$163,188	$163,188	$163,188
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$485,977,756	$488,477,756	$491,477,756

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659

187.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,161,659	$18,161,659	$18,161,659

Departmental Administration (DHS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,125,920	$63,125,920	$63,125,920
State General Funds	$63,125,920	$63,125,920	$63,125,920
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,473,179	$53,473,179	$53,473,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,375,970	$35,375,970	$35,375,970
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$273,396	$273,396	$273,396
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,579,886	$6,579,886	$6,579,886
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$763,398	$763,398	$763,398
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,496,909	$6,496,909	$6,496,909
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$3,983,620	$3,983,620	$3,983,620
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,545,587	$13,545,587	$13,545,587
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465

State Funds Transfers	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
Agency to Agency Contracts	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$130,179,151	$130,179,151	$130,179,151

188.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,789,637	$1,789,637	$1,789,637

188.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($23,445)	($23,445)	($23,445)

188.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$282,708	$282,708	$282,708

188.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$156,145	$156,145	$156,145

188.5 *Reduce funds for rent to reflect savings from office space consolidation.*

State General Funds	($2,636,268)	($2,636,268)	($2,636,268)

188.6 *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration (DHS) program to the Federal Eligibility Benefit Services program to match program expenditures to program purpose.*

State General Funds	($1,681,569)	($1,681,569)	($1,681,569)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	($14,553)	($14,553)	($14,553)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($6,446,253)	($6,446,253)	($6,446,253)
Total Public Funds:	($8,142,375)	($8,142,375)	($8,142,375)

188.7 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.12% to 76.23%.*

State General Funds	($9,349)	($9,349)	($9,349)

188.8 *Increase funds for rent for a multi-service building in Coweta County.*

State General Funds			$1,088,000

188.1000 Departmental Administration (DHS) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs

of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,003,779	$61,003,779	$62,091,779
State General Funds	$61,003,779	$61,003,779	$62,091,779
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,012,373	$47,012,373	$47,012,373
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$28,929,717	$28,929,717	$28,929,717
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$273,396	$273,396	$273,396
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,579,886	$6,579,886	$6,579,886
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$763,398	$763,398	$763,398
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,496,909	$6,496,909	$6,496,909
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$3,969,067	$3,969,067	$3,969,067
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$3,969,067	$3,969,067	$3,969,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,545,587	$13,545,587	$13,545,587
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,045,587	$12,045,587	$12,045,587
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
State Funds Transfers	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
Agency to Agency Contracts	$34,465	$34,465	$34,465
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$121,596,204	$121,596,204	$122,684,204

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,407,238	$28,407,238	$28,407,238
State General Funds	$28,407,238	$28,407,238	$28,407,238
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,911,715	$3,911,715	$3,911,715
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,596,753	$1,596,753	$1,596,753
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,314,962	$2,314,962	$2,314,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,318,953	$32,318,953	$32,318,953

189.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$861,864	$861,864	$861,864

189.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$24,966	$24,966	$24,966

189.3 *Transfer funds from the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($590,000)	($590,000)	($590,000)

189.4 *Increase funds for retention needs and three new ombudsman representatives.*

State General Funds		$900,960	$900,960

189.5 *Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for elder abuse investigations and protections caseworkers.*

State General Funds		$1,278,367	$1,278,367

189.1000 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,704,068	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
State General Funds	$28,704,068	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,911,715	$3,911,715	$3,911,715
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,596,753	$1,596,753	$1,596,753
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,314,962	$2,314,962	$2,314,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,615,783	$34,795,110	$34,795,110

Elder Community Living Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,117,304	$52,117,304	$52,117,304
State General Funds	$52,117,304	$52,117,304	$52,117,304
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$37,318,008	$37,318,008	$37,318,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,367,665	$30,367,665	$30,367,665
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$6,950,343	$6,950,343	$6,950,343
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,435,312	$89,435,312	$89,435,312

190.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$47,528	$47,528	$47,528

190.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$3,271	$3,271	$3,271

190.3 *Increase funds for non-Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).*

State General Funds		$550,000	$550,000

190.4 *Utilize $1,000,000 in existing funds for respite for older adults. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

190.5 *Increase funds for Georgia Memory Net to extend brain health awareness campaign to younger audiences, specifically those aged 40 and above.*

State General Funds			$225,000

190.1000 Elder Community Living Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,168,103	$52,718,103	$52,943,103
State General Funds	$52,168,103	$52,718,103	$52,943,103
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$37,318,008	$37,318,008	$37,318,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,367,665	$30,367,665	$30,367,665
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$6,950,343	$6,950,343	$6,950,343
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,486,111	$90,036,111	$90,261,111

Energy Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157

191.1000 Energy Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,610,157	$71,610,157	$71,610,157

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$148,250,993	$148,250,993	$148,250,993
State General Funds	$148,250,993	$148,250,993	$148,250,993
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$244,103,052	$244,103,052	$244,103,052
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,680,335	$122,680,335	$122,680,335
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$258,495	$258,495	$258,495
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$5,807,841	$5,807,841	$5,807,841
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,235,199	$1,235,199	$1,235,199
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$99,147,424	$99,147,424	$99,147,424
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,973,758	$14,973,758	$14,973,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$392,354,045	$392,354,045	$392,354,045

192.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$5,434,395	$5,434,395	$5,434,395

192.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$200,339	$200,339	$200,339

192.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$814,548	$814,548	$814,548

192.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$15,121	$15,121	$15,121

192.5 *Increase funds for labor and wage data verification services.*

State General Funds	$2,061,147	$2,061,147	$2,061,147

192.6 *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration (DHS) program to the Federal Eligibility Benefit Services program to match program expenditures to program purpose.*

State General Funds	$1,681,569	$1,681,569	$1,681,569
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,553	$14,553	$14,553
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,446,253	$6,446,253	$6,446,253
Total Public Funds:	$8,142,375	$8,142,375	$8,142,375

192.7 *Increase funds for 23 county customer service staff to provide staff in every customer service center.*

State General Funds	$630,057	$630,057	$630,057

192.8 *Reduce funds for a duplicative quick response (QR) codes contract.*

State General Funds	($65,524)	($65,524)	($65,524)

192.1000 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645
State General Funds	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$250,563,858	$250,563,858	$250,563,858
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$129,126,588	$129,126,588	$129,126,588
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$258,495	$258,495	$258,495
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$5,807,841	$5,807,841	$5,807,841
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$1,235,199	$1,235,199	$1,235,199
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$99,147,424	$99,147,424	$99,147,424
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,988,311	$14,988,311	$14,988,311
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,988,311	$14,988,311	$14,988,311
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$409,586,503	$409,586,503	$409,586,503

Out-of-Home Care **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to

neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
State General Funds	$334,231,136	$334,231,136	$334,231,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,074,630	$100,074,630	$100,074,630
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$141,072	$141,072	$141,072
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$29,313,386	$29,313,386	$29,313,386
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$434,305,766	$434,305,766	$434,305,766

193.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.*

State General Funds	($418,910)	($418,910)	($418,910)

193.2 *Increase funds for a 3% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers.*

State General Funds		$8,379,159	$8,379,159
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658		$1,993,899	$1,993,899
Total Public Funds:		$10,373,058	$10,373,058

193.1000 Out-of-Home Care **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$333,812,226	$342,191,385	$342,191,385
State General Funds	$333,812,226	$342,191,385	$342,191,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$100,074,630	$102,068,529	$102,068,529
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$141,072	$141,072	$141,072
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$29,313,386	$31,307,285	$31,307,285
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$70,620,172	$70,620,172	$70,620,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$433,886,856	$444,259,914	$444,259,914

Out-of-School Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$4,660,000
State General Funds	$4,660,000	$4,660,000	$4,660,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,160,000	$20,160,000	$20,160,000

194.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding to bridge the education gap.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($2,660,000)	($2,660,000)

194.1000 Out-of-School Care Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,660,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
State General Funds	$3,660,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,160,000	$17,500,000	$17,500,000

Refugee Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754

195.1000 Refugee Assistance **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,035,754	$5,035,754	$5,035,754

Residential Child Care Licensing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,341,265	$2,341,265	$2,341,265
State General Funds	$2,341,265	$2,341,265	$2,341,265
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,910,115	$2,910,115	$2,910,115

196.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$92,617	$92,617	$92,617

196.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$620	$620	$620

196.3 *Increase funds to establish an application and inspection process for Qualified Residential Treatment Programs.*

State General Funds	$134,618	$134,618	$134,618

196.1000 Residential Child Care Licensing **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
State General Funds	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$568,850	$568,850	$568,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,137,970	$3,137,970	$3,137,970

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

197.1000 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,497,565	$20,497,565	$20,497,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,302,740	$6,302,740	$6,302,740
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,597,565	$20,597,565	$20,597,565

198.1000 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,497,565	$20,497,565	$20,497,565
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,302,740	$6,302,740	$6,302,740
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$14,194,825	$14,194,825	$14,194,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,597,565	$20,597,565	$20,597,565

Council On Aging			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529
State General Funds	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$366,529	$366,529	$366,529

199.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds	$12,096	$12,096	$12,096
199.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*			
State General Funds	($10,000)	($10,000)	($10,000)
199.3 *Increase funds for operations.*			
State General Funds		$8,000	$8,000

199.1000 Council On Aging			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$368,625	$376,625	$376,625
State General Funds	$368,625	$376,625	$376,625

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$368,625	$376,625	$376,625

Family Connection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,763,639	$9,763,639	$9,763,639
State General Funds	$9,763,639	$9,763,639	$9,763,639
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,100,604	$11,100,604	$11,100,604

200.1 *Increase funds to increase operational support and each county's allocation to $60,000. (S:Increase funds to increase operational support and each county's allocation to $56,250)*

State General Funds		$1,192,500	$596,250

200.1000 Family Connection **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,763,639	$10,956,139	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$9,763,639	$10,956,139	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,100,604	$12,293,104	$11,696,854

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$326,141	$326,141	$326,141
State General Funds	$326,141	$326,141	$326,141
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,769,410	$2,769,410	$2,769,410

201.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$9,831	$9,831	$9,831

201.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
State General Funds	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,779,241	$2,779,241	$2,779,241

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,436,787	$2,436,787	$2,436,787
State General Funds	$2,436,787	$2,436,787	$2,436,787
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,567,432	$10,567,432	$10,567,432

202.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$244,500	$244,500	$244,500

202.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,441)	($6,441)	($6,441)

202.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$96,927	$96,927	$96,927

202.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*			
State General Funds	$137,307	$137,307	$137,307
202.5 *Reduce funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*			
State General Funds	($130)	($130)	($130)

202.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
State General Funds	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,039,595	$11,039,595	$11,039,595

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

203.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

204.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,028,571	$24,028,571	$24,028,571
State General Funds	$24,028,571	$24,028,571	$24,028,571
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,517,151	$98,517,151	$98,517,151

205.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$737,941	$737,941	$737,941

205.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,322	$7,322	$7,322

205.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$34,342	$34,342	$34,342

205.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$32,830	$32,830	$32,830

205.5 *Reduce funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	($291)	($291)	($291)

205.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$25,142	$25,142	$25,142

205.7 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($403,150)	($403,150)	($403,150)

205.8 *Reduce funds for rent to reflect savings from office space consolidation.*

State General Funds	($189,902)	($189,902)	($189,902)

205.9 *Reduce funds for telecommunications to reflect savings from leveraging technology.*

State General Funds	($78,013)	($78,013)	($78,013)

205.10 *Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.*

State General Funds		$57,500	$57,500

205.11 *Utilize existing funds to support services for blind and visually impaired Georgians. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

205.12 *Increase funds for independent living services.*

State General Funds	$1,090,683	$2,000,000

205.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program		**Appropriation (HB 916)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,194,792	$25,342,975	$26,252,292
State General Funds	$24,194,792	$25,342,975	$26,252,292
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$69,425,542	$69,425,542	$69,425,542
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$98,683,372	$99,831,555	$100,740,872

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,575,199	$3,575,199	$3,575,199
State General Funds	$3,375,000	$3,375,000	$3,375,000
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$200,199	$200,199	$200,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,575,199	$3,575,199	$3,575,199

206.1 *Increase funds for the full cost of the Gwinnett Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center funded by HB19 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$4,746,840	$4,746,840	$4,746,840

206.2 *Increase funds to reflect FY2023 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses pursuant to O.C.G.A.*

15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209.

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$54,120	$54,120	$54,120

206.3 *Increase funds for a psychiatric nurse to support youth survivors of exploitation and trafficking.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$100,000

206.1000 Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,376,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159
State General Funds	$8,121,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,376,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$211,588,455	$211,588,455	$211,588,455
State General Funds	$211,588,455	$211,588,455	$211,588,455
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$222,184,576	$222,184,576	$222,184,576

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$232,821,762	$234,221,762	$232,821,762
State General Funds	$232,821,762	$234,221,762	$232,821,762
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$243,417,883	$244,817,883	$243,417,883

Departmental Administration (COI) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe

environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,467,503	$2,467,503	$2,467,503
State General Funds	$2,467,503	$2,467,503	$2,467,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,577,103	$2,577,103	$2,577,103

207.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$102,936	$102,936	$102,936

207.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,352	$5,352	$5,352

207.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$23,968	$23,968	$23,968

207.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$10,183	$10,183	$10,183

207.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$581	$581	$581

207.1000 Departmental Administration (COI) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523
State General Funds	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,720,123	$2,720,123	$2,720,123

Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945
State General Funds	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$665,945	$665,945	$665,945

208.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$21,745	$21,745	$21,745

208.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,508	$2,508	$2,508

208.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$6,318	$6,318	$6,318

208.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,060	$1,060	$1,060

208.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$187	$187	$187

208.6 *Transfer funds from the Enforcement program to the Fire Safety program for positions and associated costs.*

State General Funds	($109,897)	($109,897)	($109,897)

208.1000 Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific

provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866
State General Funds	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866

Fire Safety **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,323,775	$10,323,775	$10,323,775
State General Funds	$10,323,775	$10,323,775	$10,323,775
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,490,994	$14,490,994	$14,490,994

209.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$322,072	$322,072	$322,072

209.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$27,432	$27,432	$27,432

209.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$85,960	$85,960	$85,960

209.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$4,431	$4,431	$4,431

209.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$2,083	$2,083	$2,083

209.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$50,284	$50,284	$50,284

209.7 *Transfer funds from the Enforcement program ($109,897) and the Insurance Regulation program ($852,586) to the Fire Safety program to annualize nine positions and associated costs.*

State General Funds	$962,483	$962,483	$962,483

209.8 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for three additional inspectors and associated costs.*

State General Funds	$249,930	$249,930	$249,930

209.9 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for the one-time cost of three vehicles and equipment.*

State General Funds	$77,826	$77,826	$77,826

209.1000 Fire Safety **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
State General Funds	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450

Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,273,495	$16,273,495	$16,273,495

Insurance Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,143,065	$5,143,065	$5,143,065
State General Funds	$5,143,065	$5,143,065	$5,143,065
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,921,073	$10,921,073	$10,921,073

210.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$133,681	$133,681	$133,681

210.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$19,812	$19,812	$19,812

210.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$60,851	$60,851	$60,851

210.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$5,588	$5,588	$5,588

210.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,622	$1,622	$1,622

210.6 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for positions, vehicles, and associated costs.*

State General Funds	($1,180,342)	($1,180,342)	($1,180,342)

210.1000 Insurance Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277
State General Funds	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,962,285	$9,962,285	$9,962,285

Reinsurance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157
State General Funds	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$185,859,157	$185,859,157	$185,859,157

211.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$25,169	$25,169	$25,169

211.2 *Increase funds for the state reinsurance program.*

State General Funds	$20,000,000	$21,400,000	$20,000,000

211.1000 Reinsurance			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,884,326	$207,284,326	$205,884,326
State General Funds	$205,884,326	$207,284,326	$205,884,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$205,884,326	$207,284,326	$205,884,326

Special Fraud **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,129,010	$7,129,010	$7,129,010
State General Funds	$7,129,010	$7,129,010	$7,129,010
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,670,304	$7,670,304	$7,670,304

212.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$129,646	$129,646	$129,646

212.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$108	$108	$108

212.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$17,504	$17,504	$17,504

212.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$38,758	$38,758	$38,758

212.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,581	$1,581	$1,581

212.6 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,148	$1,148	$1,148

212.7 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$130,739	$130,739	$130,739

212.1000 Special Fraud			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
State General Funds	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,989,788	$7,989,788	$7,989,788

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$214,684,733	$214,684,733	$214,684,733
State General Funds	$214,684,733	$214,684,733	$214,684,733
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,400,504	$44,400,504	$44,400,504
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$43,680,690	$43,680,690	$43,680,690
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,060,456	$34,060,456	$34,060,456
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Sales and Services	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$293,408,996	$293,408,996	$293,408,996

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$223,411,082	$253,553,019	$252,194,180
State General Funds	$223,411,082	$253,553,019	$252,194,180
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,400,504	$44,400,504	$44,400,504
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$43,680,690	$43,680,690	$43,680,690
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,060,456	$34,060,456	$34,060,456
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,743,451	$1,743,451	$1,743,451
Sales and Services	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,317,005	$32,317,005	$32,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$302,135,345	$332,277,282	$330,918,443

Bureau Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,271,861	$10,271,861	$10,271,861
State General Funds	$10,271,861	$10,271,861	$10,271,861
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,637,764	$10,637,764	$10,637,764

213.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$174,881	$174,881	$174,881

213.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($403)	($403)	($403)

213.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$46,427	$46,427	$46,427

213.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$590	$590	$590

213.5 *Reflect and utilize $1,100,000 from FY2023 to continue facility security upgrades. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

213.1000 Bureau Administration **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356
State General Funds	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,859,259	$10,859,259	$10,859,259

Criminal Justice Information Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,350,878	$7,350,878	$7,350,878
State General Funds	$7,350,878	$7,350,878	$7,350,878
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,850,878	$18,850,878	$18,850,878

214.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$235,680	$235,680	$235,680

214.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,003	$1,003	$1,003

214.3 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,295	$1,295	$1,295

214.1000 Criminal Justice Information Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
State General Funds	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,088,856	$19,088,856	$19,088,856

Forensic Scientific Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$57,173,683	$57,173,683	$57,173,683
State General Funds	$57,173,683	$57,173,683	$57,173,683
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,481,719	$59,481,719	$59,481,719

215.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,423,272	$1,438,172	$1,438,172

215.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($56,636)	($57,285)	($57,285)

215.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$252,093	$253,103	$253,103

215.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$4,318	$4,318	$4,318

215.5 *Increase funds to annualize 21 crime lab positions.*

State General Funds	$1,897,648	$1,734,600	$1,734,600

215.6 *Increase funds to restore service contracts for crime lab instrumentation.*

State General Funds	$1,536,237	$1,536,237	$1,536,237

215.7 *Increase funds for six death investigation specialists, one forensic photographer, one quality manager, one business support analyst supervisor, and one business support analyst in the Medical Examiner's Office to address increased workload.*

State General Funds	$1,334,031	$1,334,031	$1,334,031

215.8 *Increase funds to provide locality pay to three medical examiners for the Pooler office to increase recruitment.*

State General Funds	$251,421	$251,421	$251,421

215.9 *Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding associated with new positions funded in FY2024.*

State General Funds	($269,206)	($269,206)	($269,206)

215.10 *Increase funds to provide targeted retention initiatives for 229 crime lab scientists.*

State General Funds		$1,151,508	$1,151,508

215.11 *Increase funds to provide targeted retention initiatives for lab technicians and evidence receiving technicians.*

State General Funds	$1,019,764	$1,019,764

215.12 *Transfer funds from the Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project program to the Forensic Scientific Services program to enhance GBI's ability to hire additional medical examiners.*

State General Funds	$960,194	$960,194

215.1000 Forensic Scientific Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,546,861	$66,530,540	$66,530,540
State General Funds	$63,546,861	$66,530,540	$66,530,540
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,302,180	$2,302,180	$2,302,180
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$65,854,897	$68,838,576	$68,838,576

Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund a Medical Examiner office in Macon and increase funds for three medical examiners, one administrative assistant, 11 death investigator specialists (DIS), and one DIS supervisor in the Macon Medical Examiner's Office to address increased workload.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194
State General Funds	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$960,194	$960,194	$960,194

216.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000. (H and S:YES; Transfer funds from the Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project program to the Forensic Scientific Services program)*

State General Funds	$14,900	$0	$0

216.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs. (H and S:YES; Transfer funds from the Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project program to the Forensic Scientific Services program)*

State General Funds	($649)	$0	$0

216.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority. (H and S:YES; Transfer funds from the Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project program to the Forensic Scientific Services program)*

State General Funds	$1,010	$0	$0

216.4 *Transfer funds from the Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project program to the Forensic Scientific Services program to enhance GBI's ability to hire additional medical examiners. (S:Transfer funds from the Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project program to the Forensic Scientific Services program to enhance GBI's ability to hire additional medical examiners. Per HB911 (2022 Session), funds were appropriated for the purpose of the Macon Medical Examiner's Office. When space becomes constructed to resume local operations in medical examinations, the Georgia General Assembly expects the funds to be reallocated to this location)*

State General Funds		($960,194)	($960,194)

216.1000 Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund a Medical Examiner office in Macon and increase funds for three medical examiners, one administrative assistant, 11 death investigator specialists (DIS), and one DIS supervisor in the Macon Medical Examiner's Office to address increased workload.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$975,455	$0	$0
State General Funds	$975,455	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$975,455	$0	$0

Regional Investigative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,527,461	$69,527,461	$69,527,461
State General Funds	$69,527,461	$69,527,461	$69,527,461

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,724,650	$1,724,650	$1,724,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,064,264	$73,064,264	$73,064,264

217.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,750,215	$1,825,859	$1,825,859

217.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($81,189)	($81,189)	($81,189)

217.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$221,784	$221,784	$221,784

217.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$5,328	$5,328	$5,328

217.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$1,553,782	$1,629,426	$1,629,426

217.6 *Increase funds to add two criminal intelligence analysts positions to support the Criminal Street Gang Database. (H and S:Increase funds to add two criminal intelligence analysts and operations to support the Criminal Street Gang Database)*

State General Funds	$221,874	$307,746	$307,746

217.7 *Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for two watchdesk analyst positions.*

State General Funds	$167,352	$167,352	$167,352

217.8 *Increase funds for nine special agents, two digital forensic investigators, two criminal intelligence analysts, and one office manager and associated cost for the GBI Gang Task Force in Columbus to combat crime.*

State General Funds	$4,865,094	$4,865,094	$4,865,094

217.9 *Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding associated with new positions funded in FY2024.*

State General Funds	($1,588,282)	($1,892,982)	($1,892,982)

217.10 *Increase funds for on-going case management system.*

State General Funds		$682,000	$0

217.11 *Increase funds for investigative tools for the cold case unit.*

State General Funds		$155,000	$155,000

217.12 *Increase funds for targeted retention initiatives for 21 digital forensic investigators, six financial forensic auditors, and 34 criminal intelligence analysts.*

State General Funds		$406,938	$406,938

217.13 *Increase funds for local law enforcement partnerships to combat crime and gang activity.*

State General Funds			$680,971

217.1000 Regional Investigative Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,643,419	$77,819,817	$77,818,788
State General Funds	$76,643,419	$77,819,817	$77,818,788
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,724,650	$1,724,650	$1,724,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,653,451	$1,653,451	$1,653,451
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,180,222	$81,356,620	$81,355,591

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,572,734	$17,572,734	$17,572,734
State General Funds	$17,572,734	$17,572,734	$17,572,734
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,273,571	$40,273,571	$40,273,571
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$39,553,757	$39,553,757	$39,553,757
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$78,586,255	$78,586,255	$78,586,255

218.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$503,746	$503,746	$503,746

218.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,216)	($10,216)	($10,216)

218.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$6,406	$6,406	$6,406

218.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$2,851	$2,851	$2,851

218.5 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($4,725,230)	($4,725,230)	($4,725,230)

218.6 *Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for School Resource Officer and De-escalation training.*

State General Funds	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)

218.7 *Utilize existing funds ($95,161) for one budget and financial support position. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

218.8 *Utilize existing funds ($993,046) to maintain current grant operations. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

218.9 *Increase funds to restore seven grant specialist positions and one budget analyst position.*

State General Funds		$749,443	$749,443

218.10 *Increase funds for personnel and operations to promote the stability of the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund.*

State General Funds		$2,773,707	$2,773,707

218.11 *Develop and report back to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by September 1, 2024 on a grant program to incentivize the consolidation of resources for policing in communities of less than 50,000 people. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

218.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,100,291	$15,623,441	$15,623,441
State General Funds	$12,100,291	$15,623,441	$15,623,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,273,571	$40,273,571	$40,273,571
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$39,553,757	$39,553,757	$39,553,757
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$719,814	$719,814	$719,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,739,950	$20,739,950	$20,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,113,812	$76,636,962	$76,636,962

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by

such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076
State General Funds	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,903,076	$35,903,076	$35,903,076

219.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$27,969	$27,969	$27,969

219.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$87	$87	$87

219.3 *Increase funds for existing accountability courts to support population growth.*

State General Funds	$964,892	$1,916,416	$964,892

219.4 *Increase funds to add one DUI court and one Mental Health court. (H:Increase funds to add one DUI court, two mental health courts, one drug court, and one juvenile drug court)(S:Increase funds to add one DUI court and one Mental Health court)*

State General Funds	$246,697	$585,987	$291,901

219.5 *Increase funds for one administrative coordinator position.*

State General Funds		$112,200	$0

219.6 *Increase funds for Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) training and MRT trauma training. (S:Increase funds for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) training and MAT treatment training)*

State General Funds		$343,687	$343,687

219.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges Appropriation (HB 916)

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,142,721	$38,889,422	$37,531,612
State General Funds	$37,142,721	$38,889,422	$37,531,612
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,142,721	$38,889,422	$37,531,612

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846
State General Funds	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,924,846	$15,924,846	$15,924,846

220.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$77	$77	$77

220.2 *Reduce funds to align budget expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,004,800)	($1,004,800)	($1,004,800)

220.3 *Utilize existing funds ($258,098) for three grant specialist positions. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

220.4 *Increase funds for domestic violence shelters for administrative personnel and facility costs related to compliance with state standards. (S:Increase funds for domestic violence shelters for administrative personnel and facility costs related to compliance with state standards; funds will not be allotted until the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council develops not-to-exceed pay scales and not-to-exceed expenditures for facilities)*

State General Funds		$14,704,038	$14,704,038

220.5 *Increase funds for sexual assault centers for administrative personnel and facility costs related to compliance with state standards. (S:Increase funds for sexual assault centers for administrative personnel and facility costs related to compliance with state standards; funds will not be allotted until the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council develops not-to-exceed pay scales and not-to-exceed expenditures for facilities)*

State General Funds		$2,073,345	$2,073,345

220.6 *Increase funds for sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinators and improve access to SANE resources for sexual assault centers.*

State General Funds		$4,014,296	$4,014,296

220.7 *Increase funds for six assault centers ($325,740) and 21 satellite sexual assault centers ($570,045).*

State General Funds		$895,785	$895,785

220.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,920,123	$36,607,587	$36,607,587
State General Funds	$14,920,123	$36,607,587	$36,607,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,920,123	$36,607,587	$36,607,587

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$360,723,576	$360,723,576	$360,723,576
State General Funds	$360,723,576	$360,723,576	$360,723,576
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,586,702	$6,586,702	$6,586,702
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,986,702	$5,986,702	$5,986,702
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$367,565,278	$367,565,278	$367,565,278

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$386,272,947	$389,886,894	$388,994,054
State General Funds	$386,272,947	$389,886,894	$388,994,054
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,586,702	$6,586,702	$6,586,702
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,986,702	$5,986,702	$5,986,702
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000

FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$393,114,649	$396,728,596	$395,835,756

Community Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$103,323,507	$103,323,507	$103,323,507
State General Funds	$103,323,507	$103,323,507	$103,323,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,178,507	$104,178,507	$104,178,507

221.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$2,101,954	$2,101,954	$2,101,954

221.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($183,526)	($183,526)	($183,526)

221.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$273,003	$273,003	$273,003

221.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$4,715	$4,715	$4,715

221.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$397,243	$435,693	$435,693

221.6 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500.*

State General Funds	$20,974	$20,974	$20,974

221.7 *Reduce funds to reflect regular operations and contract efficiencies.*

State General Funds	($1,544,403)	($1,544,403)	($1,544,403)

221.8 *Increase funds for a 3% provider rate increase to Child Caring Institutions.*

State General Funds		$558,960	$558,960

221.1000 Community Service **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,393,467	$104,990,877	$104,990,877
State General Funds	$104,393,467	$104,990,877	$104,990,877
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Federal Funds Transfers	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000

FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,248,467	$105,845,877	$105,845,877

Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062
State General Funds	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,425,062	$27,425,062	$27,425,062

222.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$699,547	$699,547	$699,547

222.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($53,498)	($53,498)	($53,498)

222.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$358,036	$358,036	$358,036

222.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,582	$1,582	$1,582

222.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$130,739	$144,815	$144,815

222.6 *Increase funds for the ongoing costs of a new electronic auditing tool.*

State General Funds	$55,000	$55,000	$55,000

222.7 *Reduce funds to reflect regular operations and contract efficiencies.*

State General Funds	($62,974)	($62,974)	($62,974)

222.8 *Increase funds to provide a new benchmark for juvenile correctional officers (JCO1) at $40,040 to create parity with correctional officers.*

State General Funds	$10,692	$10,692	

222.1000 Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,553,494	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
State General Funds	$28,553,494	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,553,494	$28,578,262	$28,578,262

Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$89,652,127	$89,652,127	$89,652,127
State General Funds	$89,652,127	$89,652,127	$89,652,127
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,500,472	$92,500,472	$92,500,472

223.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$2,025,950	$2,025,950	$2,025,950

223.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$36,157	$36,157	$36,157

223.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($225,233)	($225,233)	($225,233)

223.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$117,143	$117,143	$117,143

223.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$5,950	$5,950	$5,950

223.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$1,091,165	$1,544,277	$1,544,277

223.7 *Increase funds for the creation of new mobile labs at three Secure Commitment (YDC) facilities through the Technical College System of Georgia.*

State General Funds	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000

223.8 *Increase funds for the ongoing costs associated with a new pilot electronic grievance system in one Department of Juvenile Justice Secure Commitment (YDC) facility and one Secure Detention (RYDC) facility.*

State General Funds	$3,000	$0	$0

223.9 *Increase funds for new body cameras.*

State General Funds	$148,282	$148,282	$148,282

223.10 *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	$50,689	$50,689	$50,689

223.11 *Increase funds for capital maintenance and repairs. (S:Increase funds for maintenance and repairs)*

State General Funds	$4,804,408	$4,804,408	$4,804,408

223.12 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500.*

State General Funds	$243,296	$243,296	$243,296

223.13 *Increase funds for a mandatory teacher step increase.*

State General Funds	$37,440	$37,440	$37,440

223.14 *Reduce funds to reflect regular operations and contract efficiencies.*

State General Funds	($392,100)	($392,100)	($392,100)

223.15 *Increase funds to provide a new benchmark for juvenile correctional officers (JCO1) at $40,040 to create parity with correctional officers.*

State General Funds	$620,130	$345,084	

223.1000 Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$98,198,274	$99,268,516	$98,993,470
State General Funds	$98,198,274	$99,268,516	$98,993,470
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,848,345	$2,848,345	$2,848,345
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,046,619	$102,116,861	$101,841,815

Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$140,322,880	$140,322,880	$140,322,880
State General Funds	$140,322,880	$140,322,880	$140,322,880
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$143,461,237	$143,461,237	$143,461,237

224.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$2,963,099	$2,963,099	$2,963,099

224.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$51,997	$51,997	$51,997

224.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($352,976)	($352,976)	($352,976)

224.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$291,767	$291,767	$291,767

224.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$9,091	$9,091	$9,091

224.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$2,725,404	$3,202,159	$3,202,159

224.7 *Increase funds for the ongoing costs associated with a new pilot electronic grievance system in one Department of Juvenile Justice Secure Commitment (YDC) facility and one Secure Detention (RYDC) facility.*

State General Funds	$3,000	$0	$0

224.8 *Increase funds for new body cameras.*

State General Funds	$427,346	$427,346	$427,346

224.9 *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	$74,100	$74,100	$74,100

224.10 *Increase funds for capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	$9,808,818	$9,808,818	$9,808,818

224.11 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500.*

State General Funds	$331,385	$331,385	$331,385

224.12 *Increase funds for a mandatory teacher step increase.*

State General Funds	$79,560	$79,560	$79,560

224.13 *Reduce funds to reflect regular operations and contract efficiencies.*

State General Funds	($1,607,759)	($1,607,759)	($1,607,759)

224.14 *Increase funds to provide a new benchmark for juvenile correctional officers (JCO1) at $40,040 to create parity with*

correctional officers.

State General Funds	$1,447,772	$829,978	

224.1000 Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,127,712	$157,049,239	$156,431,445
State General Funds	$155,127,712	$157,049,239	$156,431,445
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,138,357	$3,138,357	$3,138,357
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,266,069	$160,187,596	$159,569,802

Section 32: Labor, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,135,054	$8,135,054	$8,135,054
State General Funds	$8,135,054	$8,135,054	$8,135,054
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,617,106	$53,617,106	$53,617,106

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260
State General Funds	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,060,312	$54,060,312	$54,060,312

Departmental Administration (DOL) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,787,850	$1,787,850	$1,787,850
State General Funds	$1,787,850	$1,787,850	$1,787,850
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,059,688	$20,059,688	$20,059,688

225.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$5,306	$5,306	$5,306

225.2 *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration (DOL) program to the Unemployment Insurance program to align budget*

with expenditures.

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

225.1000 Departmental Administration (DOL) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
State General Funds	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,014,994	$20,014,994	$20,014,994

Labor Market Information **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

226.1000 Labor Market Information **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

Unemployment Insurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,347,204	$6,347,204	$6,347,204
State General Funds	$6,347,204	$6,347,204	$6,347,204
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,173,970	$32,173,970	$32,173,970

227.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$29,695	$29,695	$29,695

227.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,270)	($1,270)	($1,270)

227.3 *Utilize existing funds ($1,950,000), and transfer funds from the Departmental Administration (DOL) program ($50,000) and the Technical College System of Georgia ($409,475) to the Unemployment Insurance program to address appeals hearing cases backlog and improve customer service (Total Funds: $2,409,475).*

State General Funds	$459,475	$459,475	$459,475

227.1000 Unemployment Insurance **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104
State General Funds	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,661,870	$32,661,870	$32,661,870

Section 33: Law, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,478,274	$40,478,274	$40,478,274
State General Funds	$40,478,274	$40,478,274	$40,478,274
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,159,646	$124,159,646	$124,159,646

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,920,568	$47,633,135	$46,008,171
State General Funds	$45,920,568	$47,633,135	$46,008,171
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$129,601,940	$131,314,507	$129,689,543

Law, Department of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,870,673	$38,870,673	$38,870,673
State General Funds	$38,870,673	$38,870,673	$38,870,673
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,918,713	$118,918,713	$118,918,713

228.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,187,433	$1,187,433	$1,187,433

228.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$116,191	$116,191	$116,191

228.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.*

State General Funds	$465,213	$465,213	$465,213

228.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$6,997	$6,997	$6,997

228.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$3,225	$3,225	$3,225

228.6 *Increase funds for 11 positions to the Organized Retail Crime and Cyber Prosecution unit.*

State General Funds	$1,417,466	$1,417,466	$1,417,466

228.7 *Increase funds for the second phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions.*

State General Funds	$1,594,143	$3,188,286	$1,594,143

228.8 *Increase funds to expand the Gang Prosecution Unit to Columbus, Macon, and Savannah regions. (S:Increase funds to expand the Gang Prosecution Unit to Columbus, Macon, and Middle Judicial Circuit)*

State General Funds	$807,312	$822,411	$822,411

228.9 *Reduce funds to reflect information technology efficiencies.*

State General Funds	($404,783)	($404,783)	($404,783)

228.10 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$66,144	$66,144

228.998 *Transfer funds and two associated paralegal positions from the Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division to the Department of Law to align program budgets with operations.*

State General Funds	$172,290	$172,290	$172,290

228.1000 Law, Department of **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,236,160	$45,911,546	$44,317,403
State General Funds	$44,236,160	$45,911,546	$44,317,403
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,284,200	$125,959,586	$124,365,443

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services

and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,607,601	$1,607,601	$1,607,601
State General Funds	$1,607,601	$1,607,601	$1,607,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,240,933	$5,240,933	$5,240,933

229.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$46,077	$46,077	$46,077

229.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,134	$5,134	$5,134

229.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.*

State General Funds	$11,073	$11,073	$11,073

229.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$569	$569	$569

229.5 *Utilize existing funds ($16,867) and increase funds for the second phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions (Total Funds: $30,821).*

State General Funds	$13,954	$44,775	$13,954

229.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$6,360	$6,360

229.1000 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,684,408	$1,721,589	$1,690,768

State General Funds	$1,684,408	$1,721,589	$1,690,768
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,317,740	$5,354,921	$5,324,100

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,520,726	$176,520,726	$176,520,726
State General Funds	$149,657,117	$149,657,117	$149,657,117
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$96,385,632	$96,385,632	$96,385,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$343,763,021	$343,763,021	$343,763,021

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$179,528,835	$180,949,352	$185,546,357
State General Funds	$155,205,382	$156,625,899	$161,222,904
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,726,663	$70,726,663	$70,726,663
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$96,385,632	$96,385,632	$96,385,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$280,542	$280,542	$280,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$96,005,696	$96,005,696	$96,005,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$346,771,130	$348,191,647	$352,788,652

Coastal Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,244,471	$3,244,471	$3,244,471
State General Funds	$3,244,471	$3,244,471	$3,244,471

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,448,540	$8,448,540	$8,448,540

230.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$91,557	$91,557	$91,557

230.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$971	$971	$971

230.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$18,333	$18,333	$18,333

230.4 *Reduce funds to reflect savings from eliminating landline phones.*

State General Funds	($31,432)	($31,432)	($31,432)

230.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Tybee Island beach restoration.*

State General Funds			$2,000,000

230.1000 Coastal Resources **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,323,900	$3,323,900	$5,323,900
State General Funds	$3,323,900	$3,323,900	$5,323,900
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,527,969	$8,527,969	$10,527,969

Departmental Administration (DNR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136
State General Funds	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,281,136	$13,281,136	$13,281,136

231.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$280,013	$280,013	$280,013

231.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$17,204	$17,204	$17,204

231.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$171,737	$171,737	$171,737

231.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$57,650	$57,650	$57,650

231.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,704	$1,704	$1,704

231.1000 Departmental Administration (DNR) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444

State General Funds	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444

Environmental Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,958,338	$33,958,338	$33,958,338
State General Funds	$33,958,338	$33,958,338	$33,958,338
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,393,856	$55,393,856	$55,393,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Sales and Services	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$119,177,105	$119,177,105	$119,177,105

232.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$641,795	$641,795	$641,795

232.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$188,339	$188,339	$188,339

232.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$68,851	$68,851	$68,851

232.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$168,017	$168,017	$168,017

232.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$5,282	$5,282	$5,282

232.6 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$10,057	$10,057	$10,057

232.7 *Increase funds for personnel for five additional positions to assist with agricultural water withdrawal permitting activities.*

State General Funds	$350,617	$350,617	$350,617

232.998 *Transfer funds and two associated paralegal positions from the Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division to the Department of Law to align program budgets with operations.*

State General Funds	($172,290)	($172,290)	($172,290)

232.1000 Environmental Protection **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006
State General Funds	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,694,911	$29,694,911	$29,694,911
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$55,393,856	$55,393,856	$55,393,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$209,782	$209,782	$209,782
Sales and Services	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$55,184,074	$55,184,074	$55,184,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
State Funds Transfers	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,437,773	$120,437,773	$120,437,773

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
State General Funds	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,354,259	$30,354,259	$30,354,259

233.1 *Reduce funds for grants and benefits pursuant to HB332 and HR238 (2018 Session) to reflect FY2023 collections.*

State General Funds	($215,316)	($215,316)	($215,316)

233.1000 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
State General Funds	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight

positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,493,568	$17,493,568	$17,493,568

234.1 *Reduce funds for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of Solid Waste Tipping Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	($2,813,801)	($2,813,801)	($2,813,801)

234.1000 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767

Law Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,524,784	$31,524,784	$31,524,784
State General Funds	$31,524,784	$31,524,784	$31,524,784
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,279,734	$34,279,734	$34,279,734

235.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,030,503	$1,030,503	$1,030,503

235.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$50,449	$50,449	$50,449

235.3 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$4,286	$4,286	$4,286

235.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$1,080,254	$1,080,254	$1,080,254

235.5 *Increase funds for six additional game warden positions.*

State General Funds	$577,118	$577,118	$577,118

235.6 *Increase funds for removal of unattended vessels pursuant to passage of HB957 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds			$250,000

235.1000 Law Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,267,394	$34,267,394	$34,517,394
State General Funds	$34,267,394	$34,267,394	$34,517,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,022,344	$37,022,344	$37,272,344

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,305,955	$15,305,955	$15,305,955
State General Funds	$15,305,955	$15,305,955	$15,305,955
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,901,775	$50,901,775	$50,901,775

236.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$486,779	$486,779	$486,779

236.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,837)	($1,837)	($1,837)

236.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$2,537	$2,537	$2,537

236.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$5,296	$5,296	$5,296

236.5 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($55,000)	($55,000)	($55,000)

236.6 *Increase funds for part-time staff pay adjustments to address recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$458,000	$458,000

236.7 *Increase funds for travel expenses and per diem for members of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Advisory Committee.*

State General Funds		$5,000	$5,000

236.8 *Increase funds for outdoor recreation.*

State General Funds	$3,000,000

236.1000 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,743,730	$16,206,730	$19,206,730
State General Funds	$15,743,730	$16,206,730	$19,206,730
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,339,550	$51,802,550	$54,802,550

Solid Waste Trust Fund			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,666,636	$7,666,636	$7,666,636

237.1 *Increase funds for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of Scrap Tire Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$200,250	$200,250	$200,250

237.1000 Solid Waste Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management			

plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886

Wildlife Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,691,579	$23,691,579	$23,691,579
State General Funds	$21,988,174	$21,988,174	$21,988,174
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,703,405	$1,703,405	$1,703,405
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,160,268	$62,160,268	$62,160,268

238.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$705,262	$705,262	$705,262

238.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,621)	($1,621)	($1,621)

238.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$73,663	$73,663	$73,663

238.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$4,374	$4,374	$4,374

238.5 *Increase funds for a training coordinator position in the Wildlife Resources Division to standardize division training. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds for a training coordinator position in the Wildlife Resources Division to standardize division training)*

State General Funds	$152,995	$152,995	$0

238.6 *Replace state general funds with federal funds for two program manager positions.*

State General Funds	($118,157)	($118,157)	($118,157)

238.7 *Reduce funds to reflect efficiencies from consolidating hunting and fishing regulations.*

State General Funds	($101,725)	($101,725)	($101,725)

238.8 *Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of Lifetime Sportsman's License revenues pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$73,395	$73,395	$73,395

238.9 *Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($298,210) for fish hatchery renovations for the conservation and management of fisheries resources. (G:YES)(H and S:Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($100,000) for fish hatchery renovations for the conservation and management of fisheries resources)*

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$0	$0	$0

238.10 *Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($259,307) to expand access to the Deer Management Assistance Program for the conservation and management of wildlife resources. (G:YES)(H:NO)(S:NO)*

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$0	$0	$0

238.11 *Increase funds for personnel related to fish hatcheries for the conservation and management of fisheries resources.*

State General Funds		$198,210	$198,210

238.12 *Increase funds to expand access to the Deer Management Assistance Program for conservation and management of wildlife resources. (S:Increase funds to expand access to the Deer Management Assistance Program for conservation and management of wildlife resources and for processing of venison donations)*

State General Funds		$259,307	$259,307

238.13 *Increase funds for processing of venison donations. (S:YES; Reflect funding in Deer Management Assistance Program)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$0

238.1000 Wildlife Resources			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,479,765	$25,437,282	$24,784,287
State General Funds	$22,702,965	$23,660,482	$23,007,487
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,948,454	$63,905,971	$63,252,976

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168
State General Funds	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,728,168	$19,728,168	$19,728,168
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,237,986	$21,303,363	$21,303,363

State General Funds	$21,237,986	$21,303,363	$21,303,363
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,237,986	$21,303,363	$21,303,363

Board Administration (SBPP) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443
State General Funds	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,352,443	$2,352,443	$2,352,443

239.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$51,714	$51,714	$51,714

239.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$550	$550	$550

239.3 *Increase funds for training software.*

State General Funds	$3,150	$3,150	$3,150

239.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$10,058	$10,058

239.1000 Board Administration (SBPP) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,417,915	$2,417,915
State General Funds	$2,407,857	$2,417,915	$2,417,915
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,417,915	$2,417,915

Clemency Decisions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all

applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391
State General Funds	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,793,391	$16,793,391	$16,793,391

240.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$530,859	$530,859	$530,859

240.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$203,497	$203,497	$203,497

240.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$13,418	$13,418	$13,418

240.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,160	$1,160	$1,160

240.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$201,137	$256,456	$256,456

240.6 *Increase funds for one Georgia Crime Information Center terminal operator position.*

State General Funds	$58,323	$58,323	$58,323

240.7 *Increase funds for three criminal investigator positions and one hearing examiner position.*

State General Funds	$425,865	$425,865	$425,865

240.1000 Clemency Decisions **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,227,650	$18,282,969	$18,282,969

State General Funds	$18,227,650	$18,282,969	$18,282,969
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,227,650	$18,282,969	$18,282,969

Victim Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334
State General Funds	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,334	$582,334	$582,334

241.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$20,145	$20,145	$20,145

241.1000 Victim Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
State General Funds	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479

Section 36: Properties Commission, State

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

			Section Total - Final
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Properties Commission, State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

242.1000 Properties Commission, State **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Payments to Georgia Building Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide maintenance, repairs, and preparatory work on property owned by the Georgia Building Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

243.1 *Recognize an increase in rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses (Total Funds: $10,526,820). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$79,065,339	$79,065,339	$79,065,339
State General Funds	$79,065,339	$79,065,339	$79,065,339
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,576,101	$112,576,101	$112,576,101

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$82,759,866	$83,551,841	$82,678,193
State General Funds	$82,759,866	$83,551,841	$82,678,193
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,270,628	$117,062,603	$116,188,955

Public Defender Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,151,686	$9,151,686	$9,151,686
State General Funds	$9,151,686	$9,151,686	$9,151,686
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,996,686	$10,996,686	$10,996,686

244.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$257,958	$257,958	$257,958

244.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$210,928	$210,928	$210,928

244.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$13,619	$13,619	$13,619

244.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$80,455	$0	$0

244.5 *Reduce funds to reflect savings from the consolidation of positions.*

State General Funds	($194,350)	($194,350)	($194,350)

244.1000 Public Defender Council			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,520,296	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
State General Funds	$9,520,296	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,365,296	$11,284,841	$11,284,841

Public Defenders			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,913,653	$69,913,653	$69,913,653
State General Funds	$69,913,653	$69,913,653	$69,913,653
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,579,415	$101,579,415	$101,579,415

245.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,794,791	$1,794,791	$1,794,791

245.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance*

programs.

State General Funds	($30,576)	($30,576)	($30,576)

245.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$948	$948	$948

245.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$12,163	$12,163	$12,163

245.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$512,899	$0	$0

245.6 *Increase funds for the equalization of Circuit Public Defender salaries to District Attorney salaries per O.C.G.A. 17-12-25.1. et seq. (S:NO; Funding for this request was included in FY2023 and FY2024 budgets, additional funds to equalize these positions is already reflected in this budget)*

State General Funds	$670,449	$670,449	$0

245.7 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize three assistant public defender positions in Atlantic, Coweta, and Dougherty Judicial Circuits.*

State General Funds	$365,243	$365,243	$365,243

245.8 *Increase funds for three additional assistant public defender positions for new judgeships in Douglas, Houston, and Tifton Judicial Circuits starting January 1, 2025.*

State General Funds		$211,169	$211,169

245.9 *Increase funds for seven attorney positions at the Atlanta Judicial Circuit.*

State General Funds		$431,795	$431,795

245.10 *Increase funds for Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit contract.*

State General Funds		$204,936	$409,872

245.11 *Increase funds for the creation of an Alternate Defender Office in Brunswick to address high conflict case demand.*

State General Funds		$408,135	$0

245.12 *Increase funds for rent for alternate public defender regional offices.*

State General Funds		$129,294	$129,294

245.13 *Collaborate with the Prosecuting Attorneys to establish and maintain a unified pay scale between assistant district attorneys and public defenders and report findings to House and Senate Appropriations Committee by July 1, 2024. (H:YES)(S:NO; The State Commission on Compensation, per O.C.G.A. 45-7-90 et seq., shall convene, research and provide recommendations on salary plans for the job titles of assistant district attorneys and assistant public defenders. The Commission shall report final recommendations by September 1, 2024)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

245.1000 Public Defenders			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,239,570	$74,112,000	$73,238,352
State General Funds	$73,239,570	$74,112,000	$73,238,352
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,905,332	$105,777,762	$104,904,114

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$400,005,720	$400,005,720	$400,005,720
State General Funds	$369,189,762	$369,189,762	$369,189,762
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,813,679	$13,813,679	$13,813,679
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$392,631,491	$392,631,491	$392,631,491
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$348,355,780	$348,355,780	$348,355,780
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$16,862,765	$16,862,765	$16,862,765
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,280,836	$8,280,836	$8,280,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Sales and Services	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
State Funds Transfers	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$803,414,030	$803,414,030	$803,414,030

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$422,466,076	$428,923,900	$436,082,075
State General Funds	$390,525,621	$396,983,445	$404,141,620
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,327	$13,864,327	$13,864,327
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$392,631,491	$392,631,491	$392,631,491
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$348,355,780	$348,355,780	$348,355,780
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$16,862,765	$16,862,765	$16,862,765
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$3,126,552	$3,126,552	$3,126,552
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,280,836	$8,280,836	$8,280,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$370,000	$370,000	$370,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$6,549,702	$6,549,702	$6,549,702
Sales and Services	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,361,134	$1,361,134	$1,361,134
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
State Funds Transfers	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,495,983	$2,495,983	$2,495,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$825,874,386	$832,332,210	$839,490,385

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,945,574	$22,945,574	$22,945,574
State General Funds	$16,071,276	$16,071,276	$16,071,276
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,874,298	$6,874,298	$6,874,298
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,798,036	$31,798,036	$31,798,036
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,224,903	$11,224,903	$11,224,903
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,438,610	$55,438,610	$55,438,610

246.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$87,535	$87,535	$87,535
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$22,276	$22,276	$22,276
Total Public Funds:	$109,811	$109,811	$109,811

246.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$10,448	$10,448	$10,448

246.3 *Increase funds to expand the visiting hematologist program.*

State General Funds	$908,522	$908,522

246.4 *Increase funds for outreach and breast cancer screening services.*

State General Funds	$796,000	$796,000

246.1000 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,065,833	$24,770,355	$24,770,355
State General Funds	$16,169,259	$17,873,781	$17,873,781
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,798,036	$31,798,036	$31,798,036
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,224,903	$11,224,903	$11,224,903
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,558,869	$57,263,391	$57,263,391

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,689,810	$6,689,810	$6,689,810
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,689,810	$6,689,810	$6,689,810
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342

Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,635,152	$7,635,152	$7,635,152

247.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$24,601	$24,601	$24,601

247.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$1,446	$1,446	$1,446

247.1000 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$945,342	$945,342	$945,342
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,661,199	$7,661,199	$7,661,199

Departmental Administration (DPH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,263,628	$29,263,628	$29,263,628
State General Funds	$29,131,833	$29,131,833	$29,131,833
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$73,625	$73,625	$73,625
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000

Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,678,378	$35,678,378	$35,678,378

248.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$924,578	$924,578	$924,578

248.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$38,883	$38,883	$38,883

248.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$52,571	$52,571	$52,571

248.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$479,724	$479,724	$479,724

248.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,046,670	$1,046,670	$1,046,670

248.6 *Reduce funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	($6,295)	($6,295)	($6,295)

248.7 *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	$80,873	$80,873	$80,873

248.8 *Increase funds for personnel to restore funding for the Clayton County district health director position.*

State General Funds	$323,768	$323,768	$323,768

248.1000 Departmental Administration (DPH)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,204,400	$32,204,400	$32,204,400
State General Funds	$32,072,605	$32,072,605	$32,072,605
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$73,625	$73,625	$73,625
FFIND Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,945,000	$3,945,000	$3,945,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,619,150	$38,619,150	$38,619,150

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,459,048	$7,459,048	$7,459,048
State General Funds	$7,459,048	$7,459,048	$7,459,048
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$32,213,086	$32,213,086	$32,213,086
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,589,137	$31,589,137	$31,589,137
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
State Funds Transfers	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,108,117	$40,108,117	$40,108,117

249.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$176,543	$176,543	$176,543

249.2 *Reduce funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	($150)	($150)	($150)

249.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$9,875	$9,875	$9,875

249.4 *Increase funds for personnel, rent, and operations costs for a multi-agency receipt, stage, and storage warehouse facility for emergency preparedness.*

State General Funds	$1,741,434	$1,741,434	$1,741,434

249.1000 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750
State General Funds	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$32,213,086	$32,213,086	$32,213,086
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$31,589,137	$31,589,137	$31,589,137
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
State Funds Transfers	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
Agency to Agency Contracts	$435,983	$435,983	$435,983
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,035,819	$42,035,819	$42,035,819

Epidemiology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,326,337	$7,326,337	$7,326,337
State General Funds	$7,208,561	$7,208,561	$7,208,561
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,776	$117,776	$117,776
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,585,675	$16,585,675	$16,585,675

250.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$100,003	$100,003	$100,003
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$2,325	$2,325	$2,325
Total Public Funds:	$102,328	$102,328	$102,328

250.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$824	$824	$824

250.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$36,257	$36,257	$36,257

250.4 *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	$1,684	$1,684	$1,684

250.5 *Increase funds for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances.*

State General Funds	$765,528	$765,528	$765,528

250.6 *Increase funds for the Georgia Poison Center.*

State General Funds		$358,931	$130,000

250.1000 Epidemiology			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,232,958	$8,591,889	$8,362,958
State General Funds	$8,112,857	$8,471,788	$8,242,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,259,338	$9,259,338	$9,259,338
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,492,296	$17,851,227	$17,622,296

Immunization			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,459,847	$2,459,847	$2,459,847
State General Funds	$2,459,847	$2,459,847	$2,459,847
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,084,940	$18,084,940	$18,084,940

251.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$27,396	$27,396	$27,396

251.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$12,159	$12,159	$12,159

251.1000 Immunization **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
State General Funds	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$10,975,391	$10,975,391	$10,975,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$4,649,702	$4,649,702	$4,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,124,495	$18,124,495	$18,124,495

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,465,227	$27,465,227	$27,465,227
State General Funds	$27,465,227	$27,465,227	$27,465,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,967,419	$30,967,419	$30,967,419
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$21,843,843	$21,843,843	$21,843,843
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$8,614,470	$8,614,470	$8,614,470
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$509,106	$509,106	$509,106
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,517,646	$58,517,646	$58,517,646

252.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$37,721	$37,721	$37,721

252.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$3,501	$3,501	$3,501

252.3 *Utilize existing funds ($685,903) and increase funds to expand the pilot to provide home visiting in at-risk and underserved rural communities during pregnancy and early childhood to improve birth outcomes, reduce preterm deliveries, and decrease infant and maternal mortality (Total Funds: $1,000,000). (H and S:Utilize existing funds ($685,903) and increase funds to expand the pilot to provide home visiting in at-risk and underserved rural communities during pregnancy and early childhood to improve birth outcomes, reduce preterm deliveries, and decrease infant and maternal mortality (Total Funds: $1,752,000))*

State General Funds	$314,097	$1,752,000	$1,066,097

252.4 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.*

State General Funds	($12,232)	($12,232)	($12,232)

252.5 *Utilize existing funds ($118,939) for one epidemiologist position for surveillance and data analysis for the Low THC Oil Registry program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

252.6 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers in the Babies Can't Wait program.*

State General Funds		$456,468	$912,936

252.1000 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,808,314	$29,702,685	$29,473,250
State General Funds	$27,808,314	$29,702,685	$29,473,250
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,967,419	$30,967,419	$30,967,419

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$21,843,843	$21,843,843	$21,843,843
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$8,614,470	$8,614,470	$8,614,470
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$509,106	$509,106	$509,106
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$85,000	$85,000	$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,860,733	$60,755,104	$60,525,669

Infant and Child Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,496,541	$15,496,541	$15,496,541
State General Funds	$15,496,541	$15,496,541	$15,496,541
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$216,117,023	$216,117,023	$216,117,023
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,098,971	$208,098,971	$208,098,971
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$7,392,607	$7,392,607	$7,392,607
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$625,445	$625,445	$625,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,613,564	$231,613,564	$231,613,564

253.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$90,425	$90,425	$90,425

253.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$13,916	$13,916	$13,916

253.3 *Increase funds for newborn screening to include two additional disorders that have been approved by the Georgia Newborn Screening Advisory Committee.*

State General Funds	$978,639	$978,639	$978,639

253.1000 Infant and Child Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521
State General Funds	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$216,117,023	$216,117,023	$216,117,023
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,098,971	$208,098,971	$208,098,971
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$7,392,607	$7,392,607	$7,392,607
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$625,445	$625,445	$625,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$232,696,544	$232,696,544	$232,696,544

Infectious Disease Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,305,157	$45,305,157	$45,305,157
State General Funds	$45,305,157	$45,305,157	$45,305,157
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,927,839	$99,927,839	$99,927,839

254.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$380,532	$380,532	$380,532

254.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$58,824	$58,824	$58,824

254.3 *Increase funds for personnel for one congenital syphilis and HIV case manager position to link cases identified during pregnancy and delivery to testing and treatment resources.*

State General Funds	$150,611	$150,611	$150,611

254.1000 Infectious Disease Control **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124
State General Funds	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$54,622,682	$54,622,682	$54,622,682

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,517,806	$100,517,806	$100,517,806

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,138,976	$9,138,976	$9,138,976
State General Funds	$9,138,976	$9,138,976	$9,138,976
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,068,424	$1,068,424	$1,068,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$667,890	$667,890	$667,890
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$400,534	$400,534	$400,534
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,768,534	$10,768,534	$10,768,534

255.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$173,512	$173,512	$173,512

255.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$8,870	$8,870	$8,870

255.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for lead inspection start-up costs and testing machines.*

State General Funds	($235,074)	($235,074)	($235,074)

255.1000 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
State General Funds	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,068,424	$1,068,424	$1,068,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$667,890	$667,890	$667,890
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$400,534	$400,534	$400,534

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$561,134	$561,134	$561,134
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,715,842	$10,715,842	$10,715,842

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$197,519,328	$197,519,328	$197,519,328
State General Funds	$197,519,328	$197,519,328	$197,519,328
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$199,319,328	$199,319,328	$199,319,328

256.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$12,874,359	$12,874,359	$12,874,359

256.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$287,409	$287,409	$287,409

256.3 *Reduce funds for telehealth equipment.*

State General Funds	($354,383)	($354,383)	($354,383)

256.1000 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713
State General Funds	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$212,126,713	$212,126,713	$212,126,713

Vital Records **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,877,699	$4,877,699	$4,877,699
State General Funds	$4,877,699	$4,877,699	$4,877,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,677,699	$5,677,699	$5,677,699

257.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$129,979	$129,979	$129,979

257.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$198	$198	$198

257.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$71,023	$71,023	$71,023

257.1000 Vital Records **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
State General Funds	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$800,000	$800,000	$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,878,899	$5,878,899	$5,878,899

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services

to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,913,773	$1,913,773	$1,913,773

258.1 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2023 collections of fines relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-150.*

Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	($65,585)	($65,585)	($65,585)

258.1000 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,144,775	$22,144,775	$22,144,775
State General Funds	$7,056,269	$7,056,269	$7,056,269
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$15,088,506	$15,088,506	$15,088,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,144,775	$22,144,775	$22,144,775

259.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$21,556	$21,556	$21,556

259.2 *Increase funds for Trauma Care Network Trust Funds to reflect FY2023 Super Speeder Collections pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Trauma Care Trust Funds	$1,139,434	$1,139,434	$1,139,434
259.3 *Increase funds to reflect FY2023 drivers license reinstatement fee collections.*			
State General Funds	$432,068	$432,068	$432,068
259.4 *Increase funds to initiate a multi-year plan to stabilize the trauma network. (S:Increase funds to initiate a multi-year plan to stabilize the trauma network and recognize return on investment of $22.60 per dollar invested)*			
State General Funds		$2,500,000	$6,000,000
259.5 *Increase funds pursuant to passage of SB515 (2024 Session).*			
State General Funds			$4,116,541

259.1000 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,737,833	$26,237,833	$33,854,374
State General Funds	$7,509,893	$10,009,893	$17,626,434
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,737,833	$26,237,833	$33,854,374

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$227,396,499	$227,396,499	$227,396,499
State General Funds	$227,396,499	$227,396,499	$227,396,499
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
State Funds Transfers	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$286,756,730	$286,756,730	$286,756,730

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$254,170,165	$255,470,175	$255,832,113
State General Funds	$254,170,165	$255,470,175	$255,832,113
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$314,737,979	$316,037,989	$316,399,927

Aviation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331
State General Funds	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,743,331	$4,743,331	$4,743,331

260.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$101,458	$101,458	$101,458

260.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$37,781	$37,781	$37,781

260.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$18,265	$18,265	$18,265

260.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$256	$256	$256

260.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$85,483	$85,483	$85,483

260.6 *Increase funds to provide aviation pilot in-grade promotions.*

State General Funds	$36,885	$39,668	$39,668

260.7 *Increase funds for aircraft fuel for local assistance requests.*

State General Funds		$95,271	$95,271

260.1000 Aviation **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,023,459	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
State General Funds	$5,023,459	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,023,459	$5,121,513	$5,121,513

Capitol Police Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State General Funds	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

261.1 *Replace $1,207,583 in state general funds with GBA rental payments.*

State General Funds	($1,207,583)	($1,207,583)	($1,207,583)
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

261.1000 Capitol Police Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

Departmental Administration (DPS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,877,495	$9,877,495	$9,877,495
State General Funds	$9,877,495	$9,877,495	$9,877,495
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,881,005	$9,881,005	$9,881,005

262.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$308,414	$308,414	$308,414

262.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$60,583	$60,583	$60,583

262.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$53,098	$53,098	$53,098

262.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$927	$927	$927

262.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$20,114	$20,114	$20,114

262.6 *Increase funds for one additional information technology Help Desk position.*

State General Funds	$80,097	$80,097	$80,097

262.7 *Increase funds to offset crash report costs.*

State General Funds	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000

262.8 *Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services ($33,902), Motor Carrier Compliance ($19,032), and Office of Public Safety Officer Support ($3,015) programs to the Departmental Administration (DPS) program for agency copier and associated expenses.*

State General Funds	$55,949	$55,949	$55,949

262.1000 Departmental Administration (DPS) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677

State General Funds	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,585,187	$10,585,187	$10,585,187

Field Offices and Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$151,709,975	$151,709,975	$151,709,975
State General Funds	$151,709,975	$151,709,975	$151,709,975
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,254,162	$155,254,162	$155,254,162

263.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$4,275,670	$4,275,670	$4,275,670

263.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,076,819	$1,076,819	$1,076,819

263.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$521,219	$521,219	$521,219

263.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$11,035	$11,035	$11,035

263.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$3,937,253	$3,937,253	$3,937,253

263.6 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect previously vacant law enforcement officer positions.*

State General Funds	$452,558	$453,600	$453,600

263.7 *Increase funds to implement dispatcher career path promotions.*

State General Funds	$1,132,501	$1,132,501	$1,132,501

263.8 *Increase funds for aircraft fuel for local assistance requests. (H and S:NO; Transfer funds for aircraft fuel for local assistance requests from the Field Offices and Services program to the Aviation program)*

State General Funds	$95,271	$0	$0

263.9 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the Buckhead Post.*

State General Funds	($1,200,000)	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)

263.10 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for equipment and furnishings for the Jekyll Island Post.*

State General Funds	($150,000)	($150,000)	($150,000)

263.11 *Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for two watchdesk analyst positions.*

State General Funds	($167,352)	($167,352)	($167,352)

263.12 *Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Departmental Administration (DPS) program for agency copier and associated expenses.*

State General Funds	($33,902)	($33,902)	($33,902)

263.13 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for the Regional K-9 Taskforce to reflect the purchase of 20 K-9s in the FY2024 budget (HB19, 2023 Session).*

State General Funds		($257,500)	($257,500)

263.1000 Field Offices and Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$161,661,047	$161,259,318	$161,259,318
State General Funds	$161,661,047	$161,259,318	$161,259,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$165,205,234	$164,803,505	$164,803,505

Law Enforcement Training			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336
State General Funds	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,621,336	$7,621,336	$7,621,336

264.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$94,846	$94,846	$94,846

264.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$53,654	$53,654	$53,654

264.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$159,370	$159,370	$159,370

264.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$584	$584	$584

264.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$286,620	$286,620	$286,620

264.6 *Increase funds for an additional 35 trooper school graduates.*

State General Funds	$1,569,971	$1,569,971	$1,569,971

264.1000 Law Enforcement Training **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
State General Funds	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381

Motor Carrier Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,763,296	$18,763,296	$18,763,296
State General Funds	$18,763,296	$18,763,296	$18,763,296
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,244,767	$41,244,767	$41,244,767

265.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$351,531	$351,531	$351,531

265.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$218,666	$218,666	$218,666

265.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$89,298	$89,298	$89,298

265.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$2,450	$2,450	$2,450

265.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$1,196,764	$1,196,764	$1,196,764

265.6 *Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of the weigh-in-motion monitoring system.*

State General Funds	$2,594,200	$2,594,200	$2,594,200

265.7 *Transfer funds from the Motor Carrier Compliance program to the Departmental Administration (DPS) program for agency copier and associated expenses.*

State General Funds	($19,032)	($19,032)	($19,032)

265.1000 Motor Carrier Compliance **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
State General Funds	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923

Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,678,644	$45,678,644	$45,678,644

Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332
State General Funds	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,512,332	$1,512,332	$1,512,332

266.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$53,268	$53,268	$53,268

266.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$8,664	$8,664	$8,664

266.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$208	$208	$208

266.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$40,227	$40,227	$40,227

266.5 *Increase funds for one additional Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS).*

State General Funds	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000

266.6 *Increase funds for additional training for volunteer peer support workers.*

State General Funds	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000

266.7 *Increase funds for two additional social workers and two additional peer support workers.*

State General Funds	$432,329	$432,329	$432,329

266.8 *Transfer funds from the Office of Public Safety Officer Support program to the Departmental Administration (DPS) program for*

agency copier and associated expenses.

State General Funds	($3,015)	($3,015)	($3,015)

266.1000 Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
State General Funds	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013

Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873
State General Funds	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,588,873	$1,588,873	$1,588,873

267.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$42,501	$42,501	$42,501

267.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,492	$1,492	$1,492

267.3 *Increase funds for one additional safety and compliance specialist and associated travel for the creation of a new testing region. (H and S:Increase funds for two additional safety and compliance specialists and associated travel for the creation of new testing regions)*

State General Funds	$113,784	$227,568	$227,568

267.4 *Reduce funds for operations efficiencies.*

State General Funds	($7,400)	($7,400)	($7,400)

267.1000 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,739,250	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
State General Funds	$1,739,250	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,739,250	$1,853,034	$1,853,034

Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783
State General Funds	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,523,783	$5,523,783	$5,523,783

268.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$161,953	$161,953	$161,953

268.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$28,717	$28,717	$28,717

268.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	($2,310)	($2,310)	($2,310)

268.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$80,455	$135,767	$135,767

268.5 *Increase funds for the Georgia POST Resiliency Program previously funded through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Law Enforcement Training Grant. (H and S:NO; Reduce funds and move resiliency training program to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center)*

State General Funds	$647,000	$0	$0

268.6 *Increase funds for one curriculum auditor.*

State General Funds	$118,891	$118,891	$118,891

268.7 *Increase funds for one Investigations Division deputy director.*

State General Funds	$127,028	$127,028	$127,028

268.8 *Increase funds for system maintenance support for an online gang and human trafficking training system.*

State General Funds	$20,000	$0	$0

268.9 *Increase funds for the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police sponsored training ($80,972) and the Sheriffs' Training Academy ($119,028). (S:NO; Maintain traditional inclusion of funding in the amended FY2025 budget as actual program participant counts become known)*

State General Funds		$200,000	$0

268.10 *Increase funds to provide a $2,000 salary adjustment for law enforcement officers not included in HB19 (2023 Session) to reduce turnover and increase retention.*

State General Funds		$90,420	$90,420

268.11 *Utilize existing funds for personnel for targeted recruitment and retention of staff. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

268.1000 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,705,517	$6,384,249	$6,184,249
State General Funds	$6,705,517	$6,384,249	$6,184,249
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,705,517	$6,384,249	$6,184,249

Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,250,180	$21,250,180	$21,250,180
State General Funds	$21,250,180	$21,250,180	$21,250,180
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,732,112	$25,732,112	$25,732,112

269.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$634,306	$634,306	$634,306

269.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$34,334	$63,165	$63,165

269.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$45,092	$45,092	$45,092

269.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,728	$1,728	$1,728

269.5 *Increase funds for one mechanic position, one curriculum specialist position, and instructor development.*

State General Funds	$313,194	$321,112	$321,112

269.6 *Increase funds for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$28,831	$28,831	$28,831

269.7 *Increase funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.*

State General Funds	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000

269.8 *Increase funds for a board approved director raise.*

State General Funds	$20,030	$20,030	$20,030

269.9 *Increase funds for additional staff and operational needs to increase Basic Law Enforcement training hours.*

State General Funds	$6,144,225	$6,262,417	$6,262,417

269.10 *Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Department of Public Safety Training Center for School Resource Officer and De-escalation training.*

State General Funds	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000

269.11 *Increase funds for pest control and fire emergency monitoring system for campus.*

State General Funds	$28,474	$28,474	$28,474

269.12 *Reduce funds for a vacant instructor position.*

State General Funds	($62,502)	($62,502)	($62,502)

269.13 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds		$764,320	$764,320

269.14 *Increase funds for annual cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for dispatchers.*

State General Funds		$291,908	$291,908

269.15 *Increase funds for three positions and travel costs to provide resiliency training state-wide to law enforcement, firefighters, and 911 dispatchers.*

State General Funds		$600,000	$600,000

269.16 *Increase funds for personnel and operations for the Volunteer Firefighter program.*

State General Funds			$561,938

269.17 *Study and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the efficiencies of a statewide training management and compliance solution system. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

269.1000 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,702,892	$31,514,061	$32,075,999
State General Funds	$29,702,892	$31,514,061	$32,075,999

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,184,824	$35,995,993	$36,557,931

Highway Safety, Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$677,637	$677,637	$677,637
State General Funds	$677,637	$677,637	$677,637
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,121,691	$21,121,691	$21,121,691

270.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$18,651	$18,651	$18,651

270.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$16,297	$16,297	$16,297

270.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$21,806	$21,806	$21,806

270.4 *Utilize existing funds ($65,092) and increase funds for personnel for one community engagement coordinator and associated travel (Total Funds: $69,584).*

State General Funds	$4,492	$4,492	$4,492

270.1000 Highway Safety, Office of **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883
State General Funds	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,182,937	$21,182,937	$21,182,937

Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678
State General Funds	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,920,678	$2,920,678	$2,920,678

271.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$9,195	$9,195	$9,195

271.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy

driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
State General Funds	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873

Section 40: Public Service Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,872,624	$11,872,624	$11,872,624
State General Funds	$11,872,624	$11,872,624	$11,872,624
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,103,724	$13,103,724	$13,103,724

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,778,244	$12,819,894	$12,872,905
State General Funds	$12,778,244	$12,819,894	$12,872,905
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,009,344	$14,050,994	$14,104,005

Commission Administration (PSC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732
State General Funds	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,949,732	$1,949,732	$1,949,732

272.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$52,928	$52,928	$52,928

272.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$14,010	$14,010	$14,010

272.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$19,652	$19,652	$19,652

272.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$5,309	$5,309	$5,309

272.5 *Transfer funds from the Commission Administration (PSC) program to the Facility Protection program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($47,840)	($47,840)	($47,840)

272.1000 Commission Administration (PSC)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
State General Funds	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791

Facility Protection			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,202	$1,551,202	$1,551,202
State General Funds	$1,551,202	$1,551,202	$1,551,202
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,782,302	$2,782,302	$2,782,302

273.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$50,734	$50,734	$50,734

273.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$11,632	$11,632	$11,632

273.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$19,187	$19,187	$19,187

273.4 *Utilize existing funds ($63,726), transfer funds from the Commission Administration (PSC) program to the Facility Protection program ($47,840), and increase funds for two additional investigators for the Call Before You Dig program (Total Funds: $191,952).*

State General Funds	$128,226	$128,226	$128,226

273.5 *Increase funds for state share of one additional Pipeline Safety inspector position. (S:Increase funds for state share of two additional Pipeline Safety inspector positions)*

State General Funds	$53,011	$53,011	$106,022

273.1000 Facility Protection **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,867,003
State General Funds	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,867,003
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,045,092	$3,045,092	$3,098,103

Utilities Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690
State General Funds	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,371,690	$8,371,690	$8,371,690

274.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$242,975	$242,975	$242,975

274.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance*

programs.

State General Funds	$72,400	$72,400	$72,400

274.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$251,267	$251,267	$251,267

274.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$30,823	$30,823	$30,823

274.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,306	$1,306	$1,306

274.6 *Increase funds for audit of Universal Access Fund contributors.*

State General Funds		$25,000	$25,000

274.7 *Increase funds for per diem rate increase.*

State General Funds		$16,650	$16,650

274.1000 Utilities Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,970,461	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
State General Funds	$8,970,461	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,970,461	$9,012,111	$9,012,111

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919
State General Funds	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919	$3,184,870,919
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688

University System of Georgia Research Funds	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,330,488	$400,330,488	$400,330,488
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,514,608,025	$9,514,608,025	$9,514,608,025

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,382,074,434	$3,384,911,871	$3,383,771,160
State General Funds	$3,382,074,434	$3,384,911,871	$3,383,771,160
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656	$1,840,895,656
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450	$4,488,841,450
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688	$1,195,211,688
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$978,203,695	$978,203,695	$978,203,695
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$498,465,608	$498,465,608	$498,465,608
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411	$2,795,126,411
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,330,488	$400,330,488	$400,330,488
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,711,811,540	$9,714,648,977	$9,713,508,266

Agricultural Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing

to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$53,340,515	$53,340,515	$53,340,515
State General Funds	$53,340,515	$53,340,515	$53,340,515
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$28,511,900	$28,511,900	$28,511,900
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$120,102,625	$120,102,625	$120,102,625

275.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$617,446	$617,446	$617,446

275.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$138,527	$138,527	$138,527

275.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$316,720	$316,720	$316,720

275.1000 Agricultural Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
State General Funds	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$38,250,210	$38,250,210	$38,250,210
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$28,511,900	$28,511,900	$28,511,900

Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$20,005,000	$20,005,000	$20,005,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,506,900	$5,506,900	$5,506,900
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$121,175,318	$121,175,318	$121,175,318

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,642,766	$6,642,766	$6,642,766
Intergovernmental Transfers	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
Sales and Services	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,247,766	$7,247,766	$7,247,766

276.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$605,000	$605,000	$605,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,642,766	$6,642,766	$6,642,766
Intergovernmental Transfers	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$155,000	$155,000	$155,000
Sales and Services	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,487,766	$6,487,766	$6,487,766
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,247,766	$7,247,766	$7,247,766

Cooperative Extension Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,552,824	$49,552,824	$49,552,824
State General Funds	$49,552,824	$49,552,824	$49,552,824
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,707,707	$22,707,707	$22,707,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$84,621,625	$84,621,625	$84,621,625

277.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,078,332	$1,078,332	$1,078,332

277.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$177,971	$177,971	$177,971

277.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$900	$900	$469,029

277.1000 Cooperative Extension Service **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$51,278,156
State General Funds	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$51,278,156
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,361,094	$12,361,094	$12,361,094
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,707,707	$22,707,707	$22,707,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$8,842,000	$8,842,000	$8,842,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$13,615,707	$13,615,707	$13,615,707
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$85,878,828	$85,878,828	$86,346,957

Enterprise Innovation Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,647,809	$12,647,809	$12,647,809
State General Funds	$12,647,809	$12,647,809	$12,647,809
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,147,809	$28,147,809	$28,147,809

278.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$229,541	$229,541	$229,541

278.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$74,117	$74,117	$74,117

278.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$54,131	$54,131	$54,131

278.1000 Enterprise Innovation Institute **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
State General Funds	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,500,000	$9,500,000	$9,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,505,598	$28,505,598	$28,505,598

Forestry Cooperative Extension **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,079,636	$1,079,636	$1,079,636
State General Funds	$1,079,636	$1,079,636	$1,079,636
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$346,988	$346,988	$346,988

Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Sales and Services	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,876,624	$1,876,624	$1,876,624

279.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$25,363	$25,363	$25,363

279.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$2,907	$2,907	$2,907

279.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds			$10,388

279.1000 Forestry Cooperative Extension **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,118,294
State General Funds	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,118,294
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$346,988	$346,988	$346,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$75,988	$75,988	$75,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$46,000	$46,000	$46,000
Sales and Services	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,904,894	$1,904,894	$1,915,282

Forestry Research		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,190,344	$3,190,344	$3,190,344
State General Funds	$3,190,344	$3,190,344	$3,190,344
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,310,243	$8,310,243	$8,310,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,669,587	$15,669,587	$15,669,587
280.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds	$50,851	$50,851	$50,851
280.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*			
State General Funds	$8,182	$8,182	$8,182
280.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*			
State General Funds	$1,047	$1,047	$23,549

280.1000 Forestry Research			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,272,926
State General Funds	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,272,926
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,169,000	$4,169,000	$4,169,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,310,243	$8,310,243	$8,310,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$5,831,000	$5,831,000	$5,831,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,729,667	$15,729,667	$15,752,169

Georgia Archives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,464,213	$4,464,213	$4,464,213
State General Funds	$4,464,213	$4,464,213	$4,464,213
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$955,154	$955,154	$955,154
Intergovernmental Transfers	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$737,038	$737,038	$737,038
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,419,367	$5,419,367	$5,419,367

281.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$36,002	$36,002	$36,002

281.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$5,503	$5,503	$5,503

281.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$925	$925	$925

281.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$34,246	$34,246	$34,246

281.5 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds			$8,573

281.1000 Georgia Archives **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,549,462
State General Funds	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,549,462
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$955,154	$955,154	$955,154
Intergovernmental Transfers	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$180,373	$180,373	$180,373
Royalties and Rents	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,743	$37,743	$37,743
Sales and Services	$737,038	$737,038	$737,038
Record Center Storage Fees	$692,038	$692,038	$692,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,496,043	$5,496,043	$5,504,616

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,327,175	$2,327,175	$2,327,175
State General Funds	$2,327,175	$2,327,175	$2,327,175
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,223,468	$2,223,468	$2,223,468
Intergovernmental Transfers	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565

University System of Georgia Research Funds	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565
Sales and Services	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,550,643	$4,550,643	$4,550,643

282.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$73,107	$73,107	$73,107

282.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$10,618	$10,618	$10,618

282.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$20,613	$20,613	$21,529

282.1000 Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,432,429
State General Funds	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,432,429
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,223,468	$2,223,468	$2,223,468
Intergovernmental Transfers	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$463,565	$463,565	$463,565
Sales and Services	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,759,903	$1,759,903	$1,759,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,654,981	$4,654,981	$4,655,897

Georgia Research Alliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865
State General Funds	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,110,865	$5,110,865	$5,110,865

283.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$15,412	$15,412	$15,412

283.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$1,805	$1,805	$1,805

283.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds			$4,178

283.4 *The Georgia Research Alliance shall explore and develop a plan that uses the previous success and a one-time infusion of state funding to establish a revolving loan fund ensuring continued operation of the Georgia Research Alliance in perpetuity and report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget by September 1, 2024. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

283.1000 Georgia Research Alliance **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,132,260
State General Funds	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,132,260
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,132,260

Georgia Tech Research Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,037,113	$7,037,113	$7,037,113
State General Funds	$7,037,113	$7,037,113	$7,037,113
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$315,937,315	$315,937,315	$315,937,315

Intergovernmental Transfers	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$848,397,205	$848,397,205	$848,397,205

284.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$89,607	$89,607	$89,607

284.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$6,364	$6,364	$6,364

284.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$16,954	$16,954	$16,954

284.1000 Georgia Tech Research Institute **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
State General Funds	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$525,422,777	$525,422,777	$525,422,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$315,937,315	$315,937,315	$315,937,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$18,145,776	$18,145,776	$18,145,776
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$289,192,204	$289,192,204	$289,192,204
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$848,510,130	$848,510,130	$848,510,130

Marine Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,126,088	$1,126,088	$1,126,088
State General Funds	$1,126,088	$1,126,088	$1,126,088
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$302,183	$302,183	$302,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Sales and Services	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,724,919	$1,724,919	$1,724,919

285.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$28,944	$28,944	$28,944

285.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$4,094	$4,094	$4,094

285.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds			$7,568

285.1000 Marine Institute **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,166,694
State General Funds	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,166,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$296,648	$296,648	$296,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$302,183	$302,183	$302,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$121,183	$121,183	$121,183
Sales and Services	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,757,957	$1,757,957	$1,765,525

Marine Resources Extension Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,723,494	$1,723,494	$1,723,494
State General Funds	$1,723,494	$1,723,494	$1,723,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,423,494	$3,423,494	$3,423,494

286.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$42,473	$42,473	$42,473

286.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$6,562	$6,562	$6,562

286.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds			$10,371

286.1000 Marine Resources Extension Center			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,782,900
State General Funds	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,782,900
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$960,000	$960,000	$960,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,472,529	$3,472,529	$3,482,900

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290
State General Funds	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,525,290	$44,525,290	$44,525,290

287.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,311,566	$1,311,566	$1,311,566

287.2 *Increase funds to expand the current partnership with Clark Atlanta University for prostate cancer research.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$200,000

287.1000 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,836,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
State General Funds	$45,836,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,836,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856

Public Libraries **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,886,944	$46,886,944	$46,886,944
State General Funds	$46,886,944	$46,886,944	$46,886,944
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,538,457	$52,538,457	$52,538,457

288.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,193,864	$1,193,864	$1,193,864

288.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$176,811	$176,811	$163,530

288.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$209,954	$209,954	$209,954

288.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$8,562	$8,562	$8,562

288.5 *Increase funds for the public libraries' formula based on an increase in the state population.*

State General Funds	$177,605	$177,605	$141,350

288.6 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $843 to $1,093. (S:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $843 to $1,093 effective July 1, 2024 and from $1,093 to $1,760 effective January 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$1,246,500	$1,246,500	$1,925,550

288.7 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$16,727

288.1000 Public Libraries			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,900,240	$49,900,240	$50,546,481
State General Funds	$49,900,240	$49,900,240	$50,546,481
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,651,513	$5,651,513	$5,651,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,551,753	$55,551,753	$56,197,994

Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670
State General Funds	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,988,670	$39,988,670	$39,988,670

289.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$442,984	$442,984	$442,984

289.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$45,243	$45,243	$45,243

289.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for music industry archiving at the University of Georgia.*

State General Funds	($5,200,000)	($5,200,000)	($5,200,000)

289.4 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,188,571)	($2,188,571)	($2,188,571)

289.5 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$134,143	$134,143	$134,143

289.6 *Increase funds for Middle Georgia Aviation to support increased enrollment.*

State General Funds		$804,061	$0

289.7 *Increase funds for projects at the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$500,000

289.8 *Increase funds to establish the David Ralston Center for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities at the University of Georgia to build the workforce of professionals and provide a clearinghouse for research.*

State General Funds		$1,504,000	$1,504,000

289.9 *Increase funds for legal clinics to increase law student exposure and involvement in public defender and prosecuting attorney work.*

State General Funds			$1,450,000

289.10 *Reduce funds to reflect transfer of operations for the Georgia Cancer Center to a new partner.*

State General Funds			($10,953,894)

289.11 *Reduce funds to reflect transfer of operations for the Adrenal Disease Center to a new partner.*

State General Funds			($1,270,162)

289.1000 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,222,469	$36,030,530	$24,452,413
State General Funds	$33,222,469	$36,030,530	$24,452,413
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,222,469	$36,030,530	$24,452,413

Regents Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,991,274	$10,991,274	$10,991,274
State General Funds	$10,991,274	$10,991,274	$10,991,274

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,341,274	$11,341,274	$11,341,274

290.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$116,869	$116,869	$116,869

290.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$13,227	$13,227	$13,227

290.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$193,978	$193,978	$193,978

290.4 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$17,550	$17,550	$17,550

290.5 *The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall provide a quarterly report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the status of the University System of Georgia moving onto a new ERP. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

290.6 *The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall provide a quarterly report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the status of the University System of Georgia moving to the State Health Benefit Plan. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

290.1000 Regents Central Office **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898
State General Funds	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,682,898	$11,682,898	$11,682,898

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,150,314	$3,150,314	$3,150,314
State General Funds	$3,150,314	$3,150,314	$3,150,314
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,009,390	$2,009,390	$2,009,390
Intergovernmental Transfers	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,552,111	$7,552,111	$7,552,111

291.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$62,435	$62,435	$62,435

291.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$2,773	$2,773	$2,773

291.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds			$3,970

291.1000 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,219,492

State General Funds	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,219,492
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,392,407	$2,392,407	$2,392,407
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,009,390	$2,009,390	$2,009,390
Intergovernmental Transfers	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$458,213	$458,213	$458,213
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,051,177	$1,051,177	$1,051,177
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,617,319	$7,617,319	$7,621,289

Teaching **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190
State General Funds	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190	$2,868,895,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$922,440,780	$922,440,780	$922,440,780
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Sales and Services	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$326,275,457	$326,275,457	$326,275,457
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,173,236,533	$8,173,236,533	$8,173,236,533

292.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$91,813,260	$91,813,260	$109,564,126

292.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$7,676,694	$7,676,694	$7,676,694

292.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,941,550	$1,941,550	$1,941,550

292.4 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$246,882	$246,882	$246,882

292.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,180,277	$1,180,277	$1,180,277

292.6 *Increase funds to reflect a 0.8% decrease in enrollment with an increase in higher cost program areas ($2,256,373) and 0.2% increase in square footage ($658,999).*

State General Funds	$2,915,372	$2,915,372	$2,915,372

292.7 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$22,431,361	$22,431,361	$22,431,361

292.8 *Increase funds to restore FY2024 formula funds.*

State General Funds	$66,000,000	$66,000,000	$66,000,000

292.9 *Increase funds to adjust the debt service payback amount for a project at the Georgia Perimeter College.*

State General Funds	$86,730	$86,730	$86,730

292.10 *Increase funds for the Fort Valley State University Land Grant match requirements.*

State General Funds	$823,926	$823,926	$823,926

292.11 *Increase funds for Medical College of Georgia expansion at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong campus.*

State General Funds			$2,346,408

292.12 *Reduce funds for non-formula funding for the Research Consortium.*

State General Funds			($6,104,447)

292.13 *Reduce funds for non-formula funding for the Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program.*

State General Funds ($3,688,958)

292.14 *Reduce funds for non-formula funding for the University of North Georgia Blue Ridge campus.*

State General Funds ($943,000)

292.15 *Reduce funds for non-formula funding for the statewide consortium for technology.*

State General Funds ($127,613)

292.1000 Teaching			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,064,011,242	$3,064,011,242	$3,073,244,498
State General Funds	$3,064,011,242	$3,064,011,242	$3,073,244,498
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007	$1,241,597,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336	$4,062,744,336
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773	$1,139,448,773
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$922,440,780	$922,440,780	$922,440,780
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$217,007,993	$217,007,993	$217,007,993
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$202,916,221	$202,916,221	$202,916,221
Sales and Services	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342	$2,720,379,342
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$326,275,457	$326,275,457	$326,275,457
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885	$2,394,103,885
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,368,352,585	$8,368,352,585	$8,377,585,841

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,168,289	$5,168,289	$5,168,289
State General Funds	$5,168,289	$5,168,289	$5,168,289
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,468,289	$6,468,289	$6,468,289

293.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$92,093	$92,093	$92,093

293.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$13,917	$13,917	$13,917

293.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$8,200	$8,200	$28,208

293.1000 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,302,507
State General Funds	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,302,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,582,499	$6,582,499	$6,602,507

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$571,250	$571,250	$571,250
State General Funds	$571,250	$571,250	$571,250
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,571,250	$29,571,250	$29,571,250

294.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$15,519	$15,519	$15,519

294.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$3,735	$3,735	$3,735

294.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$1,351	$1,351	$2,657

294.1000 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$591,855	$591,855	$593,161
State General Funds	$591,855	$591,855	$593,161
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,000,000	$29,000,000	$29,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,591,855	$29,591,855	$29,593,161

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133

State General Funds	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$614,133	$614,133	$614,133

295.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$13,356	$13,356	$13,356

295.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,375	$1,375	$1,375

295.3 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$297	$297	$297

295.4 *Utilize existing funds ($264,500) for planning costs and exhibitions at the Anne Frank Education Center. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

295.1000 Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
State General Funds	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
State General Funds	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,849,591	$3,849,591	$3,849,591

296.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$93,391	$93,391	$93,391

296.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,787)	($3,787)	($3,787)

296.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$1,020	$1,020	$1,020

296.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
State General Funds	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
State General Funds	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,631,535	$5,631,535	$5,631,535

297.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$11,265	$26,984	$26,984

297.2 *Increase funds for enrollment, training, and experience. (H and S:Reduce funds for enrollment and training and experience based on enrollment decline and changed composition of teacher years of experience and certificate level)*

State General Funds	$148,613	($58,752)	($58,752)

297.3 *Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$164,436	$140,458	$140,458

297.4 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate*

for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.

State General Funds	$112,320	$112,320	$112,320

297.5 *Increase funds for a school security grant.*

State General Funds		$45,000	$45,000

297.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,068,169	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
State General Funds	$6,068,169	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,068,169	$5,897,545	$5,897,545

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363
State General Funds	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,998,363	$12,998,363	$12,998,363

298.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$228,024	$228,024	$228,024

298.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$340	$340	$340

298.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($5,766)	($5,766)	($5,766)

298.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$52,625	$52,625	$52,625

298.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$382	$382	$382

298.1000 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
State General Funds	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$217,545,131	$217,545,131	$217,545,131
State General Funds	$213,966,085	$213,966,085	$213,966,085
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,850,861	$220,850,861	$220,850,861

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$225,088,779	$225,088,779	$225,088,779
State General Funds	$221,915,502	$221,915,502	$221,915,502
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671

Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$228,394,509	$228,394,509	$228,394,509

Departmental Administration (DOR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931
State General Funds	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,200,931	$14,200,931	$14,200,931

299.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$308,565	$308,565	$308,565

299.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$9,232	$9,232	$9,232

299.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$5,328	$5,328	$5,328

299.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$72,216	$72,216	$72,216

299.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$471	$471	$471

299.6 *Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.*

State General Funds	($281,961)	($281,961)	($281,961)

299.1000 Departmental Administration (DOR) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
State General Funds	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782

Forestland Protection Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

300.1000 Forestland Protection Grants **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

Industry Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,513,691	$9,513,691	$9,513,691
State General Funds	$9,079,908	$9,079,908	$9,079,908
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,369,725	$10,369,725	$10,369,725

301.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$233,785	$233,785	$233,785

301.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,701	$4,701	$4,701

301.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$63,170	$63,170	$63,170

301.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$441	$441	$441

301.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$186,052	$186,052	$186,052

301.6 *Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.*

State General Funds	($99,516)	($99,516)	($99,516)

301.1000 Industry Regulation **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,902,324	$9,902,324	$9,902,324
State General Funds	$9,468,541	$9,468,541	$9,468,541
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,758,358	$10,758,358	$10,758,358

Local Government Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed

property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,541,636	$7,541,636	$7,541,636
State General Funds	$4,396,373	$4,396,373	$4,396,373
Fireworks Trust Funds	$3,145,263	$3,145,263	$3,145,263
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,961,636	$7,961,636	$7,961,636

302.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$116,448	$116,448	$116,448

302.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,296	$4,296	$4,296

302.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$34,595	$34,595	$34,595

302.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$296	$296	$296

302.5 *Reduce funds for the Fireworks Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of Fireworks Excise Tax pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Fireworks Trust Funds	($405,769)	($405,769)	($405,769)

302.1000 Local Government Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,291,502	$7,291,502	$7,291,502
State General Funds	$4,552,008	$4,552,008	$4,552,008
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000

Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,711,502	$7,711,502	$7,711,502

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157
State General Funds	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,033,157	$9,033,157	$9,033,157

303.1 *Increase funds to reflect a change in the Employee's Retirement System employer contribution rate to fully fund the actuarial determined employer contribution, increase the employer 401(k) match for GSEPS employees, and fund the employer share of accrued forfeited leave for retiring employees.*

State General Funds	$716,018	$716,018	$716,018

303.1000 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
State General Funds	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613
State General Funds	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,055,613	$39,055,613	$39,055,613

304.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$383,180	$383,180	$383,180

304.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$14,638	$14,638	$14,638

304.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$555,877	$555,877	$555,877

304.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$809	$809	$809

304.5 *Increase funds to reflect a contract increase for motor vehicle registration and licensing.*

State General Funds	$3,341,432	$3,341,432	$3,341,432

304.6 *Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.*

State General Funds	($49,758)	($49,758)	($49,758)

304.1000 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
State General Funds	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791

Office of Special Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,897,079	$5,897,079	$5,897,079
State General Funds	$5,897,079	$5,897,079	$5,897,079
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,313,160	$6,313,160	$6,313,160

305.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$93,482	$93,482	$93,482

305.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$181	$181	$181

305.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$36,315	$36,315	$36,315

305.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$185	$185	$185

305.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$65,369	$65,369	$65,369

305.6 *Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.*

State General Funds	($116,102)	($116,102)	($116,102)

305.1000 Office of Special Investigations **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
State General Funds	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,392,590	$6,392,590	$6,392,590

Tax Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,309,618	$61,309,618	$61,309,618
State General Funds	$61,309,618	$61,309,618	$61,309,618
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,651,402	$62,651,402	$62,651,402

306.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$1,412,457	$1,412,457	$1,412,457

306.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$48,847	$48,847	$48,847

306.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$447,983	$447,983	$447,983

306.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$2,709	$2,709	$2,709

306.5 *Increase funds for six tax examiner positions to form an initial contact team to assist newly delinquent taxpayers.*

State General Funds	$411,554	$411,554	$411,554

306.6 *Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.*

State General Funds	($497,578)	($497,578)	($497,578)

306.1000 Tax Compliance **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
State General Funds	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,477,374	$64,477,374	$64,477,374

Tax Policy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax

law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380
State General Funds	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,857,380	$4,857,380	$4,857,380

307.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$128,521	$128,521	$128,521

307.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,751	$2,751	$2,751

307.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$16,893	$16,893	$16,893

307.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$153	$153	$153

307.5 *Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.*

State General Funds	($149,273)	($149,273)	($149,273)

307.1000 Tax Policy **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
State General Funds	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425

Taxpayer Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration

functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,062,532	$27,062,532	$27,062,532
State General Funds	$27,062,532	$27,062,532	$27,062,532
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,334,363	$27,334,363	$27,334,363

308.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$588,493	$588,493	$588,493

308.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$23,650	$23,650	$23,650

308.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$202,681	$202,681	$202,681

308.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,337	$1,337	$1,337

308.5 *Increase funds to raise hourly pay for part-time seasonal mail operations staff.*

State General Funds	$72,900	$72,900	$72,900

308.6 *Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.*

State General Funds	($464,406)	($464,406)	($464,406)

308.1000 Taxpayer Services **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187
State General Funds	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,759,018	$27,759,018	$27,759,018

Section 43: Secretary of State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,016,614	$31,016,614	$31,016,614
State General Funds	$31,016,614	$31,016,614	$31,016,614
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,758,934	$36,758,934	$36,758,934

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,103,178	$37,931,159	$35,248,482
State General Funds	$33,103,178	$37,931,159	$35,248,482
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,845,498	$43,673,479	$40,990,802

Corporations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

309.1000 Corporations **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

Elections **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,870,966	$7,870,966	$7,870,966
State General Funds	$7,870,966	$7,870,966	$7,870,966
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,470,966	$8,470,966	$8,470,966

310.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$107,655	$107,655	$107,655

310.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,035	$5,035	$5,035

310.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$45,653	$45,653	$45,653

310.4 *Increase funds for rising postage costs.*

State General Funds	$135,000	$135,000	$135,000

310.5 *Utilize existing funds ($550,000) and increase funds for one software engineer, one county elections operations auditor, one county elections operations audit manager, two voting systems specialists, and associated travel costs (Total Funds: $679,582).*

State General Funds	$129,582	$129,582	$129,582

310.6 *Increase funds for third-party ballot-text auditing technology.*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0

310.1000 Elections			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,293,891	$10,793,891	$8,293,891
State General Funds	$8,293,891	$10,793,891	$8,293,891
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,893,891	$11,393,891	$8,893,891

Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666
State General Funds	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,687,666	$3,687,666	$3,687,666

311.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$131,677	$131,677	$131,677

311.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,422	$6,422	$6,422

311.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$27,784	$27,784	$27,784

311.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$115,775	$115,775	$115,775

311.5 *Increase funds for personnel for four criminal investigators due to increased volume of elections and licensing board investigations.*

State General Funds	$405,434	$405,434	$405,434

311.1000 Investigations **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
State General Funds	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758

Office Administration (SOS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,333,041	$3,333,041	$3,333,041
State General Funds	$3,333,041	$3,333,041	$3,333,041
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,338,541	$3,338,541	$3,338,541

312.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$110,091	$110,091	$110,091

312.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$3,861	$3,861	$3,861

312.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$27,762	$27,762	$27,762

312.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$2,230	$2,230	$2,230

312.1000 Office Administration (SOS)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985
State General Funds	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,482,485	$3,482,485	$3,482,485

Professional Licensing Boards			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,810,088	$8,810,088	$8,810,088
State General Funds	$8,810,088	$8,810,088	$8,810,088
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,088	$9,210,088	$9,210,088

313.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$292,159	$292,159	$292,159

313.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$17,704	$17,704	$17,704

313.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$13,881	$13,881	$13,881

313.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$2,395	$2,395	$2,395

313.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$5,034	$5,034	$5,034

313.6 *Increase funds for personnel for 21 licensing technicians, one process improvement analyst, one licensing and renewal assistant, two IT positions, one administrative assistant, and one business analyst, as well as related equipment and hourly temporary employees to address backlogs while onboarding new employees. (S:Increase funds for personnel for 16 licensing technicians, one process improvement analyst, one licensing and renewal assistant, two IT positions, one administrative assistant, and one business analyst, as well as related equipment and hourly temporary employees to address backlogs while onboarding new employees)*

State General Funds		$2,131,769	$1,802,879

313.1000 Professional Licensing Boards **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,141,261	$11,273,030	$10,944,140
State General Funds	$9,141,261	$11,273,030	$10,944,140
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,541,261	$11,673,030	$11,344,140

Securities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,142,611	$1,142,611	$1,142,611
State General Funds	$1,142,611	$1,142,611	$1,142,611
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,167,611	$1,167,611	$1,167,611

314.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$22,556	$22,556	$22,556

314.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,175	$1,175	$1,175

314.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$13,903	$13,903	$13,903

314.1000 Securities **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
State General Funds	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,205,245	$1,205,245	$1,205,245

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399
State General Funds	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,573,399	$1,573,399	$1,573,399

315.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$47,787	$47,787	$47,787

315.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,387	$1,387	$1,387

315.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$19,866	$19,866	$19,866

315.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$500	$500	$500

315.5 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$5,034	$5,034	$5,034

315.6 *Increase funds for hearings conducted by the Office of State Administrative Hearings.*

State General Funds		$50,000	$50,000

315.1000 Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,647,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973

State General Funds	$1,647,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,647,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895
State General Funds	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,032,895	$1,032,895	$1,032,895

316.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$18,457	$18,457	$18,457

316.2 *Increase funds for personnel for two investigators, one analyst, and associated operations.*

State General Funds	$309,791	$309,791	$309,791

316.1000 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

Real Estate Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,052,930	$3,052,930	$3,052,930
State General Funds	$3,052,930	$3,052,930	$3,052,930
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,152,930	$3,152,930	$3,152,930

317.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$64,223	$64,223	$64,223

317.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,012	$1,012	$1,012

317.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$11,946	$11,946	$11,946

317.1000 Real Estate Commission **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
State General Funds	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,230,111	$3,230,111	$3,230,111

State Elections Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018
State General Funds	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$513,018	$513,018	$513,018

318.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$8,793	$8,793	$8,793

318.2 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($25,000)	($25,000)	($25,000)

318.3 *Increase funds for investigative operations.*

State General Funds	$146,212	$292,425

318.1000 State Elections Board		**Appropriation (HB 916)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$496,811	$643,023	$789,236
State General Funds	$496,811	$643,023	$789,236
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$496,811	$643,023	$789,236

Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,191,200,309	$1,191,200,309	$1,191,200,309
State General Funds	$120,345,058	$120,345,058	$120,345,058
Lottery Proceeds	$1,070,855,251	$1,070,855,251	$1,070,855,251
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,760,294	$33,760,294	$33,760,294
Reserved Fund Balances	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794
Sales and Services	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,573,500	$20,573,500	$20,573,500
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,225,384,295	$1,225,384,295	$1,225,384,295

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,157,510,517	$1,156,210,040	$1,156,905,733
State General Funds	$135,480,909	$137,360,079	$136,912,579
Lottery Proceeds	$1,022,029,608	$1,018,849,961	$1,019,993,154
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,760,294	$13,760,294	$13,760,294
Reserved Fund Balances	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$13,186,794	$13,186,794	$13,186,794
Sales and Services	$573,500	$573,500	$573,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$573,500	$573,500	$573,500
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,171,694,503	$1,170,394,026	$1,171,089,719

College Completion Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000

319.1 *Reduce funds for College Completion Grants.*

Lottery Proceeds	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)

319.1000 College Completion Grants **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Commission Administration (GSFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,784,999	$10,784,999	$10,784,999
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$10,784,999	$10,784,999	$10,784,999
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,012,696	$13,012,696	$13,012,696

320.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

Lottery Proceeds	$288,723	$288,723	$288,723

320.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

Lottery Proceeds	$4,154	$4,154	$4,154

320.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	$3,246	$3,246	$3,246

320.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

Lottery Proceeds	$4,237	$4,237	$4,237

320.1000 Commission Administration (GSFC) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359
Lottery Proceeds	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$103,692	$103,692	$103,692

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,804,005	$1,804,005	$1,804,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
State Funds Transfers	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,313,056	$13,313,056	$13,313,056

Dual Enrollment **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744
State General Funds	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,205,744	$76,205,744	$76,205,744

321.1 *Increase funds to meet projected enrollment.*

State General Funds	$15,089,693	$15,089,693	$15,089,693

321.1000 Dual Enrollment **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
State General Funds	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437

Engineer Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

322.1 *Increase funds based on projected enrollment.*

State General Funds	$52,500

322.1000 Engineer Scholarship		**Appropriation (HB 916)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,312,500
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,312,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,312,500

Georgia Military College Scholarship		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

323.1000 Georgia Military College Scholarship		**Appropriation (HB 916)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

HERO Scholarship		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
State General Funds	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000

324.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($300,000)	($300,000)

324.1000 HERO Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$630,000	$330,000	$330,000
State General Funds	$630,000	$330,000	$330,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$630,000	$330,000	$330,000

HOPE Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$80,603,880	$80,603,880	$80,603,880

325.1 *Reduce funds provided to reflect expected program expenditure.*

Lottery Proceeds	($20,732,382)	($20,732,382)	($20,732,382)

325.2 *Transfer funds from the HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools program to the HOPE Grant program.*

Lottery Proceeds	$16,702,202

325.1000 HOPE Grant **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$59,871,498	$59,871,498	$76,573,700
Lottery Proceeds	$59,871,498	$59,871,498	$76,573,700
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,871,498	$59,871,498	$76,573,700

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,345,510	$1,345,510	$1,345,510

326.1 *Reduce funds provided to reflect expected program expenditure.*

Lottery Proceeds	($845,510)	($845,510)	($845,510)

326.1000 HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,218,629	$91,218,629	$91,218,629

327.1 *Reduce funds provided to reflect expected program expenditures at a HOPE Private Award rate at $2,496 and a HOPE Zell Private Award rate at $2,985.*

Lottery Proceeds	($16,435,788)	($16,435,788)	($16,435,788)

327.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841

Lottery Proceeds	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$874,902,233	$874,902,233	$874,902,233

328.1 *Reduce funds to reflect expected program expenditures at a 100% factor rate.*

Lottery Proceeds	($9,112,323)	($12,291,970)	($11,148,777)

328.2 *Transfer funds from the HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools program to the HOPE Grant program.*

Lottery Proceeds	($16,702,202)

328.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$865,789,910	$862,610,263	$847,051,254
Lottery Proceeds	$865,789,910	$862,610,263	$847,051,254
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$865,789,910	$862,610,263	$847,051,254

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
State General Funds	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$955,830	$955,830	$955,830

329.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds	$1,644,170	$1,644,170

329.1000 Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant		**Appropriation (HB 916)**	
The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$955,830	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$955,830	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$955,830	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Low Interest Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Sales and Services	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

330.1 *Reduce funds and eliminate program to reflect cessation of further loan originations.*

Sales and Services Not Itemized	($20,000,000)	($20,000,000)	($20,000,000)

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

331.1000 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

North Georgia ROTC Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

332.1000 North Georgia ROTC Grants **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

Public Safety Memorial Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

333.1000 Public Safety Memorial Grant **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

REACH Georgia Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

334.1000 REACH Georgia Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

Service Cancelable Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,985,000	$4,985,000	$4,985,000
State General Funds	$4,985,000	$4,985,000	$4,985,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,200,000	$10,200,000	$10,200,000
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,185,000	$15,185,000	$15,185,000

335.1 *Recognize existing funds ($3,200,000) to provide up to $20,000 maximum loan repayments across five years of service to support recruitment and retention of public law enforcement officers across the state. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

335.2 *Increase funds for the Veterinary Loan Repayment Program.*

State General Funds		$35,000	$35,000

335.1000 Service Cancelable Loans **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,985,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
State General Funds	$4,985,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,200,000	$10,200,000	$10,200,000
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,100,000	$10,100,000	$10,100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,185,000	$15,220,000	$15,220,000

Tuition Equalization Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

336.1 *Utilize existing funds to increase award amount from $1,000 to $1,100 per year. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

336.1000 Tuition Equalization Grants **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,011	$1,007,011	$1,007,011
State General Funds	$1,007,011	$1,007,011	$1,007,011
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$478,028	$478,028	$478,028
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Sales and Services	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,485,039	$1,485,039	$1,485,039

337.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$45,302	$45,302	$45,302

337.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$856	$856	$856

337.1000 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission — **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169
State General Funds	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$478,028	$478,028	$478,028
Reserved Fund Balances	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$4,528	$4,528	$4,528
Sales and Services	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$473,500	$473,500	$473,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,531,197	$1,531,197	$1,531,197

Adult Learner High-Demand Field Scholarship — **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

503.1 *Increase funds to establish an adult learner scholarship program assisting Georgia residents of two years or more to complete their bachelor's degree in a high-demand field utilizing competency-based learning models or other such models designed to meet the needs of the working adult learner.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$0

503.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this program is to assist adult learners complete degrees in high-demand field.*
House*: The purpose of this program is to assist adult learners complete degrees in high-demand field.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

503.1000 Adult Learner High-Demand Field Scholarship — **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this program is to assist adult learners complete degrees in high-demand field.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$0
State General Funds	$500,000	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$0

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
State General Funds	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,548,501	$55,548,501	$55,548,501

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,527,501	$55,527,501	$55,527,501

Local/Floor COLA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
State General Funds	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,000	$83,000	$83,000

338.1 *Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.*

State General Funds	($21,000)	($21,000)	($21,000)

338.1000 Local/Floor COLA **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

System Administration (TRS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501

339.1000 System Administration (TRS) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
State Funds Transfers	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
Retirement Payments	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,465,501	$55,465,501	$55,465,501

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers Retirement System shall not exceed 20.78% for State Fiscal Year 2025.

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$499,860,598	$499,860,598	$499,860,598
State General Funds	$499,860,598	$499,860,598	$499,860,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$456,133,637	$456,133,637	$456,133,637
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Sales and Services	$369,674,213	$369,674,213	$369,674,213
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$82,054,039	$82,054,039	$82,054,039
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
State Funds Transfers	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,768,919	$1,207,768,919	$1,207,768,919
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$486,802,080	$490,357,783	$491,979,506
State General Funds	$486,802,080	$490,357,783	$491,979,506
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$246,686,921	$246,686,921	$246,686,921
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$456,133,637	$456,133,637	$456,133,637
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,459,424	$86,459,424	$86,459,424
Sales and Services	$369,674,213	$369,674,213	$369,674,213
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$82,054,039	$82,054,039	$82,054,039
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
State Funds Transfers	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,087,763	$5,087,763	$5,087,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,194,710,401	$1,198,266,104	$1,199,887,827

Adult Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,824,974	$18,824,974	$18,824,974

State General Funds	$18,824,974	$18,824,974	$18,824,974
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,149,140	$4,149,140	$4,149,140
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Sales and Services	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
State Funds Transfers	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
Agency to Agency Contracts	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$53,352,808	$53,352,808	$53,352,808

340.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$218,537	$218,537	$218,537

340.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$7,471	$7,471	$7,471

340.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,159	$7,159	$7,159

340.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$6,217	$6,217	$6,217

340.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$7,491	$7,491	$7,491

340.6 *Increase funds for the Workforce EXCELerator pilot program pursuant to SB112 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$650,000	$2,000,000

340.1000 Adult Education			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,071,849	$19,721,849	$21,071,849
State General Funds	$24,071,849	$19,721,849	$21,071,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,318,028	$30,318,028	$30,318,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,149,140	$4,149,140	$4,149,140
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,964,331	$1,964,331	$1,964,331
Sales and Services	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,184,809	$2,184,809	$2,184,809
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
State Funds Transfers	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
Agency to Agency Contracts	$60,666	$60,666	$60,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,599,683	$54,249,683	$55,599,683

Departmental Administration (TCSG)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178
State General Funds	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,327,178	$8,327,178	$8,327,178

341.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$273,584	$273,584	$273,584

341.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$1,683	$1,683	$1,683

341.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance*

programs.

State General Funds	$9,641	$9,641	$9,641

341.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,235	$1,235	$1,235

341.1000 Departmental Administration (TCSG)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
State General Funds	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321

Economic Development and Customized Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,319,875	$3,319,875	$3,319,875
State General Funds	$3,319,875	$3,319,875	$3,319,875
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
State Funds Transfers	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,030,982	$46,030,982	$46,030,982

342.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$5,522	$5,522	$5,522

342.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance*

programs.

State General Funds	$1,646	$1,646	$1,646

342.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$122	$122	$122

342.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$206	$206	$206

342.5 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds		$34,162	$34,162

342.1000 Economic Development and Customized Services			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,327,371	$3,361,533	$3,361,533
State General Funds	$3,327,371	$3,361,533	$3,361,533
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,329,344	$12,329,344	$12,329,344
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$27,721,262	$27,721,262	$27,721,262
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
State Funds Transfers	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,660,501	$2,660,501	$2,660,501
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,038,478	$46,072,640	$46,072,640

Quick Start		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,417,469	$62,417,469	$62,417,469
State General Funds	$62,417,469	$62,417,469	$62,417,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$87	$87	$87

Sales and Services	$87	$87	$87
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$87	$87	$87
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,417,556	$62,417,556	$62,417,556

343.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$343,124	$343,124	$343,124

343.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$3,317	$3,317	$3,317

343.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$9,137	$9,137	$9,137

343.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$6,010	$6,010	$6,010

343.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,239	$1,239	$1,239

343.6 *Reduce funds for one-time construction costs for the Rivian training center.*

State General Funds	($46,000,000)	($46,000,000)	($46,000,000)

343.7 *Increase funds to meet existing training obligations.*

State General Funds	$4,754,337	$4,754,337	$4,754,337

343.1000 Quick Start **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633
State General Funds	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$87	$87	$87
Sales and Services	$87	$87	$87

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$87	$87	$87
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,534,720	$21,534,720	$21,534,720

Technical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$397,291,161	$397,291,161	$397,291,161
State General Funds	$397,291,161	$397,291,161	$397,291,161
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$424,239,976	$424,239,976	$424,239,976
Intergovernmental Transfers	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Sales and Services	$339,744,883	$339,744,883	$339,744,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$52,124,709	$52,124,709	$52,124,709
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
State Funds Transfers	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,304,129	$882,304,129	$882,304,129

344.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$10,410,249	$10,410,249	$10,410,249

344.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$222,318	$222,318	$222,318

344.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$394,419	$394,419	$394,419

344.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$313,281	$313,281	$313,281

344.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$140,506	$140,506	$140,506

344.6 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,100,000)	($1,100,000)	($1,100,000)

344.7 *Increase funds to reflect a 3.0% increase in enrollment ($8,988,608) and 0.7% increase in square footage ($444,954). (S:Increase funds to reflect a 3.0% increase in enrollment ($9,406,466) and 0.7% increase in square footage ($444,954))*

State General Funds	$9,433,562	$9,433,562	$9,851,420

344.8 *Increase funds for salaries and benefits and utilize reserve funds ($657,910) for startup and equipment costs for 22 additional campus police officers (Total Funds: $2,524,701). (H and S:Increase funds for salaries and benefits for 22 additional campus police officers)*

State General Funds	$1,866,791	$1,866,791	$1,866,791

344.9 *In conjunction with the Office of Planning and Budget and House and Senate budget offices, the Technical College System of Georgia shall conduct a review of the current formula rates and program expense for the Technical Education program to ensure that the funding formula reflects costs to provide instruction and determine whether additional clusters are needed to better reflect needs of high-cost programs. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES; In conjunction with the Office of Planning and Budget and House and Senate budget offices, the Technical College System of Georgia shall conduct a review of the current formula rates and program expense for the Technical Education program to ensure that the funding formula considers costs and rewards graduation and in-field job placement)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

344.1000 Technical Education			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$419,390,145
State General Funds	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$419,390,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,406,396	$58,406,396	$58,406,396

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$424,239,976	$424,239,976	$424,239,976
Intergovernmental Transfers	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$84,495,093	$84,495,093	$84,495,093
Sales and Services	$339,744,883	$339,744,883	$339,744,883
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$52,124,709	$52,124,709	$52,124,709
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$287,620,174	$287,620,174	$287,620,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
State Funds Transfers	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,366,596	$2,366,596	$2,366,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$903,985,255	$903,985,255	$904,403,113

344.1001 Special Project - Technical Education: The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery (to reflect increased credit hour earnings) for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

State General Funds		$7,421,541	$7,896,506

Workforce Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,679,941	$9,679,941	$9,679,941
State General Funds	$9,679,941	$9,679,941	$9,679,941
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,336,266	$155,336,266	$155,336,266

345.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$46,100	$46,100	$46,100

345.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution*

rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.

State General Funds	$142	$142	$142

345.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$205	$205	$205

345.4 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Department of Labor for terminated lease agreements for employment services worksites.*

State General Funds	($409,475)	($409,475)	($409,475)

345.5 *Increase funds for two new positions to provide regionally based consultation and technical assistance to healthcare partners across the state.*

State General Funds	$322,000	$322,000	$322,000

345.6 *Increase funds for customized recruitment for workforce to support the state's expanding electric vehicle industry. (S:Reduce funds for customized recruitment for workforce due to the delayed start of the economic development project in Newton County)*

State General Funds	$643,706	$643,706	($97,150)

345.7 *Transfer funds from the Department of Economic Development to the Technical College System of Georgia for two workforce development positions to support the Hyundai and Rivian economic development projects. (S:Increase funds for a workforce development position to support the Hyundai economic development project)*

State General Funds		$450,000	$225,000

345.8 *Increase funds for new staff position to support State Workforce Board responsibilities per HB982 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds			$194,756

345.9 *Increase funds to support Public Service Apprenticeships pursuant to passage of SB497 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds			$150,000

345.1000 Workforce Development			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,282,619	$10,732,619	$10,111,519
State General Funds	$10,282,619	$10,732,619	$10,111,519

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,633,153	$145,633,153	$145,633,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,172	$23,172	$23,172
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,938,944	$156,388,944	$155,767,844

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,280,785,794	$2,280,785,794	$2,280,785,794
State General Funds	$36,051,807	$36,051,807	$36,051,807
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,018,811,873	$2,018,811,873	$2,018,811,873
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$202,324,801	$202,324,801	$202,324,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,068,514,529	$4,068,514,529	$4,068,514,529

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,390,649,299	$2,388,403,670	$2,392,044,245
State General Funds	$40,844,568	$40,846,890	$44,487,465
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,088,777,234	$2,086,529,283	$2,086,529,283
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524	$228,614,524	$228,614,524
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$86,527,351	$86,527,351	$86,527,351
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$81,452,198	$81,452,198	$81,452,198
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,178,378,034	$4,176,132,405	$4,179,772,980

Airport Aid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$72,874,942	$72,874,942

346.1 *Increase funds for Airport Aid.*

State General Funds	$3,640,575

346.1000 Airport Aid **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$30,000,000
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$30,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233

Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$72,874,942	$76,515,517

Capital Construction Projects **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,013,318,180	$1,013,318,180	$1,013,318,180
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$884,846,617	$884,846,617	$884,846,617
Transportation Trust Funds	$128,471,563	$128,471,563	$128,471,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,066,071,309	$2,066,071,309	$2,066,071,309

347.1 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$8,992,966	$698,227	$698,227

347.2 *Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Transportation Trust Funds	$7,500,000	$4,900,750	$7,500,000

347.1000 Capital Construction Projects **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,029,811,146	$1,018,917,157	$1,021,516,407
State Motor Fuel Funds	$893,839,583	$885,544,844	$885,544,844

Transportation Trust Funds	$135,971,563	$133,372,313	$135,971,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,082,564,275	$2,071,670,286	$2,074,269,536

Capital Maintenance Projects **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,373,986	$159,373,986	$159,373,986
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$8,785,819	$8,785,819	$8,785,819
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$441,324,560	$441,324,560	$441,324,560

348.1 *Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Transportation Trust Funds	$35,371,657	$35,371,657	$35,371,657

348.1000 Capital Maintenance Projects **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$194,745,643	$194,745,643	$194,745,643
State Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$476,696,217	$476,696,217	$476,696,217

Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,103,354	$3,103,354	$3,103,354
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,147,251	$12,147,251	$12,147,251

349.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$34,149	$34,149	$34,149

349.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$10,782	$10,782	$10,782

349.3 *Increase funds to properly reflect new project billing process.*

State Motor Fuel Funds		$19,653	$19,653

349.1000 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,148,285	$3,167,938	$3,167,938
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,148,285	$3,167,938	$3,167,938

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,192,182	$12,211,835	$12,211,835

Departmental Administration (DOT) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,848,101	$83,848,101	$83,848,101
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$83,848,101	$83,848,101	$83,848,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$95,086,894	$95,086,894	$95,086,894

350.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$1,551,565	$2,172,582	$2,172,582

350.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$246,524	$246,524	$246,524

350.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$749,326	$749,326	$749,326

350.4 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$13,409	$20,114	$20,114

350.5 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) for increased information technology costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,757,935	$3,757,935	$3,757,935

350.1000 Departmental Administration (DOT)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$90,166,860	$90,794,582	$90,794,582
State Motor Fuel Funds	$90,166,860	$90,794,582	$90,794,582
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,405,653	$102,033,375	$102,033,375

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$212,801,168	$212,801,168	$212,801,168

351.1 *Increase funds for local maintenance and improvement grants to reflect ten percent of projected motor fuel revenues.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$7,345,433	$7,345,433	$7,345,433

351.1000 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants			**Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
State Motor Fuel Funds	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601

Local Road Assistance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance,

and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$62,002,378

352.1000 Local Road Assistance Administration **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$62,002,378

Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,845,171	$2,845,171	$2,845,171
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795

Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$25,617,966	$25,617,966	$25,617,966

353.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$42,027	$46,734	$46,734

353.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$8,975	$8,975	$8,975

353.3 *Increase funds to enhance transportation planning by Georgia's metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).*

Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

353.1000 Planning **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,896,173	$4,900,880	$4,900,880
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,896,173	$2,900,880	$2,900,880
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,668,968	$27,673,675	$27,673,675

Ports and Waterways **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074
State General Funds	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,387,074	$1,387,074	$1,387,074

354.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$10,067	$10,067	$10,067

354.1000 Ports and Waterways			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
State General Funds	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141

Program Delivery Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$126,906,966	$126,906,966	$126,906,966
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$126,906,966	$126,906,966	$126,906,966
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$181,648,575	$181,648,575	$181,648,575

355.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,962,524	$3,759,037	$3,759,037

355.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$725,789	$725,789	$725,789

355.3 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) to support recruitment and retention efforts and increasing project costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

355.4 *Increase funds to properly reflect new project billing process.*

State Motor Fuel Funds		$3,334,631	$3,334,631

355.1000 Program Delivery Administration			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$134,595,279	$138,726,423	$138,726,423
State Motor Fuel Funds	$134,595,279	$138,726,423	$138,726,423
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$189,336,888	$193,468,032	$193,468,032

Rail			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,305,308	$8,305,308	$8,305,308
State General Funds	$8,305,308	$8,305,308	$8,305,308
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,009,862	$9,009,862	$9,009,862

356.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$12,931	$15,253	$15,253

356.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,999	$1,999	$1,999

356.3 *Increase funds to support operations of the Office of Rail to dedicate locomotive fuel sales tax revenue for purposes defined in HB588 (2021 Session).*

State General Funds	$1,228,544	$1,228,544	$1,228,544

356.4 *Increase funds to reflect FY2023 collections of locomotive fuel sales tax pursuant to HB588 (2021 Session).*

State General Funds	$3,436,984	$3,436,984	$3,436,984

356.5 *Increase funds for a risk-based inspection program in the State Safety Oversight Program to meet Federal Railroad Administration guidelines.*

State General Funds	$102,236	$102,236	$102,236

356.1000 Rail **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,088,002	$13,090,324	$13,090,324
State General Funds	$13,088,002	$13,090,324	$13,090,324
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,792,556	$13,794,878	$13,794,878

Routine Maintenance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$493,397,670	$493,397,670	$493,397,670
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$493,397,670	$493,397,670	$493,397,670
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$524,475,036	$524,475,036	$524,475,036

357.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$5,581,778	$6,763,925	$6,763,925

357.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$1,575,585	$1,575,585	$1,575,585

357.3 *Increase funds based on projected revenue per HB170 (2015 Session) for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$27,424,905	$27,424,905	$27,424,905

357.1000 Routine Maintenance **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$527,979,938	$529,162,085	$529,162,085
State Motor Fuel Funds	$527,979,938	$529,162,085	$529,162,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$559,057,304	$560,239,451	$560,239,451

Traffic Management and Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,128,198	$56,128,198	$56,128,198
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$56,128,198	$56,128,198	$56,128,198
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,340,036	$161,340,036	$161,340,036

358.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$804,406	$885,821	$885,821

358.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$230,203	$230,203	$230,203

358.3 *Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB170 (2015 Session) to support recruitment efforts for Highway Emergency Response Operators (HEROs) and increased project costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,907,080	$3,907,080	$3,907,080

358.1000 Traffic Management and Control **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,069,887	$61,151,302	$61,151,302
State Motor Fuel Funds	$61,069,887	$61,151,302	$61,151,302
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$166,281,725	$166,363,140	$166,363,140

Transit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,342,007	$30,342,007	$30,342,007
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transit Trust Funds	$23,597,313	$23,597,313	$23,597,313
Transportation Trust Funds	$6,744,694	$6,744,694	$6,744,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$96,059,313	$96,059,313	$96,059,313

359.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

Transit Trust Funds	$36,624	$36,624	$36,624

359.2 *Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Transportation Trust Funds	$2,676,532	$2,676,532	$2,676,532

359.3 *Increase funds for the Georgia Transit Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of Hired Transport Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Transit Trust Funds	$8,779,036	$8,779,036	$8,779,036

359.1000 Transit			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,834,199	$41,834,199	$41,834,199
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,421,226	$9,421,226	$9,421,226
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$107,551,505	$107,551,505	$107,551,505

Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,128,506	$13,128,506	$13,128,506

360.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

Transportation Trust Funds	$81,825	$81,825	$81,825

360.2 *Reduce funds to reflect efficiencies in commuter bus services in metro Atlanta, including coordination with local transit providers and streamlined options for riders.*

Transportation Trust Funds	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($4,000,000)

360.3 *The Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority shall develop an operational plan to downsize Xpress commuter service commensurate with multi-county transit demand, and begin enacting new service levels in FY25. (S:YES)*

Transportation Trust Funds	$0

360.4 *The Atlanta-region Transit (ATL) Authority shall only create updates to the Regional Transit Plan that address multi-county travel demand for transit-dependent customers that demonstrates improvement to the State's economic development. (S:YES)*

Transportation Trust Funds	$0

360.1000 Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,210,331	$11,210,331	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$11,210,331	$11,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,210,331	$11,210,331	$9,210,331

Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$45,194,219	$45,194,219	$45,194,219
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,539,659	$93,539,659	$93,539,659

361.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

Transportation Trust Funds	$6,544	$6,544	$6,544

361.2 *Reduce Transportation Trust Funds to reflect decreased debt requirements.*

Transportation Trust Funds	($19,747,585)	($19,747,585)	($19,747,585)

361.3 *Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY2023 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session). (H and S:Increase funds from the Transportation Trust Fund for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB))*

Transportation Trust Funds	$400,750	$3,000,000	$2,400,750

361.1000 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,853,928	$28,453,178	$27,853,928
Transportation Trust Funds	$25,853,928	$28,453,178	$27,853,928

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,199,368	$76,798,618	$76,199,368

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,294,616	$27,294,616	$27,294,616
State General Funds	$27,294,616	$27,294,616	$27,294,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,970,353	$54,970,353	$54,970,353

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,204,279	$29,483,881	$29,483,881
State General Funds	$28,204,279	$29,483,881	$29,483,881
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,880,016	$57,159,618	$57,159,618

Departmental Administration (DVS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105
State General Funds	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,091,105	$2,091,105	$2,091,105

362.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$61,362	$61,362	$61,362

362.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,720	$4,720	$4,720

362.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$33,171	$33,171	$33,171

362.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$60,099	$60,099	$60,099

362.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$177	$177	$177

362.6 *Reduce funds for one vacancy.*

State General Funds	($41,269)	$0	$0

362.7 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program to the Departmental Administration program to expand the Veterans Mental Health Services Program pursuant to HB414 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$1,000,000

362.1000 Departmental Administration (DVS) **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,209,365	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
State General Funds	$2,209,365	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,209,365	$3,250,634	$3,250,634

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,017,144	$2,017,144	$2,017,144
State General Funds	$2,017,144	$2,017,144	$2,017,144
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,345,040	$2,345,040	$2,345,040

363.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$35,315	$35,315	$35,315

363.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$3,068	$3,068	$3,068

363.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$676	$676	$676

363.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$115	$115	$115

363.5 *Transfer available funds resulting from the delay in the establishment of a veterans cemetery in Augusta from the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program to the Departmental Administration (DVS) program for the Veterans Mental Health Services Program.*

State General Funds		($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)

363.1000 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
State General Funds	$2,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,384,214	$1,384,214	$1,384,214

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,103,449	$14,103,449	$14,103,449
State General Funds	$14,103,449	$14,103,449	$14,103,449
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,697,364	$40,697,364	$40,697,364

364.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$253,935	$253,935	$253,935

364.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.*

State General Funds	$7,977	$7,977	$7,977

364.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	$9,992	$9,992	$9,992

364.4 *Increase funds to address rising costs of healthcare.*

State General Funds		$1,022,755	$1,022,755

364.1000 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,375,353	$15,398,108	$15,398,108
State General Funds	$14,375,353	$15,398,108	$15,398,108
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,969,268	$41,992,023	$41,992,023

Veterans Benefits **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,082,918	$9,082,918	$9,082,918
State General Funds	$9,082,918	$9,082,918	$9,082,918
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,836,844	$9,836,844	$9,836,844

365.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$325,074	$325,074	$325,074

365.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$24,360	$24,360	$24,360

365.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$56,715	$56,715	$56,715

365.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$31,918	$31,918	$31,918

365.5 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$989	$989	$989

365.6 *Increase funds for two positions and associated costs for the new Houston County Clinic.*

State General Funds	$135,597	$135,597	$135,597

365.7 *Reduce funds for vacancies and reduced travel and training costs.*

State General Funds	($94,328)	$0	$0

365.8 *Increase funds for a coordinator specializing in providing services to veterans experiencing homelessness.*

State General Funds		$121,250	$121,250

365.1000 Veterans Benefits **Appropriation (HB 916)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,563,243	$9,778,821	$9,778,821
State General Funds	$9,563,243	$9,778,821	$9,778,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,317,169	$10,532,747	$10,532,747

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,138,440	$21,138,440	$21,138,440
State General Funds	$21,138,440	$21,138,440	$21,138,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,512,272	$21,512,272	$21,512,272

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
State General Funds	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,149,322	$22,149,322	$22,149,322

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,705,989	$14,705,989	$14,705,989
State General Funds	$14,705,989	$14,705,989	$14,705,989
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,014,342	$15,014,342	$15,014,342

366.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$402,977	$402,977	$402,977

366.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance*

programs.

State General Funds	$25,938	$25,938	$25,938

366.3 *Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	$20,114	$20,114	$20,114

366.1000 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018
State General Funds	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,463,371	$15,463,371	$15,463,371

Board Administration (SBWC)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,432,451	$6,432,451	$6,432,451
State General Funds	$6,432,451	$6,432,451	$6,432,451
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,497,930	$6,497,930	$6,497,930

367.1 *Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*

State General Funds	$91,474	$91,474	$91,474

367.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,273	$7,273	$7,273

367.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.*

State General Funds	$87,590	$87,590	$87,590

367.4 *Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.*

State General Funds	$1,684	$1,684	$1,684

367.1000 Board Administration (SBWC)			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
State General Funds	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,951	$6,685,951	$6,685,951

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$820,538,685	$786,503,687	$842,457,061
State General Funds	$820,538,685	$786,503,687	$842,457,061
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$820,538,685	$786,503,687	$842,457,061

Capital Projects Fund		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

368.1 *Transfer funds from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission Capital Projects Fund program to reflect savings associated with favorable rates received in recent bond sales to be used for defeasance of existing debt obligations and other state capital needs.*

State General Funds	$72,671,938	$30,788,935	$64,176,809

368.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide. [Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$25,470,000	$25,470,000	$25,470,000

368.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide. [Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$22,195,000	$21,187,020	$21,187,020

368.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. [Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$182,080,000	$181,762,692	$181,762,692

368.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction, statewide. [Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$6,905,000	$6,905,000	$6,905,000

368.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase vocational ($6,048,575) and agriculture education equipment ($1,271,567), statewide)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide) [Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$10,960,000	$7,320,142	$10,656,142

368.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs and renovations for state schools, statewide. [Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$7,075,000	$7,075,000	$7,075,000

368.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase school buses, statewide. [Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

368.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Bywaters, Founders, and Lyons renovations, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Peach County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,100,000	$0	$0

368.10 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for phase three of Technology Square, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$10,100,000	$0	$0

368.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for the Research Tower, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Fulton County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,100,000	$0	$0

368.12 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Interdisciplinary STEM Building, Kennesaw State University, Marietta, Cobb County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$6,200,000	$0	$0

368.13 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for Phase II of the Science and Ag Hill Modernization project, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$4,700,000	$0	$0

368.14 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction for renovation of Billy C Black Building, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$8,700,000	$8,700,000	$8,700,000

368.15 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Nursing and Health Science Addition, College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, Glynn County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$13,000,000	$13,000,000	$13,000,000

368.16 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Herty Hall Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. (H and S:Recognize $11,000,000 appropriated in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session) to reflect completion of project funding) [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	$5,500,000

368.17 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Eastman Campus Extension, Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County. (H and S:Recognize $10,670,000 appropriated in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session) to reflect completion of project funding) [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,335,000	$5,335,000	$5,335,000

368.18 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Pafford Building Renovation, University of West Georgia, Carrollton,*

Carroll County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]

State General Funds	$4,800,000	$9,600,000	$14,400,000

368.19 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction of the Science and Ag Hill Modernization, Infrastructure Upgrades 2, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$8,500,000	$8,500,000	$8,500,000

368.20 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design for the Science and Ag Hill Modernization Phase III - Poultry Science Building Renovation, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000

368.21 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design, construction, and equipment for the partial renovation of the Davidson Student Center, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$4,800,000	$4,800,000	$4,800,000

368.22 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction to upgrade the primary electrical distribution system, East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, Emanuel County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,700,000	$2,700,000	$2,700,000

368.23 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction for renovations to the interdisciplinary research building, Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

368.24 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction for the replacement of two chillers at the 10th Street Chiller Plant, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

368.25 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design and construction for a campus-wide renewal of HVAC and electrical systems, Gordon State College, Barnesville, Lamar County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

368.26 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design, construction, and equipment for the renovation of the College of Business Building, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County. [University System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

368.27 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for the Georgia Research Alliance, statewide. (H and S:Reflect $2,000,000 in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [Georgia Research Alliance]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

368.28 *Increase funds for one-time funding to repair roof of College Academic Building (Boylan and Miller Hall) - Phase III, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds	$112,000	$112,000	$112,000

368.29 *Increase funds for one-time funding for exterior stucco repair for College Academic Buildings, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds	$67,200	$67,200	$67,200

368.30 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for Wilder Hall, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds	$817,116	$0	$0

368.31 *Increase funds for one-time funding for system-wide equipment refresh, statewide. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$5,475,000	$5,475,000	$5,475,000

368.32 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for a new Georgia industrial systems and industrial robotics training center at Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Bulloch County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$3,580,000	$3,580,000	$3,580,000

368.33 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for Walton County Campus Renovations, Phase 1 at Athens Technical College, Monroe, Walton County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$9,875,000	$9,875,000	$9,875,000

368.34 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the Robotics, Automation, Advanced Manufacturing and Economic Development (RAAME) Center renovation at Southern Crescent Technical College, Griffin, Spalding County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$2,675,000	$2,675,000	$2,675,000

368.35 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for new transportation and logistics training center at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta, Lowndes County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$8,950,000	$0	$0

368.36 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for trade-industry buildings renovation at Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, Bibb County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$17,550,000	$17,550,000	$17,550,000

368.37 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for industrial technologies renovation at Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome, Floyd County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$16,990,000	$16,990,000	$16,990,000

368.38 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for advanced technology renovation at Lanier Technical College, Cumming, Forsyth County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$6,745,000	$6,745,000	$6,745,000

368.39 *Increase funds for one-time funding for hospital campus urgent and significant needs prioritized according to the GSFIC Campus Survey, statewide. (H and S:Increase funds for one-time funding to construct the Treatment Mall at East Central Regional Hospital, Augusta, Richmond County ($8,000,000) and renovate the Boland Building, Milledgeville, Baldwin County ($750,000) for hurricane evacuations) [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities]*

State General Funds	$8,750,000	$8,750,000	$8,750,000

368.40 *Increase funds for one-time funding for hospital vehicle replacements, statewide. [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities]*

State General Funds	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000

368.41 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs and renovations at Roosevelt Warm Springs, Meriwether County. [Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

368.42 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Georgia Industries for the Blind Pillow Tick Machine replacement. [Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency]*

State General Funds	$130,000	$130,000	$130,000

368.43 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility improvement and repairs, Georgia War Veterans Homes, Milledgeville and Augusta, Baldwin and Richmond Counties. [Department of Veterans Services]*

State General Funds	$3,155,000	$3,155,000	$3,155,000

368.44 *Increase funds for one-time funding for HVAC and Generator replacements at state labs and district offices, statewide. [Department of Public Health]*

State General Funds	$775,000	$775,000	$775,000

368.45 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility improvements and security and HVAC equipment, statewide. [Department of*

Human Services]

State General Funds	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000

368.46 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 111 vehicles, statewide. [Department of Community Supervision]*

State General Funds	$5,790,000	$5,790,000	$5,790,000

368.47 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 218 vehicles, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$10,020,000	$10,020,000	$10,020,000

368.48 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 10 buses, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$1,630,000	$1,630,000	$1,630,000

368.49 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs, maintenance and sustainment, statewide. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

368.50 *Increase funds for one-time funding for site improvements and renovations for the readiness centers, statewide. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000

368.51 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Medical Examiner Annex Addition, Decatur, DeKalb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$40,100,000	$40,100,000	$40,100,000

368.52 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major facility maintenance, repairs and renovations, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$2,200,000	$2,200,000	$2,200,000

368.53 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional design fees for a 56-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

368.54 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional design fees for a 48-bed facility expansion, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

368.55 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of 48-bed facility expansion, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$52,000,000	$52,000,000	$52,000,000

368.56 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repair and renovation, statewide. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$2,300,000	$2,300,000	$2,300,000

368.57 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 106 vehicles, statewide. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$10,825,000	$10,825,000	$10,825,000

368.58 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$1,405,000	$1,405,000	$1,405,000

368.59 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction and equipment for a new State Patrol facility for post 21, Sylvania, Screven County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$2,285,000	$2,285,000	$2,285,000

368.60 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional funds to complete the Oconee Post, Oconee County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$485,000	$485,000	$485,000

368.61 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace water distribution line in main academic building, Forsyth, Monroe County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$1,145,000	$0	$0

368.62 *Increase funds for one-time funding for installation of fire alarm control panels in three separate buildings, Forsyth, Monroe County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$165,000	$0	$0

368.63 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of four training buildings, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$1,080,000	$1,080,000	$1,080,000

368.64 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of rifle range, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$1,030,000	$1,030,000	$1,030,000

368.65 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace five vehicles, statewide. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$300,000	$0	$0

368.66 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs, Forsyth, Monroe County. (H and S:NO; Reflect funding in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session)) [Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$280,000	$0	$0

368.67 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility maintenance and renovations, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

368.68 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Central Complex repairs and renovations, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Department of Labor]*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

368.69 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 10 vehicles for the Prosecution Division, statewide. [Department of Law]*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000

368.70 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and renovation of Agriculture Building, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia Building Authority]*

State General Funds	$4,470,500	$4,470,500	$4,470,500

368.71 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase lab equipment at Tifton Lab, Tifton, Tift County. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$1,014,674	$1,014,674	$1,014,674

368.72 *Increase funds for one-time funding for chiller and generator replacement at Tifton Lab, Tifton, Tift County. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

368.73 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of new goat, sheep, and swine barn, Perry, Houston County. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of new goat, sheep, and swine barn and MRR including roof repair and RV site expansion, Perry, Houston County)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of new goat, sheep, and swine barn, Perry, Houston County) [Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority]*

State General Funds	$21,540,000	$22,170,000	$21,540,000

368.74 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the state match for the federal Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Programs, statewide. [Georgia Environmental Finance Authority]*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

368.75 *Increase funds for one-time funding for planning, design, and construction for new multi-county unit office, Thomson, McDuffie*

County. [State Forestry Commission]

State General Funds	$2,338,300	$2,338,300	$2,338,300

368.76 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$1,013,680	$1,013,680	$1,013,680

368.77 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace vehicles and equipment, statewide. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$1,152,840	$1,152,840	$1,152,840

368.78 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$17,863,412	$18,915,412	$18,915,412

368.79 *Increase funds for one-time funding for parks and wildlife Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

368.80 *Increase funds for one-time funding for new construction at state parks and wildlife resources sites, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000

368.81 *Increase funds for one-time funding for vehicle replacement and lab equipment, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$3,310,000	$3,310,000	$3,310,000

368.82 *Increase funds for one-time funding for land acquisition of Dawson - Paulding Forest, various locations. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

368.83 *Increase funds for one-time funding for maintenance and repair funding, Jekyll Island, Glynn County. [Jekyll Island State Park Authority]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

368.84 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Memorial Hall Building renovation project, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County. [Stone Mountain Memorial Association]*

State General Funds	$4,235,000	$4,235,000	$4,235,000

368.85 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Top of Mountain Building renovation project, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County. [Stone*

Mountain Memorial Association]

State General Funds	$3,217,025	$3,217,025	$3,217,025

368.86 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Education Center chiller project renovation, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County. [Stone Mountain Memorial Association]*

State General Funds	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000

368.87 *Increase funds for one-time funding for escalator equipment modernization Building C, Atlanta, Fulton County. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding for elevator and escalator equipment modernization Building C, Atlanta, Fulton County)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for elevator and escalator equipment modernization and use other funds for parking deck elevator repair and replacement, Atlanta, Fulton County) [Georgia World Congress Center Authority]*

State General Funds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

368.88 *Increase funds for one-time funding for land acquisition and design for a new 56-bed facility, Gwinnett County. [Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$3,800,000	$3,800,000	$3,800,000

368.89 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of Skiles and ISyE Main Building Renovation, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$5,000,000

368.90 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$500,000	$500,000

368.91 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of the Natural Science Lab Replacement, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Sumter County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$800,000	$800,000

368.92 *Increase funds for one-time funding for partial renovation of the Fine Arts Building, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$2,500,000

368.93 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of HVAC Renewal, Savannah State University, Savannah, Chatham County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$5,000,000	$5,000,000

368.94 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovation of Chambliss Hall, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Tift County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,700,000 $2,900,000

368.95 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovation of Lakeview Nursing and Dental, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Floyd County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $450,000 $450,000

368.96 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction for major repairs and renovations, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds $1,777,600 $1,777,600

368.97 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the Middle Georgia STEM Academy, Houston County. [Department of Education]*

State General Funds $2,500,000 $5,000,000

368.98 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Tybee Island beach restoration. (S:YES; Reflect funding in Department of Natural Resources) [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds $2,000,000 $0

368.99 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs and renovations, statewide. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,500,000 $3,000,000

368.100 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovation of Douglas-Coffee County Library, Satilla Regional Library System, Douglas, Coffee County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $450,000 $900,000

368.101 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovation of the Cedartown Library, Sara Hightower Library System, Cedartown, Polk County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $450,000 $450,000

368.102 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovation of the Dawson County Public Library, Chestatee Regional Library System, Dawsonville, Dawson County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $302,000 $250,000

368.103 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovation of Westtown Library, Dougherty County Library System, Albany,*

Dougherty County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]

State General Funds $450,000 $250,000

368.104 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Technology Grants to Public Libraries, statewide. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,000,000 $2,000,000

368.105 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of Building A HVAC, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $5,366,667 $5,366,667

368.106 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Mark Ivester Center, North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville, Habersham County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $1,625,000 $1,625,000

368.107 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the Jack Hill Conference Center, Savannah Technical College, Rincon, Effingham County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $8,000,000 $8,000,000

368.108 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Whitfield Murray Campus, Dalton, Whitfield County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $5,525,000 $5,525,000

368.109 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of Center for Advanced Manufacturing, Columbus Technical College, Columbus, Muscogee County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $1,825,000 $1,825,000

368.110 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of Hank Aaron Academic Complex, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $1,009,500 $1,009,500

368.111 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of New Health Science Building, Coastal Pines Technical College, Jesup, Wayne County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds $647,500 $1,295,000

368.112 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of the expansion of the Hugh M. Gillis Regional Medical Technology*

Center, Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Toombs County. [Technical College System of Georgia]

State General Funds $310,000 $310,000

368.113 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repair and renovations, modernization and automation for the Department of Labor, statewide. [Department of Labor]*

State General Funds $4,000,000

368.114 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovation of Appleby Branch Library, Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System, Augusta, Richmond County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $900,000

368.115 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Morgan County Library, Azalea Regional Library System, Madison, Morgan County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,114,000

368.116 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of Cleveland-White County Public Library, Northeast Georgia Regional Library System, Cleveland, White County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,500,000

368.999 ***SAC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*
***Governor**: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.*

State General Funds $0 $0 $0

368.1000 Capital Projects Fund			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$820,538,685	$786,503,687	$842,457,061
State General Funds	$820,538,685	$786,503,687	$842,457,061
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$820,538,685	$786,503,687	$842,457,061

Section 51: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,255,377,796	$1,255,377,796	$1,255,377,796
State General Funds	$1,146,177,998	$1,146,177,998	$1,146,177,998
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,272,224,384	$1,272,224,384	$1,272,224,384

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,348,068,982	$1,271,608,326	$1,196,212,290
State General Funds	$1,235,380,216	$1,156,671,609	$1,081,275,573
State Motor Fuel Funds	$112,688,766	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,364,915,570	$1,288,454,914	$1,213,058,878

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,174,236,970	$1,174,236,970	$1,174,236,970
State General Funds	$1,065,037,172	$1,065,037,172	$1,065,037,172
State Motor Fuel Funds	$109,199,798	$109,199,798	$109,199,798
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,191,083,558	$1,191,083,558	$1,191,083,558

369.1 *Transfer funds from the General Obligation Bonds - New program to the General Obligation Bonds - Issued program to reflect the issuance of new bonds.*

State General Funds	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826

369.2 *Increase funds for debt service on road and bridge issued bonds.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,488,968	$5,736,919	$5,736,919

369.3 *Transfer funds from the General Obligation Bonds - Issued program to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission*

Capital Projects Fund program to reflect savings associated with favorable rates received in recent bond sales to be used for defeasance of existing debt obligations and other state capital needs.

State General Funds	($72,671,938)	($61,577,869)	($61,577,869)

369.4 *Increase funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	$161,874,156	$75,396,036	$0

369.5 *Redirect $12,465,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2023 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB911, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

369.6 *Redirect $150,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB81, Bond 353.103) to be used for the FY2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

369.7 *Redirect $2,840,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB793, Bond #3) to be used for the FY2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

369.8 *Redirect $4,689,074 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2020 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB31, Bond 355.101) to be used for the FY2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

369.9 *Redirect $6,858,347 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2019 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB684, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

369.10 *Redirect $500 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2019 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB684, Bond #3) to be used for the FY2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

369.11 *Redirect $658,807 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2018 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB44, Bond 348.101) to be used for the FY2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

369.12 *Reduce funds to recognize prepayment of debt service in the Amended FY2024 budget (HB915, 2024 Session).*

State General Funds		($3,324,556)	($3,324,556)

369.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued			**Appropriation (HB 916)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,348,068,982	$1,271,608,326	$1,196,212,290
State General Funds	$1,235,380,216	$1,156,671,609	$1,081,275,573
State Motor Fuel Funds	$112,688,766	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,846,588	$16,846,588	$16,846,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,364,915,570	$1,288,454,914	$1,213,058,878
General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826
State General Funds	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,140,826	$81,140,826	$81,140,826

Total Debt Service

Total Amount

State General Funds

Total Principal Amount

Total Amount

State General Funds

370.1 *Transfer funds from the General Obligation Bonds New program to the General Obligation Bonds Issued program to reflect the issuance of new bonds.*

State General Funds	($81,140,826)	($81,140,826)	($81,140,826)

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) A general cost-of-living adjustment of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

2.) In lieu of other numbered items, (a) to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment authorized by O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) for each state officer whose salary is set by Code Sections 45-7-4(a), in an amount of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, per year as determined by the Office of Planning and Budget according to O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), with members of the General Assembly subject to the further provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) as to amount and effective date; (b) To provide for increases of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000, for other department heads and officers whose salary is not set by statute; (c) Subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), the amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

3.) In lieu of other numbered items, (a) to provide for a $2,500 increase across the state salary schedule of the State Board of Education through a $2,500 increase in the state base salary. This proposed $2,500 salary improvement is in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This Item includes as well, and without limitation, teachers and administrators in state agencies whose

salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of September 1, 2024;

(b) To provide for a 4.1% increase in funding for salaries for all local nutrition workers; a 4.1% increase in the state base salary for local school bus drivers; a 4.1% increase for school nurses; and a 4.1% increase for Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) employees. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

4.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,500 salary increase for teachers and assistant teachers within the Department of Early Care and Learning. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

5.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and non-academic personnel of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed $3,000 per employee, for public librarians funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above and administered by the Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

7.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

8.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for a supplementary $3,000 targeted salary adjustment for selected POST certified law enforcement officers in the programs stated above to address employee retention needs in Judicial Qualifications Commission, Prosecuting Attorneys, Department of Agriculture, Department of Community Health, Georgia Drug and Narcotics Agency, Georgia Composite Medical Board, Department of Community Supervision, Department of Corrections, Department of Driver Services, State Forestry Commission, Office of the State Inspector General, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, Office of the Commissioner on Insurance and Safety Fire, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Law, Department of Natural Resources, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Department of Public Safety, Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Department of Revenue, Office of the Secretary of State, Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, Department of Transportation, and State Board of Workers' Compensation. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

9.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for certain employees in the job titles and programs stated above to address employee retention needs in Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Finance, Department of Community Health, and Department of Human Services. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

10.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for certain employees in the job titles and programs stated above to address employee retention needs in Court of Appeals, Georgia State-wide Business Court, Superior Court, and Supreme Court. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of June 1, 2025.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number that has a 1000 or a higher number after the decimal and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. For authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51, the indented, bold-faced paragraphs following each Bond number are the lowest level of detail and constitute appropriations in accordance with Article VII, Section IV, Paragraph III(a)(1) of the Georgia Constitution. The caption above the Bond number, the light-faced text immediately following the Bond number before The bold-faced text, and the light-faced after the boldfaced text are information only.

Similarly, text in a group of lines that has a number less than 1000 after the decimal (001 through 999) is not part of a statement of purpose but constitutes information as to how the appropriation was derived. Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total IntraState Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. The blocks of text and numerals immediately following the section header and beginning with the phrases, "Section Total - Continuation" and "Section Totals - Final" are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54, and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex
Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of

Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

Part II: Effective Date
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

HB 916, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 517. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse

under defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to provide for immunity from certain criminal prosecutions against law enforcement officers whose threat or use of force is justified or otherwise lawful; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding defenses to tort actions, so as to provide for immunity from civil liability against law enforcement officers whose threat or use of force is justified or otherwise lawful; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 83. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Strickland of the 17th, Jones II of the 22nd and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to stalking, so as to revise the eligibility for restraining orders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 344. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories during an 11 day period each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 497. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Esteves of the 6th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to redesignate the High-demand Career Initiatives Program as the High Demand Apprenticeship Program; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a repealer; to amend Code Section 20-2-161.4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and termination, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

At 1:18 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand at ease until 2:00 p.m.

At 2:16 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 946. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th, Cox of the 28th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to revise requirements for intergovernmental agreements between counties and qualified municipalities for collection of such tax; to provide for standards for disbursement of proceeds for municipalities absent from an intergovernmental agreement; to revise the maximum amount and time frame for the collection of such tax when an intergovernmental agreement has been entered into between a county and all qualified municipalities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Echols of the 49th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Y Rahman
Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 42, nays 1.

HB 946, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/26/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 946. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Islam Parkes of the 7th

3/26/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 946. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 24th

The President recognized First Lady of the House of Representatives, Dayle Burns.

Senator Watson of the 1st asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 1341. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, DeLoach of the 167th, Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

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

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The consent was granted, and HB 1341 was taken from the Table.

The President asked that Senate Rule 6-3.5 (b) be suspended and HB 1341, having been

taken from the Table, be placed at the top of the Senate Rules Calendar. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 1341. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, DeLoach of the 167th, Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

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

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 1341, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

March 26, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1341. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 992. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Ballard of the 147th, Williams of the 148th and Dickey of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fourth judge of the superior courts of the Houston Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authorities of the counties comprising the Houston Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler

Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 992, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 993. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Smith of the 18th, Ridley of the 6th, McCollum of the 30th, Collins of the 71st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses related to minors generally, so as to provide for the offense of grooming a minor for indecent purposes; to provide for a definition; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 993:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses related to minors generally, so as to provide for limitations of defense that a sexually exploitive visual medium is digitally altered for the offense of sexual exploitation of children; to provide for the offense of grooming a minor; to provide for definitions; to provide for a penalty; to prohibit a certain defense; to provide for venue for certain conduct involving a minor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses related to minors generally, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-12-100, relating to sexual exploitation of children, reporting violation, civil forfeiture, and penalties, to read as follows:

"(b.2) It shall not constitute a defense in a prosecution for a violation of this Code section that prior to or during the accused's creation, reproduction, publishing, promotion, selling, distributing, giving, exhibiting, possessing with the intent to sell or distribute, bringing or causing to be brought into this state, or possession or control of such visual medium that such visual medium was created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-12-100.5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Computer' has the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-9-92.

(2) 'Electronic device' has the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-12-100.2.

(3) 'Minor' means any person under the age of 18 years.

(4) 'Pattern of conduct or communication' means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose.

(5) 'Sexual offense' has the same meaning as provided in Code Section 17-10-6.2.

(6) 'Sexual servitude' has the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-5-46.

(b) A person over the age of 18 and no less than 48 months older than the alleged victim commits the offense of grooming of a minor when such person knowingly and intentionally engages in a pattern of conduct or communication in person; through a third party; through the use of an electronic device, a computer, social media, or text messages; or by any other means to gain access to, to gain the compliance of, to prepare, to persuade, to induce, or to coerce a minor to engage in a sexual offense or trafficking of persons for sexual servitude.

(c) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years.

(d) It shall not be a defense to prosecution under this Code section that no sexual offense or trafficking of persons for sexual servitude was accomplished or attempted.

(e) A person shall be subject to prosecution in this state pursuant to Code Section 17-2-1 for any conduct made unlawful by this Code section which the person engages in while:

(1) Either within or outside of this state if such conduct involves a minor who resides in this state or another person believed by such person to be a minor residing in this state; or

(2) Within this state if such conduct involves a minor who resides within or outside this state or another person believed by such person to be a minor residing within or outside this state."

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 993, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/26/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 993. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Merritt of the 9th

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 366. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th, Dolezal of the 27th, Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to revise provisions related to the adoption and contents of general appropriations bills; to revise provisions for certain economic analyses; to revise the legislative review of taxation; to provide a definition; to establish the Joint Committee on Taxation and Economic Development; to provide for membership, officers, meetings, authority, reports, cooperation, and expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 366:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to revise provisions related to the adoption of general appropriations bills; to require the Governor's budget report to be provided to each member; to revise provisions for certain economic analyses; to revise the legislative review of taxation; to provide for annual meetings; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tax Expenditures Transparency Act of 2024."

SECTION 2.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by revising Code Section 28-5-4, relating to consideration of general appropriations bill, as follows:

"28-5-4.

(a) The general appropriations bill shall be referred by the Speaker to the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. In the event such bill is reported out of the Appropriations Committee as 'do pass by substitute' or 'do pass as amended,' neither the

committee of the whole nor the House of Representatives shall consider the bill until at least 24 hours after the substitute or the amendments, as the case may be, have been printed and placed on the desk of each member.

(b) The general appropriations bill, upon its first reading in the Senate, shall be referred by the President of the Senate to the Appropriations Committee of the Senate. In the event such bill is reported out of the Appropriations Committee as 'do pass by substitute' or 'do pass as amended,' neither the committee of the whole nor the Senate shall consider the bill until at least 24 hours after the substitute or the amendments, as the case may be, have been printed and placed on the desk of each member.

(c) Upon receipt of the Governor's budget report as provided for in Code Section 45-12-75, the House Budget and Research Office and Senate Budget and Evaluation Office shall make available to each member of such office's respective chamber the Governor's budget report, including:

(1) A list of all then-existing revenue sources;

(2) The net amount of revenue expected to be generated by each such revenue source and available for appropriation by the General Assembly in the fiscal year; and

(3) A summary of the tax expenditure review provided to the General Assembly as part of the Governor's budget report pursuant to paragraph (8) of Code Section 45-12-75. Such summary shall include, for each tax expenditure item, a brief description of the expenditure, the amount of tax revenue projected to be forgone in the fiscal year as a result of the expenditure, and a citation of the statutory or other legal authority for the expenditure."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 28-5-41.1, relating to economic analysis of certain tax benefits of law or proposed law and analysis on performance and outcomes of Code Section 33-1-25, as follows:

"28-5-41.1.

~~(a) An economic analysis shall include, but not be limited to, a good faith estimate as a result of the law or proposed law, on an annual basis for five years thereafter, of the following, on both a direct and indirect basis:~~

~~(1) Net change in state revenue;~~

~~(2) Net change in state expenditures, which shall include, but not be limited to, costs of administering the bill;~~

~~(3) Net change in economic activity; and~~

~~(4) If applicable, any net change in public benefit.~~

~~(b)~~(a)(1) Each year, the Department of Audits and Accounts shall cause the completion of at least 12 economic analyses pursuant to this Code section to be determined as follows:

(A) An analysis for any income tax credit or sales and use tax exemption that will sunset or be repealed by operation of law within two years from July 1 of the year during which the economic analyses are to be conducted and that have an expenditure of more than $20 million as reported in the most recent tax expenditure review, as

provided for in paragraph (8) of Code Section 45-12-75. If more than 12 such credits or exemptions meet such criteria, then the first 12 that are set to sunset or be repealed shall be selected in chronological order; and

(B) If the total number of analyses required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is fewer than 12, ~~On or before May 1 of each year,~~ the chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee may each request ~~up to five~~ one-half of the remaining number of economic analyses, which requests shall be transmitted to the Department of Audits and Accounts by April 15 of each year. In the event that the number of remaining economic analyses is an odd number, such number shall be increased by one, ensuring that each chairperson has an equal number of requests available.

(2) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall post on its public website the list of analyses to be conducted each year and provide a mechanism for intended beneficiaries or representatives to provide information that may be beneficial to the analyses. The Department of Audits and Accounts shall share such information with the independent auditors conducting the relevant analysis, and the Department of Audits and Accounts and such independent auditors may use such information in such analysis.

(3) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall contract with one or more independent auditors to complete all such analyses on or before ~~December 1~~ November 15 of the year in which such analysis was required or requested.

(4) Each such ~~request~~ economic analysis shall be limited to one existing provision of law or proposed law and shall specify one particular exemption, exclusion, or deduction from the base of a tax; credit against a tax; deferral of a tax; ~~a~~ rebate of taxes paid; tax abatement; or preferential tax rate to be analyzed.

(b) An economic analysis conducted pursuant to this Code section shall include the following:

(1) An analysis considering whether the provision is accomplishing its stated or implied purpose, intent, or goal;

(2) A good faith estimate, on an annual basis for the following five years, of the net changes to state revenue, state expenditures, and economic activity. When appropriate, the net changes shall include direct, indirect, and induced impacts;

(3) A comparison to similar provisions provided by other states;

(4) An assessment of the extent to which modifying or terminating the provision would affect the beneficiaries and the state economy;

(5) If possible, a description of the ancillary impacts of the business activity attributable to the provision, which may include, but not be limited to, those on public safety, education, and infrastructure; and

(6) Any recommendations for improving the state's return on investment from the provision being studied.

(c) Copies of each completed economic analysis shall be provided to the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office.

(d) If a fiscal note is requested pursuant to Code Section 28-5-42 and a relevant economic analysis has been conducted within one year of such request, the Office of Planning and

Budget may prepare a summary of such economic analysis and attach it with the requested fiscal note.

~~(e) An economic analysis shall be conducted on the performance and outcomes of Code Section 33-1-25, which shall be completed by December 1, 2021.~~"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Chapter 12, relating to legislative review of taxation, as follows:

"CHAPTER 12

28-12-1.

~~On or before May 1, 2023, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Committee on Finance shall jointly undertake a thorough review of any and all state tax credits, deductions, and exemptions. No later than December 1, 2023, said committees shall submit a report of their findings and recommendations to the presiding officers of their respective chambers.~~ On or before January 31 of each year, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee shall meet to review all economic analyses completed pursuant to Code Section 28-5-41.1 in the prior year."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 366.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 366.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 1122. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Ballard of the 147th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary and elementary education, so as to provide for funding requirements to apply to local education agencies; to provide for one superintendent for each state charter school; to provide for funding for local and state charter school principals; to increase opportunities for students to attend and be enrolled in the public schools where their parents or guardians are employed, including charter schools, regardless of school attendance zone or school system residency; to limit the application of certain state charter school conflict of interest provisions to executive-level employees, rather than all employees, of local boards of education or local school systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 285. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th, Williams of the 148th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in

alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has disagreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 916. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment, to the House substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 464. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to establish the School Supplies for Teachers Program, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the availability of other funds for such purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

HB 514. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Bazemore of the 69th, Reeves of the 99th, Lim of the 98th, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures, so as to provide for the length and renewal of moratoriums related to zoning decisions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide procedures for the levy, collection, use, and waiver of fees related to zoning decisions and related permits; to revise notice and hearing requirements for certain zoning decisions; to provide a short title; to

provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on HB 514 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to HB 514 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
/s/ Senator Beach of the 21st	/s/ Representative Washburn of the 144th
/s/ Senator Brass of the 28th	/s/ Representative LaHood of the 175th
/s/ Senator Dixon of the 45th	

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO HB 514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures, so as to provide for the length and renewal of certain moratoriums related to zoning decisions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide procedures for the levy, collection, use, and waiver of fees related to zoning decisions and related permits; to revise notice and hearing requirements for certain zoning decisions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Housing Regulation Transparency Act."

SECTION 2.
Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures, is amended in Code Section 36-66-4, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and procedure on zoning, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(i)(1) An ordinance or resolution that would result in the enactment of a temporary moratorium on one or more types of zoning decisions associated with property proposed to be used or developed for residential purposes or on the issuance or approval of one or more types of permits associated with property proposed to be used or

developed for residential purposes shall only be valid for a period of 180 days or less. No such moratorium shall be continued or renewed beyond 180 days, and a new moratorium over the same type or types of zoning decisions or permits may only be enacted if more than 180 days have elapsed from the termination date of an earlier moratorium.

(2) The limitation on temporary moratoriums set forth in this subsection shall not apply to any temporary moratorium that is adopted after the local government adopting the ordinance or resolution finds the adoption thereof is a necessary and proper response to any of the following:

(A) A state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority;

(B) A natural disaster;

(C) Any set of conditions or circumstances that poses a danger to the health or safety of any person or property;

(D) The order of any federal, state, or local agency or court with jurisdiction over the local government; or

(E) The local government has engaged a professional third-party contractor or in-house planner to conduct specific engineering, infrastructure, utility, future land use plans, or environmental studies relating to public utilities, works, or services to be supplied in whole or in part by the local government and such studies cannot be completed in the time provided in the temporary moratorium; provided, however, that any extension of such moratorium shall lapse upon the completion of such studies and any recommendations of such studies.

(j)(1) The General Assembly finds that an equitable program for financing the development and enforcement of local planning, land use, and zoning ordinances is necessary in order to promote and accommodate orderly growth and development and to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the State of Georgia.

(2) Local governments are authorized to levy and collect application, review, and other fees associated with the exercise of their zoning powers and the issuance of permits related to the exercise of such powers. All such fees for a local government shall be provided for in the local government's zoning ordinances. The proceeds of such fees shall be used to fund the administration and enforcement of zoning ordinances and not the general operations of the local government, provided that the local government shall not be required to establish separate accounts for such proceeds.

(3) Local governments are authorized to abate, exempt, or waive any fees authorized pursuant to this subsection that relate to zoning decisions and related permits for single-family housing developments or projects when the residential units associated with such development or project consist of single-family houses with less than 2,500 square feet of conditioned space per unit, provided that such development or project is consistent with the local government's comprehensive plan."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 36-66-5, relating to adoption of hearing policies and procedures and standards for exercise of zoning power, as follows:

"(c) The policies and procedures required by subsection (a) of this Code section and the adoption of standards required by subsection (b) and permitted by subsection (b.1) of this Code section shall be included in and adopted as part of the zoning ordinance. Prior to the adoption of any zoning ~~ordinance~~ decision under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (4) of Code Section 36-66-3 enacted on or after July 1, ~~2022~~ 2024, a local government shall conduct a public hearing on a proposed action which may be advertised and held concurrent with the hearing required by subsection (a) of Code Section 36-66-4 for the adoption of a zoning ordinance. The provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-66-4 relating to notices of public hearings for the purposes of that subsection shall also apply to public hearings required by this subsection."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that the Report of the Committee of Conference on HB 514 be recommitted and the Committee renew its conference with the House of Representatives and prepare a new report.

There was no objection, and the consent was granted; the Report of the Committee of Conference on HB 514 was recommitted, and the Committee was instructed to renew its conference with the House of Representatives.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 240. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise the minimum and maximum allowable benefit multiplier for current and future retirees; to require certain social security coverage for all employees of a political subdivision who are members of the Public School Employees Retirement System; to prohibit the approval of certain plans; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Walker III of the 20th asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment to the House substitute to SB 240.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its amendment to the House substitute to SB 240.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 433. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for nonprofit corporations, so as to enact the "Donor Intent Protection Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to prohibit charitable organizations from violating the terms of charitable contributions made with donor imposed restrictions, subject to exceptions; to provide for a cause of action; to provide for a limitations period; to provide for venue; to provide for remedies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 433:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for nonprofit corporations, so as to enact the "Donor Intent Protection Act"; to provide for definitions; to prohibit charitable organizations and charitable trusts from violating the terms of charitable contributions made with donor imposed restrictions, subject to exceptions; to provide for a cause of action; to provide for a limitations period; to provide for venue; to provide for remedies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for nonprofit corporations, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 8

14-3-190.
This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Donor Intent Protection Act.'

14-3-191.
As used in this part, the term:
(1) 'Charitable organization' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 14-3-140, provided that such organization is recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
(2) 'Charitable trust' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 53-12-170.
(3) 'Donor' means an individual or entity who has made a contribution of property or money to either an existing endowment fund a new endowment fund of a charitable organization or of a charitable trust pursuant to the terms of an endowment agreement that may include donor imposed restrictions or conditions governing the use of the contribution.
(4) 'Donor imposed restriction' means a provision of an endowment agreement that specifies obligations of the charitable organization or of the charitable trust regarding the management or use of the contribution made by the donor.
(5) 'Endowment agreement' means a written agreement between a charitable organization and a donor or of a charitable trust and a donor regarding the contribution made by the donor and accepted by the charitable organization or the charitable trust which may include donor imposed restrictions or other conditions governing the use of the contribution.
(6) 'Endowment fund' means an institutional fund, including any aggregate institutional fund or part thereof, that under the terms of a gift instrument is not wholly expendable by the institution on a current basis; provided, however, that such term does not include assets that an institution designates as an endowment fund for its own use.
(7) 'Gift instrument' means a record, including an institutional solicitation, under which property is granted to, transferred to, or held by an institution as an institutional fund.
(8) 'Lineal descendants' means a donor's children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren.

14-3-192.
(a) Except as required or authorized by federal or state law or a valid court order, a charitable organization or a charitable trust that accepts a contribution of property or money pursuant to an endowment agreement containing a donor imposed restriction shall not violate the terms of such restriction without potential penalty.
(b) If a charitable organization or a charitable trust violates a donor imposed restriction contained in an endowment agreement, the donor, that donor's lineal descendants, or the donor's legal representative may bring a civil action within four years after discovery of a breach of the endowment agreement. Such civil action may be filed in the county where

a charitable organization or a charitable trust named as a party has its principal office or principal place of carrying out its charitable purpose. Such civil action may be filed regardless of whether the endowment agreement expressly reserves a right to sue or enforce, and it shall not seek a judgment awarding damages to the plaintiff. In the event no legal representative was named by the donor, the donor's lineal descendants may bring a civil action.

(c) A charitable organization or a charitable trust may obtain a judicial declaration of rights as to the terms of an endowment agreement, including any donor imposed restrictions, and the actions the agreement contemplates, including but not limited to the interpretation, performance, and enforcement of the agreement and determination of its validity. A charitable organization or a charitable trust may do so by bringing a civil action and shall seek such declaration in any suit brought against it under this part.

(d) If the court determines, in an action brought pursuant to this part, that a charitable organization or a charitable trust violated a donor imposed restriction, the court shall be authorized to order one or more remedies consistent with the charitable purposes expressed in the endowment agreement; provided, however, that the court shall not be authorized to order the return of the contribution to the donor, the donor's lineal descendants, or the donor's legal representative or estate."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 2024, and shall apply to any endowment agreement entered into on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 433.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 44, nays 9; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 433.

The Calendar was resumed.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 1017. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Reeves of the 99th, Burchett of the 176th, Crowe of the 118th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass, so as to include when a person enters a land or premises for purposes of residing on such land or premises; to provide a short title; to provide for a definition; to provide for a violation and penalty; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to proceedings against intruders, so as to provide for the submission of a property affidavit in magistrate court; to provide that proceedings regarding a writ of possession are not required to be jury trials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Setzler of the 37th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still

Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HB 1017, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 1018. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th, Williams of the 148th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10 and 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade and crimes and offenses respectively, so as to provide for protections of persons who own, purchase, or engage in the business of selling firearms; to prohibit financial institutions from requiring the use of a firearms code that distinguishes firearms retailers from other retailers; to prohibit discrimination against firearms retailers by financial institutions through the use of a firearms code; to prohibit the disclosure of certain financial records by financial institutions; to provide for petitions to the Attorney General to investigate alleged violations; to prohibit persons or government entities from keeping registries of firearms or owners of firearms; to provide for construction; to provide definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Summers of the 13th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler

N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 19.

HB 1018, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/26/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1018. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Harbin of the 16th

HB 1104. By Representatives Crawford of the 84th, Hugley of the 141st, McClain of the 109th, Douglas of the 78th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to address mental health risks for student athletes; to provide for mental health screenings in addition to or in conjunction with preparticipation physical examinations for student athletes; to provide for guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate public school and participating private school student athletes, their parents or guardians, school personnel, and coaches about screening student athletes for mental health risks and raising awareness of mental health resources available to student athletes; to provide for definitions; to provide for informational meetings; to require annual review by coaches; to provide for limited liability; to encourage additional implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dixon of the 45th.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to HB 1104:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for notification to parents and legal guardians of public school students of the right to receive email notification each time their child obtains school library materials; to identify materials that are subject to the complaint resolution policy for materials "harmful to minors," as set forth in Code Section 20-2-324.6; to provide for definitions; to repeal Code Section 20-2-720, relating to inspection of students' records by parents, for purposes of conformity; to prohibit sex education for public school students in this state before sixth grade; to provide that no public school or local school system shall be required to provide sex education; to require revocable written consent from parents or guardians of students before any sex education is provided; to require governing bodies of public schools and local school systems to afford parents and guardians of all students and the public opportunity to review and to provide comment on proposed sex education curricula before approval by such body; to require the State Board of Education to approve age- and grade-appropriate content standards for sex education curricula; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to revise the "Parents Bill of Rights" to provide for parents to revocably opt-in to sex education for their children; to authorize Georgia public schools to operate or facilitate separate teams for members of each gender where selection for such teams is based upon competitive fairness or student safety; to provide that it shall be unlawful for Georgia public schools or participating private schools whose students or teams compete against a Georgia public school to operate, sponsor, or facilitate athletic programs or activities that permit any person whose sex is male but whose gender identity is female to participate in any interscholastic athletics that are designated for females or permit persons of one gender to use certain facilities designated for persons of the opposite gender in conjunction with interscholastic athletics; to provide for a grievance procedure; to provide for private rights of action and awards of attorney fees; to repeal a grant of discretionary authority to athletic association executive oversight committees; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for state charter schools to hire employees of education service providers; to provide for the ability of governing boards to dismiss such employees; to provide for governing boards' responsibility for such employees' actions; to address mental health risks for student athletes; to provide for guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate public school student athletes, their parents or guardians, school personnel, and coaches about suicide risk and prevention for student athletes and raising awareness of suicide risk and prevention resources available to student athletes; to provide for definitions; to require annual review by coaches; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions regarding education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-1-12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'parent' means a person who has legal authority to act on behalf of a school-age child as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(b) Each local board of education or other public school governing body shall establish policies and procedures to ensure that, by the start of each school year for currently enrolled students or at any time during the school year upon the enrollment of a new student, a parent of each student enrolled in public school shall be notified in writing of the option to receive an email notification each time such student obtains material from a library operated by the public school where the student is enrolled. For each parent who elects to receive such email notifications, the public school where the student is enrolled shall notify the parent by email each time the student obtains school library material, and such email notice shall include, as applicable, the title, author, genre, and return date of the school library material."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-324.6, relating to complaint resolution policy for materials "harmful to minors," to read as follows:

"(d) This Code section shall apply to any written or electronic materials made available to students in a public school, including classroom materials, school library materials, or any materials made available to a public school student as part of an extracurricular activity offered or supervised by the public school."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Article 15 of Chapter 2, relating to student data privacy, accessibility, and transparency, by revising paragraph (4) and adding a new paragraph to Code Section 20-2-662, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(4) 'Education record' means an education record as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.3. Such term includes, without limitation, attendance reports and records; test scores, grades, disciplinary records, counseling records, and psychological records; applications for admission; health and immunization information; student evaluations by teachers and school counselors; reports of behavioral patterns; records relating to assistance provided for learning difficulties, including information collected regarding any intervention strategies used with the student; and records relating to any written or electronic materials made available to

students enrolled in a public school, including classroom materials, school library materials, or any materials made available to a student as part of an extracurricular activity offered or supervised by the public school. Such term ~~An education record~~ does not include the types of student data excepted in FERPA, ~~does not include~~ student data collected by an operator when it is used for internal operations purposes, ~~does not include~~ or student data that is not formatted for or expected to be accessed by school, local board of education, or department employees~~, nor does it include student data that a local board of education determines cannot reasonably be made available to the parent or eligible student~~."

"(8.1) 'Parent' means a person who has legal authority to act on behalf of a school-age child as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2, relating to school attendance, by repealing Subpart 3, relating to records, and Code Section 20-2-720, relating to inspection of students' records by parents.

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by repealing Code Section 20-2-143, relating to sex education and AIDS prevention instruction, implementation, and student exemption, and enacting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-143.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'No Indoctrinating Children in Elementary (NICE) Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Sex' means the biological state of being male or female, in the context of reproductive potential or capacity, based on the individual's sex organs, chromosomes, naturally occurring sex hormones, gonads, and internal and external genitalia present at birth, including secondary sex characteristics. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth.

(2) 'Sex education' includes any curricula or instruction that has the goal or purpose of studying, exploring, or informing students about human reproduction, human sexuality, sexual conduct, an internal or deeply felt sense of the student's sex, or sexual attraction to one or more persons.

(c)(1) No public school or local school system shall provide sex education before the sixth grade.

(2) No public school or local school system shall be required to provide sex education.

(d) Before a public school or local school system provides sex education to any student:

(1) The public school or local school system shall make the sex education curricula available to parents and guardians of all students and the public for review online and

in person as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section; and

(2) Such student's parent or guardian shall provide revocable written consent for his or her child to receive sex education.

(e)(1) Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year and continuing each school year thereafter, before a public school or local school system offers sex education to any students, the governing body of such public school or local school system shall review and approve the sex education curricula based on content standards prescribed by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code section; provided, however, that such governing body shall not approve any sex education curricula without providing parents and guardians of all students and the public with a meaningful opportunity to review and to provide input on any proposed sex education curricula, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, before such curricula is approved by such governing body.

(2) Before approving any sex education curricula, the governing body of each public school or local school system shall:

(A) Require that all meetings of such governing body, or any committee or subcommittee thereof, that are authorized for the purposes of reviewing and approving a sex education curricula be publicly noticed at least two weeks before occurring and be open to the public pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 50;

(B) Make any proposed sex education curricula available and accessible for review and public comment, including, but not limited to, written comments, oral comments, and comments submitted through email, for at least 45 days before approval of any such sex education curricula by such governing body; and

(C) Conduct at least two public hearings within the 45 day review period provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(f) At least two weeks before any sex education is offered by a public school or local school system pursuant to this Code section, each such public school or local school system shall make the sex education curricula approved by the governing body of such public school or local school system as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section available for meaningful review by parents and guardians of all students and the public.

(g) By July 1, 2024, the State Board of Education shall adopt age- and grade-appropriate content standards for sex education curricula for students in grades six through 12.

(h) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit age- and grade-appropriate classroom instruction regarding:

(1) Child abuse and assault awareness and prevention; and

(2) Menstruation."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to certificated professional personnel, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-201, relating to specific course requirements, in-service or continuing education, and online offerings, as follows:

"(b) Each local unit of administration shall be required to provide all professional

personnel certificated by the Professional Standards Commission 12 clock hours of in-service or continuing education in each calendar year, or meet requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Such in-service programs shall be developed by the local unit of administration in conjunction with such agencies as regional educational service agencies, colleges and universities, and other appropriate organizations. These programs shall be designed to address identified needs determined by appropriate personnel evaluation instruments. These programs shall also focus on improving the skills of certificated personnel that directly relate to improving student achievement, as reflected in the revised certification renewal rules established by the Professional Standards Commission pursuant to paragraph (4.1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-200 regarding the impact of professional learning on student achievement. These programs shall also include in-service training programs on sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention for professional personnel who will be providing instruction in annual age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education ~~in kindergarten through grade nine pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-143~~. Records of attendance shall be maintained by local units of administration and shall be monitored by appropriate Department of Education staff."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Part 5 of Article 16 of Chapter 2, relating to review of removal, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (f) of Code Section 20-2-786, the "Parents' Bill of Rights," as follows:

"(3)(A) Procedures which comply with the provisions of Code Section 20-2-143 for a parent to provide revocable written consent for his or her minor child to receive sex education; and

(B) Procedures for a parent to withdraw or otherwise revoke his or her written consent for his or her minor child ~~from the school's prescribed course of study in~~ to receive sex education ~~if the parent provides a written objection to his or her minor child's participation. Such procedures must provide for a parent to be notified in advance of such course content so that he or she may withdraw his or her minor child from the course~~; and"

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

The General Assembly recognizes there are inherent physical differences between males and females. The General Assembly further recognizes that decisions regarding the regulation of sports should be based on promoting integrity and safety. The General Assembly finds that protecting students from harm and preserving the competitive fairness of sports are important state interests. It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that students have equal and safe opportunities to succeed in sports.

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-315, relating to gender discrimination prohibited, authorized separate gender teams, equal athletic opportunity, physical education classes, employee designated to monitor compliance, grievance procedures, and reporting requirements, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Gender identity' means a person's self-perceived, asserted, or claimed gender regardless of the person's sex.

(2) 'Multiple occupancy restroom or changing area' means an area in a local school system, public school, or participating private school building that is designed or designated to be used by one or more individuals at the same time and in which one or more individuals may be in various stages of undress in the presence of other individuals. Such term includes, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(A) Restrooms;

(B) Locker rooms;

(C) Changing rooms; and

(D) Shower facilities.

(3) 'Participating private school' means a private school in this state whose students or teams compete against students or teams from a public school or local school system in this state.

(4) 'Sex' means a person's biological sex which shall be recognized solely based on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth. For purposes of this subsection, a statement of a student's biological sex on the student's official birth certificate shall be deemed to have correctly stated the student's biological sex at birth if the statement was included on such birth certificate at or near the time of the student's birth. 'Participating private school' means a private school in this state whose students or teams compete against students or teams from a public school or local school system in this state.

(b) No student shall, on the basis of ~~gender~~ sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another student, or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic or intramural athletics offered by a local school system~~, and no local school system shall provide any such athletics separately on such basis~~.

~~(b)~~(c) ~~Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, a~~ A local school system may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each ~~gender~~ sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill, competitive fairness, student safety, or the activity involved is a contact sport. However, where a local school system operates or sponsors a team in a particular sport for members of one ~~gender~~ sex but operates or sponsors no such team for members of the other ~~gender~~ sex, and athletic opportunities for members of that ~~gender~~ sex in that particular sport have previously been limited, members of the excluded ~~gender~~ sex must be allowed to try out for the team offered unless the sport involved is a contact sport. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of a local school system to operate or sponsor a single

team for a contact sport that includes members of both ~~genders~~ sexes. As used in this subsection, the term 'contact sport' includes boxing, wrestling, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and any other sport the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

~~(c)~~(d) A local school system which operates or sponsors interscholastic or intramural athletics shall undertake all reasonable efforts to provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both ~~genders~~ sexes. In determining whether equal opportunities are available the following factors shall be considered:

(1) Whether the selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of members of both ~~genders~~ sexes;
(2) The provision of equipment and supplies;
(3) Scheduling of games and practice time;
(4) Travel allowance;
(5) Opportunity to receive coaching and academic tutoring;
(6) Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors;
(7) Provision of locker rooms and practice and competitive facilities;
(8) Provision of medical and training facilities and services; and
(9) Publicity.

Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each ~~gender~~ sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams if a local school system operates or sponsors separate teams will not constitute noncompliance with this subsection, but the failure to provide essential funds for the basic operations of teams for one ~~gender~~ sex may be considered in assessing equality of opportunity for members of each ~~gender~~ sex. Nothing in Code Section 20-2-411 shall be construed to limit the authority of a local school system to expend school tax funds as authorized by Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution in order to comply with the requirements of this Code section.

~~(d)~~(e) A local school system may provide separate ~~toilet, locker room, and shower facilities~~ multiple occupancy restroom or changing areas on the basis of ~~gender~~ sex, but such facilities shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other ~~gender~~ sex.

~~(e)~~(f) This Code section does not prohibit the grouping of students in physical education classes by ~~gender~~ sex.

~~(f)~~(g)(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this subsection, if a local school system sponsors an athletic activity or sport at a particular school that is similar to a sport for which an institution in the University System of Georgia offers an athletic scholarship, it must sponsor the athletic activity or sport for which a scholarship is offered at that school. This paragraph does not affect academic requirements for participation nor prevent the local school system from sponsoring activities in addition to those for which scholarships are provided.

(2) Two athletic activities or sports that are similar may be offered simultaneously.

(3) If a local school system demonstrates by a bona fide survey of eligible students at the school, which is approved by the Department of Education for compliance with generally accepted opinion survey principles regarding neutral wording and other

matters, that there is insufficient interest among students at the school to field a team described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, then the local school system shall not be required to sponsor such athletic activity or sport at that school. The exemption provided for by this paragraph shall be valid for 24 months following the date when the most recent bona fide student survey demonstrating a lack of student interest was completed, unless a new bona fide student survey is conducted within the 24 month period that demonstrates sufficient interest to field a team. If such a new bona fide student survey demonstrates such sufficient interest, then the local school system must comply with paragraph (1) of this subsection during the local school system's next fiscal year and until such time as a new bona fide student survey demonstrates insufficient interest to field a team described in paragraph (1) of this subsection. A local school system shall conduct the bona fide student survey described in this paragraph regarding interest in a team described in paragraph (1) of this subsection upon the request of nine students at the school, but no more frequently than once every 12 months.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to preclude the application of generally applicable policies or rules regarding the cancellation of an athletic activity or sport due to lack of student participation in scheduled practices or contests.

~~(g)~~(h) Each local school system shall designate at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under this Code section, including the investigation of any complaint communicated to such local school system alleging its noncompliance with this Code section. The employee designated under this subsection may be the same person required to be designated under 34 C.F.R. Section 106.8. The local school system annually shall notify all its students of the name, office address, and office telephone number of the employee or employees appointed pursuant to this subsection. Such notification may be included in a student handbook distributed pursuant to Code Section 20-2-736.

~~(h)~~(i) Each local school system shall adopt and publish grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of written student complaints, including complaints brought by a parent or guardian on behalf of his or her minor child who is a student, alleging any action which would be a violation of this Code section. Such procedures shall require that:

(1) The employee designated under subsection ~~(g)~~(h) of this Code section shall render his or her decision in writing no later than 30 days after receipt of the complaint, and such decision shall set forth the essential facts and rationale for the decision;

(2) A copy of such decision shall be provided to the complainant within five days of the date of the decision; and

(3) A complainant shall have a right to appeal such decision to the local board within 35 days of the date of the decision.

~~(i)~~(j)(1) A complainant may appeal a decision of a local board that is rendered under subsection ~~(h)~~(i) of this Code section in accordance with the procedures specified in Code Section 20-2-1160. If the State Board of Education determines that a local school system has failed to comply with this Code section, then the state board shall provide the local school system with opportunities to prepare a corrective plan. If the state board

determines that a corrective plan of the local school system adequately plans and provides for future compliance with this Code section, then the state board shall approve the plan and direct the local school system to implement such plan.

(2) If, upon a complaint filed pursuant to subsection ~~(h)~~(i) of this Code section after one year following the date of a state board order directing implementation of a corrective plan pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection but within four years of the date of such order, the state board determines that the local school system which was subject to such order has willfully failed to comply with this Code section, the state board may, after consideration of the local school system's efforts to implement the corrective plan approved in the earlier proceeding and of any other corrective plan that may be submitted by the local school system, transmit a certification of such determination to the Department of Community Affairs. If the state board's determination of noncompliance is later reversed or vacated upon appeal, the state board shall immediately notify the Department of Community Affairs of such action.

(3) If, upon a complaint filed pursuant to subsection ~~(h)~~(i) of this Code section after one year following the date of a state board certification to the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection but within four years of the date of such order, the state board determines that the local school system which was subject to such order has willfully failed to comply with this Code section, the state board may, after consideration of the local school system's efforts to implement a corrective plan approved in an earlier proceeding and of any other corrective plan that may be submitted by the local school system, order that a team or teams within the local school system or school within the local school system shall not participate in interscholastic postseason athletic contests and that participation in violation of such an order may result in withholding of state funds allotted pursuant to Code Section 20-2-186. An order of the state board barring participation in interscholastic postseason athletic contests shall be made and announced before the beginning of a school year.

(4) If, upon a complaint filed pursuant to subsection ~~(h)~~(i) of this Code section after one year following the date of a state board order prohibiting participation in interscholastic postseason athletic contests pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection but within four years of the date of such order, the state board determines that the local school system which was subject to such order has willfully failed to comply with this Code section, the state board may, after consideration of the local school system's efforts to implement a corrective plan approved in an earlier proceeding and of any other corrective plan that may be submitted by the local school system, withhold state funds that are allotted pursuant to Code Section 20-2-186 in an amount that the state board determines is sufficient to secure the local school system's compliance with this Code section. In the event that state funds are withheld pursuant to this paragraph, such funds shall later be allotted to the local school system at such time as the state board determines that the local school system is in compliance with this Code section.

~~(j)~~(k) The Department of Education may publish an annual report of local school systems to include information regarding expenditures and participation rates for each ~~gender~~ sex and such other information as the state board and department deem relevant.

(l)(1) No local school system, public school, or participating private school in this state shall operate interscholastic athletics that permit a person whose sex is male but whose gender identity is female to participate in any interscholastic athletics that are designated for females.

(2)(A) No local school system, public school, or participating private school in this state shall operate interscholastic athletics that permit a person whose sex is male to use any multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for females in conjunction with any interscholastic athletics.

(B) No local public school system, local public school, or participating private school in this state shall operate interscholastic athletics that permit a person whose sex is female to use any multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for males in conjunction with any interscholastic athletics.

(3) A student who is aggrieved by an alleged violation or anticipated violation of this subsection or his or her parent or guardian shall have a right to file a grievance complaint with the employee designated in subsection (h) of this Code section for an immediate preliminary determination of whether a violation of this subsection exists or is about to occur. If an alleged violation or anticipated violation is preliminarily determined to have occurred or is reasonably likely to occur, the employee designated in subsection (h) of this Code section shall issue a decision immediately and may direct that the alleged violation or anticipated violation cease and desist pending a final resolution of such grievance complaint. If a grievance complaint is rejected, the complaining party shall have the right of an immediate appeal to the local board of education for relief.

(4) In addition to any other rights or remedies otherwise provided by law, any aggrieved student and any such student's parent or guardian shall have a private right of action to enforce the provisions of this subsection through injunctive or declaratory relief in the superior court of the county in which the relevant public school, local school system, or participating private school is located. If an aggrieved student or such student's parent or guardian is the prevailing party in such action, the student or student's parent or guardian shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney fees, court costs, and expenses of litigation, but shall not be entitled to any monetary damages.

(5) Nothing in this Code section shall override any requirements or protections prescribed in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101, et seq."

SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) and subparagraph (c)(1)(E) of Code Section 20-2-316, relating to involvement of athletic association in high school athletics, as follows:

"(1) The athletic association shall comply with the requirements of subsections (a) through ~~(f)~~(g) of Code Section 20-2-315, as those requirements relate to the athletic association's functions of organizing, sanctioning, scheduling, or rule making for events in which public high schools participate;"

"(E) The authority and duties of the executive oversight committee shall include:

(i) To meet in person or remotely not less than twice each school year;

(ii) To meet in person or remotely upon the call of the chairperson or a majority of the executive oversight committee;

(iii) To establish policies and procedures for the executive oversight committee;

(iv) To conduct any independent audit, review, or investigation the executive oversight committee deems necessary, including, but not limited to, the audit, review, or investigation of the classifications of participating schools and ~~travel-related~~ travel related issues of participating schools; and

(v) ~~If the athletic association determines that it is necessary and appropriate to prohibit students whose gender is male from participating in athletic events that are designated for students whose gender is female, then the athletic association may adopt a policy to that effect; provided, however, that such policy shall be applied to all of the athletic association's participating public high schools; and~~

~~(vi)~~ To conduct an annual evaluation of the athletic association as a whole and present a report of its findings, recommendations, and conclusions to the General Assembly's High School Athletics Overview Committee; and"

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Said title is further amended in Article 31A of Chapter 2, relating to state charter schools, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-2084, relating to petition for charter schools, requirements of school, governing board membership, annual training, and simultaneous service prohibited, to read as follows:

"(h)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'education service provider' means any organization that contracts with a new or existing charter school to provide services including, but not limited to, curriculum design, professional development, student assessments, financial and operational management, facilities management, human resources management, or employee benefits.

(2) A state charter school may utilize teachers, other instructional staff, and noninstructional staff who are employees of an education service provider only if the governing board of such state charter school retains the authority to select and dismiss such teachers, other instructional staff, and noninstructional staff from service at the state charter school.

(3) The governing board of a state charter school shall remain responsible and accountable for all operations, compliance, and performance of any employees of an education service provider utilized by such state charter school."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Said title is further amended in Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to miscellaneous

provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-324.7.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Athletic association' means any association of schools or any other similar organization which acts as an organizing, sanctioning, scheduling, or rule-making body for interscholastic athletic activities in which public schools in this state participate.

(2) 'Interscholastic athletic activity' means interscholastic athletics and practices and scrimmages related to interscholastic athletics.

(3) 'Student athlete' means a public school student in grades six through 12 participating in or desiring to participate in an interscholastic athletic activity.

(b) Each athletic association shall, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, develop and post on its public website guidelines and other relevant materials, including, but not limited to, approved videos or links thereto, to inform and educate student athletes, their parents or guardians, school personnel, and coaches about suicide risk and prevention for student athletes and raising awareness of suicide risk and prevention resources available to student athletes. In developing such guidelines and materials, an athletic association may utilize educational videos available at no cost to the state for the purpose of educating school personnel and coaches.

(c) Each public school which includes one or more grades from grades six through 12 shall provide information to each student athlete's parent or guardian at least once each school year regarding suicide risk and prevention for student athletes and to raise awareness of suicide risk and prevention resources available to student athletes.

(d)(1) Once each school year, each coach of an interscholastic athletic activity shall review the guidelines and other relevant materials, including, but not limited to, videos, approved by each athletic association of which the coach's school is a member pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(2) A coach shall not be eligible to coach an interscholastic athletic activity until he or she completes the requirements contained in this subsection."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with HB 1104.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 21.

HB 1104, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 1165. By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Reeves of the 99th, Dempsey of the 13th, Parrish of the 158th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-6A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership, vacancies, and membership not bar to holding public office, so as to replace the chairperson of the Governor's Office of Children and Families with the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 1165:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 35-6A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership, vacancies, and membership not bar to holding public office, so as to replace the chairperson of the Governor's Office of Children and Families with the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 35-6A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership, vacancies, and membership not bar to holding public office, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) The chairperson of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, the director of homeland security, the chairperson of the Judicial Council of Georgia, the chairperson of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, the chairperson of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, the commissioner of corrections, the chairperson of the Board of Corrections, the commissioner of community supervision, the chairperson of the Board of Community Supervision, the vice chairperson of the Board of Public Safety, the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, the State School Superintendent, the commissioner of community affairs, the president of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges, the chairperson of the Georgia Public Defender Council, ~~the chairperson of the Governor's Office for Children and Families~~ the commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the commissioner of juvenile justice or their designees shall be ex officio members of the council, as full voting members of the council by reason of their office; and"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 2.

HB 1165, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 994. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 51 and 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating torts and waters of the state, ports, and watercraft, respectively, so as to revise liability for the negligent operation of a vessel; to require boat liveries to obtain and maintain certain insurance; to provide for notice of insurance coverage; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Brass of the 28th.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to HB 994:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 51 and 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts and waters of the state, ports, and watercraft, respectively, so as to revise liability of a boat livery under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for the liability of an operator of a vessel under certain conditions; to exempt a boat livery from liability under certain conditions; to provide for a boat livery to obtain and carry certain insurance in order to be exempt from certain liability; to provide for available proof of insurance; to provide for a written disclaimer; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-1-22.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Boat livery' means a business which holds any vessel for renting, leasing, or chartering.

(2) 'Vessel' means a self-propelled, motorized boat or vessel having a length of more than 16 feet with a depth of more than 16 inches, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. Such term includes but is not limited to personal watercraft as defined in Code Section 52-7-8.2. Such term excludes an inflatable or whitewater raft, unless such vessel is self propelled or motorized. Such term excludes a seaplane.

(b) Provided that a boat livery obtains and carries insurance coverage as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section:

(1) The operator of a vessel rented, leased, or chartered from a boat livery shall be liable for any injury or damage occasioned by the negligent operation of such vessel, whether the negligence consists of a violation of the statutes of this state or of neglecting to observe such ordinary care in such operation as the rules of common law require; and

(2) Such boat livery shall not be liable as an owner as provided for in Code Sections 51-1-21 and 51-1-22 and shall only be liable for any tort caused by the operation of a vessel that the boat livery rented, leased, or chartered:

(A) To an individual who the boat livery knew or should have known at the time of or before providing the vessel was not a reasonably safe operator of the vessel;

(B) To an individual who the boat livery knew or should have known did not meet the applicable requirements provided for in Code Section 52-7-8.3 or 52-7-22;

(C) To an individual who the boat livery knows is operating the vessel in a manner that is reckless or under the influence of any substance such that the judgment of the operator is substantially impaired, and the boat livery does not take reasonable steps to ensure such vessel is not operated in such a manner;

(D) When a reasonable inspection revealed or should have revealed that such vessel was not in reasonably safe operating condition; or

(E) When such vessel was not in reasonably safe operating condition based on acts or omissions of the boat livery.

(c)(1) In order to avail itself of the protections provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a boat livery shall not rent, lease, or charter or offer to rent, lease, or charter a vessel without first obtaining and maintaining in full force and effect a policy from a licensed insurance carrier in this state or a nonadmitted insurer through a licensed surplus lines broker that provides coverage for such boat livery against any accident, loss, injury, property damage, or other casualty caused by or resulting from the operation of a boat livery vessel. Such policy shall provide coverage of not less than $500,000.00 per person per occurrence and not less than $1,000,000.00 in the aggregate per occurrence.

(2) A boat livery shall have proof of such insurance coverage available for inspection at the location where the boat livery rents, leases, or charters vessels."

SECTION 2.

Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to waters of the state, ports, and watercraft, is amended by revising Code Section 52-7-9, relating to boat liveries, as follows:

"52-7-9.

(a) The owner of a boat livery shall cause to be kept a record of the name and address of the person or persons ~~hiring~~ renting, leasing, or chartering any vessel, the identification number thereof, the departure date and time, and the expected time of return. The record shall be preserved for at least six months.

(b) Neither the owner of a boat livery nor his or her agent or employees shall permit any vessel to depart from his or her premises unless it shall have been provided either by the owner or renter with the equipment required pursuant to Code Section 52-7-8 and any rules and regulations made pursuant thereto.

(c) No ~~livery~~ boat livery vessel, except those having a length of 16 feet or less with a depth of 16 inches or less, shall be operated by any person unless there is on board a copy of the rental agreement authorizing such operation which shows the vessel number, the period of time the ~~boat~~ vessel is authorized for use by such operator, and any other pertinent information that the department may require.

(d) If a boat livery has obtained insurance coverage as provided for in Code Section 51-1-22.1, such boat livery shall display in conspicuous locations where boat livery vessels are rented, leased, or chartered the following written disclaimer, provided that such written disclaimer shall also accompany the rental agreement for a boat livery vessel:

'NOTICE: THE OWNER OF THIS BOAT LIVERY HAS AN INSURANCE POLICY

WHICH INSURES SUCH BOAT LIVERY AND DOES NOT INSURE YOU. ANY INSURANCE POLICIES THAT YOU HAVE MAY NOT COVER DAMAGES OR INJURIES CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY YOUR OPERATION OF A BOAT LIVERY VESSEL. YOU MAY BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR SUCH DAMAGES OR INJURIES.'

(e) A boat livery's provision of the written disclaimer provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section shall not constitute the selling, soliciting, or negotiating of insurance."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

HB 994, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Setzler of the 37th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Setzler was excused.

HB 508. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Daniel of the 117th, Cheokas of the 151st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restraining orders and protective orders, so as to provide that orders be served on a respondent within 24 hours of the court's issuance of such order; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 508:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to create a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make an application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; to provide for definitions; to require certain licensing authorities to provide evidence to support adverse licensing decisions based on criminal convictions; to require a hearing prior to denying certain applicants on the basis of an individual's criminal record; to establish findings that shall be made and evidence that shall and shall not be considered prior to refusing to grant certain licenses based on certain criminal convictions; to allow an applicant to submit his or her own criminal record when applying for certain licenses; to provide for reapplication for licensure; to authorize and provide a process and requirements for predetermination decisions; to require certain licensure application information be included in certain applications and posted on a public website; to require certain annual reports concerning certain applications, predeterminations, and conviction records be filed with the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training, so as to provide for the reporting of guilty pleas taken under the "Georgia First Offender Act" to obtain employment as a fire fighter; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to provide for criminal history record information restrictions for certain persons cited with or

convicted of certain criminal offenses; to provide that restricted criminal history record information shall be available to criminal justice agencies; to provide for petitions; to provide for criminal history record information restriction for persons granted a pardon for certain offenses; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders, so as to revise the procedure for petitioning for exoneration and discharge when an individual has qualified for sentencing as a first offender; to provide for exceptions to retroactively granting first offender treatment; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"43-1-1.

As used in this title, the term:

(1) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of such finding, verdict, or plea has been sought.

(2) 'Covered misdemeanor' shall mean any:

(A) Misdemeanor conviction in the five years prior to the submission of the licensing application; and

(B) Misdemeanor conviction listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37, irrespective of the date of such conviction.

~~(1)~~(3) 'Division' means the professional licensing boards division created under Code Section 43-1-2.

~~(2)~~(4) 'Division director' means the individual appointed by the Secretary of State as director of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) 'Felony' means any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere.

~~(3)~~(6) 'Professional licensing board' means any board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the executive branch of state government which is created for the purpose of licensing or otherwise regulating or controlling any profession, business, or trade and which is placed by law under the jurisdiction of the division director ~~of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State~~."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A professional licensing board shall have the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant therefor or to revoke the license of a person licensed by that board or to discipline a person licensed by that board, upon a finding by a majority of the entire board that the licensee or applicant has:

(1) Failed to demonstrate the qualifications or standards for a license contained in this Code section, or under the laws, rules, or regulations under which licensure is sought or held; it shall be incumbent upon the applicant to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that he or she meets all the requirements for the issuance of a license, and, if the board is not satisfied as to the applicant's qualifications, it may deny a license without a prior hearing; provided, however, that the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so desires;

(2) Knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title or on any document connected therewith; practiced fraud or deceit or intentionally made any false statement in obtaining a license to practice the licensed business or profession; or made a false statement or deceptive registration with the board;

(3) Been convicted of ~~any~~ a directly related felony or a directly related covered misdemeanor ~~or of any crime involving moral turpitude~~ in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States~~; as used in this paragraph, paragraph (4) of this subsection, and subsection (q) of this Code section, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph and subsection (q) of this Code section, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;~~. The professional licensing board shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision. Before the professional licensing board may deny an applicant a license due to his or her criminal record, such applicant shall be entitled to a hearing before the professional licensing board in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act';

~~(4)(A) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony, or any crime involving moral turpitude, when:~~

~~(i) A sentence for such offense was imposed pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or another state's first offender laws;~~

~~(ii) A sentence for such offense was imposed pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2;~~

~~(iii) A sentence for such offense was imposed as a result of a plea of nolo contendere; or~~

~~(iv) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.~~

~~(B) An order entered pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2, Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or another state's first offender treatment order shall be conclusive evidence of an arrest and sentencing for such offense;~~

~~(5)~~(4) Had his or her license to practice a business or profession licensed under this title revoked, suspended, or annulled by any lawful licensing authority other than the board; had other disciplinary action taken against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board; was denied a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings; or was refused the renewal of a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings;

~~(6)~~(5) Engaged in any unprofessional, immoral, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public that materially affects the fitness of the licensee or applicant to practice a business or profession licensed under this title or is of a nature likely to jeopardize the interest of the public; such conduct or practice need not have resulted in actual injury to any person ~~or~~ but must be directly related to the practice of the licensed business or profession ~~but shows~~ and show that the licensee or applicant has committed any act or omission which is indicative of ~~bad moral character or~~ untrustworthiness and which makes the licensee or applicant currently likely to harm the public. Such conduct or practice shall also include any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal reasonable standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of the business or profession licensed under this title;

~~(7)~~(6) Knowingly performed any act which in any way aids, assists, procures, advises, or encourages any unlicensed person or any licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked by a professional licensing board to practice a business or profession licensed under this title or to practice outside the scope of any disciplinary limitation placed upon the licensee by the board;

~~(8)~~(7) Violated a statute, law, or any rule or regulation of this state, any other state, the professional licensing board regulating the business or profession licensed under this title, the United States, or any other lawful authority without regard to whether the violation is criminally punishable when such statute, law, or rule or regulation relates to or in part regulates the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title and when the licensee or applicant knows or should know that such action violates such statute, law, or rule; or violated a lawful order of the board previously entered by the board in a disciplinary hearing, consent decree, or license reinstatement;

~~(9)~~(8) Been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction within or outside this state; any such adjudication shall automatically suspend the license of any such person and shall prevent the reissuance or renewal of any license so suspended for so long as the adjudication of incompetence is in effect;

~~(10)~~(9) Displayed an inability to practice a business or profession licensed under this title with reasonable skill and safety to the public or has become unable to practice the licensed business or profession with reasonable skill and safety to the public by reason of illness or the use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material; or

~~(11)~~(10) Failed to comply with an order for child support as defined by Code Section 19-11-9.3; it shall be incumbent upon the applicant or licensee to supply a notice of release to the board from the child support agency within the Department of Human

Services indicating that the applicant or licensee has come into compliance with an order for child support so that a license may be issued or granted if all other conditions for licensure are met."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (j) as follows:

"(j) Neither the issuance of a private reprimand nor the denial of a license by reciprocity ~~nor the denial of a request for reinstatement of a revoked license nor the refusal to issue a previously denied license~~ shall be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; notice and hearing within the meaning of such chapter shall not be required, but the applicant or licensee shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so requests. A board may resolve a pending action by the issuance of a letter of concern. Such letter shall not be considered a disciplinary action or a contested case under Chapter 13 of Title 50 and shall not be disclosed to any person except the licensee or applicant."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (q) as follows:

"(q)(1) Notwithstanding ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (3) ~~and (4)~~ of subsection (a) of this Code section or any other provision of law, ~~and unless~~ the professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of such occupation, after considering the criteria in paragraph (2) of this subsection. Without finding a direct and substantial risk to public safety and a direct relationship between the conviction and the licensed occupation, no professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an applicant therefor or shall revoke the license of an individual licensed by that board due solely or in part to such applicant's or licensee's:

(A) Conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States;

(B) Arrest, charge, and sentence for the commission of such offense;

(C) Sentence for such offense pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or another state's first offender laws;

(D) Sentence for such offense pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2;

(E) Sentence for such offense as a result of a plea of nolo contendere;

(F) Adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered; or

(G) Being under supervision by a community supervision officer, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-3-1, for a conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States, so long as such individual was not convicted of a felony violation of Chapter 5 of Title 16 nor convicted of a crime requiring registration on the state sexual offender registry.

(2) In determining if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the professional licensing board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor and the direct relationship of ~~such felony or crime involving moral turpitude~~ the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held~~.~~, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(3) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license, the professional licensing board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion

program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(iii) Aggravated assault;

(iv) Aggravated robbery;

(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(vi) Arson;

(vii) Carjacking;

(viii) Kidnapping; or

(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no professional licensing board may apply a vague character standard to licensure decisions or predeterminations, including, but not limited to, 'good moral character,' 'moral turpitude,' or 'character and fitness.'

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a professional licensing board shall provide individualized consideration of an individual's criminal record and shall not automatically deny licensure on the basis of the individual's criminal record.

(6)(A) If an applicant's criminal record includes issues that will or may prevent the board from issuing a license to the applicant, the board shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the specific issues in sufficient time for the applicant to provide additional documentation supporting the application before the board's final decision to deny the application. After receiving notice of any potential issue with licensure due to his or her criminal convictions, an applicant shall have 30 days to respond by correcting any inaccuracy in the criminal record or by submitting additional evidence of mitigation or rehabilitation for the board's consideration, or both.

(B) For the professional licensing board to deny a license on the basis of the applicant's criminal convictions, the board shall first provide an opportunity for a hearing for such applicant in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The applicant shall have the opportunity at such hearing to present the written or oral testimony of character witnesses, including, but not limited to, family members, friends, prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors. The professional licensing board shall issue a decision within 60 days of the complete submission of the issues for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(C) The professional licensing board shall have the burden of justifying by clear and

convincing evidence, after a hearing, that an applicant's criminal record supports any adverse licensing decision. If the board denies an applicant a license by reason of the applicant's criminal record, the board shall:

(i) Make written findings specifying any of the applicant's convictions and the factors provided for in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly relevant and explaining the basis and rationale for the denial. Such written findings shall be signed by the board's presiding officer and shall note the applicant's right to appeal and explain the applicant's ability to reapply. No applicant shall be restricted from reapplying for licensure for more than two years from the date of the most recent application;

(ii) Provide or serve a signed copy of the written findings to the applicant within 60 days of the denial; and

(iii) Retain a signed copy of the written findings for no less than five years.

(D) The denial of a license in part or in whole because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a license, the professional licensing board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought.

(7)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition a professional licensing board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether such individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection. Such petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(D) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the professional licensing board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational license, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The professional licensing board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal

record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to offer written or oral testimony of character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the professional licensing board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the professional licensing board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation.

(8) Each professional licensing board shall include in its application for licensure and on its public website all of the following information:

(A) Whether the board requires applicants to consent to a criminal record check;

(B) The direct relationship standard provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection and those factors provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection that the board shall consider when making a determination of licensure;

(C) The criminal record disclosure provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection;

(D) The appeals process pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' if the board denies or revokes licensure in whole or in part because of a criminal conviction; and

(E) The predetermination petition process, standards, and application, as well as the process for appealing an adverse predetermination pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(9) No later than March 31 each year, each occupational licensing board shall file with

the Secretary of State an annual report containing information from the previous year as to:

(A) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number of licenses granted;

(B) The number of applicants with a criminal record and, of that number, the number of licenses granted, denied a license for any reason, and denied due to a conviction or state supervision status;

(C) The number of predetermination petitioners and, of that number, the number deemed eligible for a license and the number deemed ineligible for a license;

(D) The racial and ethnic distribution of licensing applicants, including the racial and ethnic distribution of applicants with a criminal record; and

(E) The racial and ethnic distribution of licensing applicants with a criminal record granted a license, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license due to a conviction or state supervision status."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-27, relating to requirement that licensee notify licensing authority of felony conviction, as follows:

"43-1-27.

Any licensed individual who is convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, territory, or country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the appropriate licensing authority of the conviction within ten days of the conviction. The failure of a licensed individual to notify the appropriate licensing authority of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license, permit, registration, certification, or other authorization to conduct a licensed profession."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-15-19, relating to revocation, suspension, or denial of certificates, certificates of registration, or licenses, and reprimands, as follows:

"43-15-19.

(a) The board shall have the power, after notice and hearing, to deny any application made to it, to revoke or suspend any certificate, certificate of registration, or license issued by it, or to reprimand any individual holding a certificate, certificate of registration, or license issued by it, upon the following grounds:

(1) Commission of any fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate, certificate of registration, or license;

(2) Any gross negligence, incompetency, or unprofessional conduct in the practice of professional engineering or land surveying as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor, respectively;

(3) Affixing a seal to any plan, specification, plat, or report contrary to Code Section 43-15-22;

(4) Conviction of a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state, the United States, or any state or territory of the United States or the conviction of an offense in another jurisdiction which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony. 'Conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilt, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere in a criminal proceeding~~, regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or any comparable rule or statute~~; or

(5) Any violation of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated by the board pursuant to the powers conferred on it by this chapter.

(b) 'Unprofessional conduct,' as referred to in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section, includes a violation of those standards of professional conduct for professional engineers and professional land surveyors adopted by the board pursuant to the power conferred upon it to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the duties and powers conferred on it by this chapter."

SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"43-15-19.1.

(a) Notwithstanding paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-19, the board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(b) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, diversion program, conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(4) A juvenile adjudication;
(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(A) A criminal sexual act;
(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(C) Aggravated assault;
(D) Aggravated robbery;
(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(F) Arson;
(G) Carjacking;
(H) Kidnapping; or
(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

42-15-19.2.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.
(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 43-15-19.1. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.
(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship

standard in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-19.1. The board shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is substantially more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-19.1 the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Code Section 43-3-21, relating to revocation or refusal to grant or renew accountant's licenses, by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Had been convicted of any directly related felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state, any other state, a territory, or a country or in the courts of the United States. As used in this paragraph, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means and includes a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;

(B) 'Felony' means and includes any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere.

(4)(A) Had been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 when:

(i) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or

(ii) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge, except with respect to a plea of nolo contendere.

(B) An order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere;"

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"43-3-21.1.

(a) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21, the board of accountancy shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of public accountancy. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of accountancy shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(b) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license due to criminal record, the accountancy board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(4) A juvenile adjudication;

(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(A) A criminal sexual act;

(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(C) Aggravated assault;

(D) Aggravated robbery;

(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(F) Arson;

(G) Carjacking;

(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

43-3-21.2.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the accountancy board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 43-3-21.1. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21.1. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21.1 the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the

board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-3-27, relating to notification by an individual issued a license or certification as an accountant of conviction, time limit, and suspension, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Any individual issued a license or certification under this chapter or providing services under substantial equivalency practice privileges and convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, any other state, or any other country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the board of such conviction within 30 days of such conviction. The failure of such individual to notify the board of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license or other authorization issued pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-9-12, relating to refusal, suspension, or revocation of chiropractor licenses, subpoenas, other discipline, judicial review, reinstatement, voluntary surrender of license, injunctions, and statement of complaint, by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Been convicted of any felony or covered misdemeanors ~~of any crime involving moral turpitude~~ in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; as used in this paragraph and paragraph (4) of this subsection, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought. Any such record shall be considered in the manner prescribed by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19;

(4) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony~~,~~ or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude,~~ covered misdemeanor where such record is considered in the manner prescribed by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19 and~~:~~

~~(A) A~~ a plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge~~;~~

~~(B) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or~~

~~(C) An adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge~~.

The plea of nolo contendere or the order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation of first offenders, or other first offender

treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;"

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-10-20, relating to the teaching of barbering or the practice of a cosmetologist in prisons and certification of registration, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The board shall be required to test an inmate who is an applicant for a certificate or registration under this chapter who has completed successfully a barber or cosmetologist training program operated by the Department of Corrections and who meets the requirements stated in Code Section 43-10-9. If such inmate passes the applicable written and practical examinations, the board may issue the appropriate certificate of registration to such inmate after consideration of all requirements under Code Sections 43-10-9 and 43-1-19; provided, however, that the board shall not apply the provisions of paragraph ~~(4)~~ (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-1-19 to such inmate based solely upon such person's status as an inmate and shall apply such provisions in the same manner as would otherwise be applicable to an applicant who is not an inmate."

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-47, relating to refusal to grant, or revocation of licenses by the Board of Dentistry, disciplining licensees, subpoenas, judicial review, investigations, immunity, failure to appear, and voluntary surrender, by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Been convicted of any felony or ~~of any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; as used in this subsection, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this subsection, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought. Any licensee who is convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, territory, or country of a felony shall be required to notify the board of conviction within ten days of the conviction. The failure to notify the board of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license;

(4) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony, or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, where~~:~~

~~(A) A~~ a plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge~~;~~.

~~(B) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or~~

~~(C) An adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.~~

The plea of nolo contendere ~~or the order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or other first offender treatment~~ shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;"

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-47, relating to refusal to grant, or revocation of, licenses by the Board of Dentistry, disciplining licensees, subpoenas, judicial review, investigations, immunity, failure to appear, and voluntary surrender, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the board of dentistry shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of dentistry. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of dentistry shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(6) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, a first offender adjudication, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or

pardoned;
(D) A juvenile adjudication;
(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in Code section 35-3-37(j)(4); or
(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(a.2)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of dentistry at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.
(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (6) subsection (a.1) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.
(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a.1) of this Code section and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (6) of subsection (a.1) of this Code section. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.
(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.
(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.
(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by

teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the professional licensing board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a.1) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-8.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-71, relating to qualifications of applicants for license and criminal background check, by revising subsection (a) and by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a) No person shall be entitled to or be issued such license as set out in Code Section 43-11-70 unless such person is at least 18 years of age~~, of good moral character,~~ and a graduate of a dental hygiene program recognized by the board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (ADA) or its successor agency which is operated by a school or college accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education whose curriculum is at least two academic years of courses at the appropriate level and at the completion of which an associate or baccalaureate degree is awarded.

(b) Application for a license under Code Section 43-11-70 shall constitute consent for performance of a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for licensure agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including but not limited to classifiable

sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, the board of dentistry shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of a dental hygienist. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of dentistry shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(6) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(iii) Aggravated assault;

(iv) Aggravated robbery;

(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(vi) Arson;

(vii) Carjacking;

(viii) Kidnapping; or

(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(d)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of dentistry at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subparagraph (c)(6)(F) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (c) of this Code section and shall not consider any offenses falling under subparagraph (c)(6)(F) of this Code section. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the professional licensing board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal

or written support. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (c) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-15-19, relating to revocation, suspension, or denial of certificates, certificates of registration, or licenses, and reprimands, as follows:

"43-15-19.

(a) The board shall have the power, after notice and hearing, to deny any application made to it, to revoke or suspend any certificate, certificate of registration, or license issued by it, or to reprimand any individual holding a certificate, certificate of registration, or license issued by it, upon the following grounds:

(1) Commission of any fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate, certificate of registration, or license;

(2) Any gross negligence, incompetency, or unprofessional conduct in the practice of professional engineering or land surveying as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor, respectively;

(3) Affixing a seal to any plan, specification, plat, or report contrary to Code Section 43-15-22;

(4) Conviction of a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state, the United States, or any state or territory of the United States or the conviction of an offense in another jurisdiction which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony. 'Conviction' shall include

a finding or verdict of guilt, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere in a criminal proceeding, ~~regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or any comparable rule or statute~~; or

(5) Any violation of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated by the board pursuant to the powers conferred on it by this chapter.

(b) 'Unprofessional conduct,' as referred to in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section, includes a violation of those standards of professional conduct for professional engineers and professional land surveyors adopted by the board pursuant to the power conferred upon it to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the duties and powers conferred on it by this chapter."

SECTION 2-10.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"43-15-19.1.

(a) Notwithstanding paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-19, the board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character

references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(b) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, diversion program, conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(4) A juvenile adjudication;

(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(A) A criminal sexual act;

(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(C) Aggravated assault;

(D) Aggravated robbery;

(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(F) Arson;

(G) Carjacking;

(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

42-15-19.2.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 43-15-19.1. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-19.1. The board shall support any adverse predetermination by justifying that it is substantially more likely than not that a criminal record supports an adverse licensing decision.

(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a

license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-15-19.1 the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-46, relating to grounds for denial or revocation of license or registration and other discipline for funeral directors and embalmers, as follows:

"43-18-46.

In addition to the authority and provided in Code Section 43-1-19, the board may refuse to grant a license to operate a funeral establishment or to practice embalming or funeral

directing, may refuse to grant a registration to serve as an apprentice, or may revoke, suspend, fine, or otherwise discipline a licensee or registrant upon any of the following grounds:

(1) The employment of fraud or deception in applying for a license or registration or in passing the examination provided for in this article;

(2) Issuance of a license or registration through error;

~~(3) Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;~~

~~(4)~~(3) The practice of embalming or funeral directing under a false name or the impersonation of another embalmer, funeral director, or apprentice of a like or different name;

~~(5)~~(4) The making of a false statement or representation regarding the qualifications, training, or experience of any applicant;

~~(6)~~(5) The making of a misrepresentation of any kind regarding any funeral merchandise;

~~(7)~~(6) Directly or indirectly, by gifts or otherwise, committing the offense of buying business or paying a commission or making gifts, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of securing business to any physician or hospital, or to any institution where death occurs, or to any hospital superintendent, nurse, intern, or employee of any hospital, nursing home, or other institution where death occurs; or to any coroner or other government official;

~~(8)~~(7) Gross or willful malpractice or gross neglect in the practice of embalming, funeral directing, or cremating;

~~(9)~~(8) Signing a death certificate as having embalmed or prepared a body for burial or preservation when in fact someone else performed such embalming or preparation;

~~(10)~~(9) Interfering, either directly or indirectly, with a licensed embalmer or funeral director having legal charge of a dead human body;

~~(11)~~(10) Using any statements that mislead or deceive the public including, but not limited to, false or misleading statements regarding a legal or cemetery requirement, funeral merchandise, funeral services, or in the operation of a funeral establishment;

~~(12)~~(11) Failing to fulfill the terms of a funeral service contract;

~~(13)~~(12) Disregarding a decedent's dignity, right to privacy, or right to confidentiality unless compelled by law to do otherwise;

~~(14)~~(13) Using profane, indecent, or obscene language in the presence of a dead human body, or within the immediate hearing of the family or relatives of a deceased, whose body has not yet been interred or otherwise disposed;

~~(15)~~(14) Failing to turn assigned benefits in excess of charges incurred over to the assignee of the deceased within ten working days of receipt of the assigned funds;

~~(16)~~(15) Refusing to surrender promptly the custody of a dead human body upon the express order of the person lawfully entitled to the custody;

~~(17)~~(16) Failing to have the charges rendered to be in compliance with those listed in the funeral establishment general price list, the casket price list, the outer burial container list, or the funeral service contract price list;

~~(18)~~(17) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to practice under this article;

~~(19)~~(18) Promoting or participating in a burial society, burial association, burial certificate plan, or burial membership plan;
~~(20)~~(19) Soliciting, as defined in paragraph (21) of Code Section 43-18-1;
~~(21)~~(20) Presenting a false certification of work done by an apprentice or as an apprentice;
~~(22)~~(21) Willfully violating any state law or regulation; Federal Trade Commission law or regulation; Occupational Safety and Health Administration law or regulation; Department of Public Health law or regulation; Environmental Protection Agency law or regulation; or municipal or county ordinance or regulation that affects the handling, custody, care, or transportation of dead human bodies, including, but not limited to, the disposal of equipment, residual fluids, or medical wastes;
~~(23)~~(22) Knowingly making any misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representation in the practice of funeral directing or embalming or in any document connected therewith;
~~(24)~~(23) Discriminating in the provision of services because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, or national origin;
~~(25)~~(24) Failing to safeguard all personal properties that were obtained from dead human remains and failing to dispose of same as directed by a legally authorized person;
~~(26)~~(25) Failing to refund moneys due as a result of overpayment by an insurance company or other third party;
~~(27)~~(26) Engaging in any unprofessional, immoral, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public~~, which conduct or practice~~ that materially affects the fitness of the licensee or registrant to practice in the funeral business, or is of a nature likely to jeopardize the interest of the general public, ~~which conduct or practice~~ and that need not have resulted in actual injury to any person or be directly related to the practice of funeral directing or embalming but shows that the person has committed any act or omission which is indicative of bad moral character or ~~untrustworthiness; unprofessional~~ untrustworthiness. Unprofessional conduct shall also include any departure from or failure to conform to the minimal reasonable standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of funeral services;
~~(28)~~(27) Engaging in any practice whereby a person who is both a funeral director and a coroner or who is both a funeral director and a minister presents that person as a funeral director to a legally authorized person when death is imminent or after death occurs prior to when the legally authorized person selects a funeral director or funeral establishment which will handle the dead human body;
~~(29)~~(28) Practicing embalming or funeral directing or operating a funeral establishment or crematory prior to the board's having approved an application for licensure; or
~~(30)~~(29) Failing to satisfy the funeral director in full and continuous charge requirements as set out in Code Section 43-18-71 or funeral establishment requirements as set out in Code Section 43-18-70."

SECTION 2-12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-24A-9, relating to provisional permits for

massage therapists, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A provisional permit to practice as a provisionally permitted massage therapist shall, upon proper application, be issued for a six-month period to an applicant who meets the following criteria:

(1) Holds and maintains a valid license as a massage therapist in another state;

(2) Is not a resident of this state as confirmed in a secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2;

(3) Has not had a license or permit to practice as a massage therapist voided, revoked, suspended, denied, or annulled by this state or another state, territory, or jurisdiction; and

(4) Has not been convicted of a directly related felony in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including, but not limited to, a plea of nolo contendere entered to such charge ~~or the affording of first offender treatment to any such charge~~ in the same manner as provided in ~~paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of~~ subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'felony' shall have the same meaning a provided in Code Section 43-1-1."

SECTION 2-13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-26-11, relating to denial or revocation of licenses and other discipline under the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act," by revising paragraph (1) as follows:

"(1) Been convicted of any directly related felony~~, crime involving moral turpitude,~~ or directly related crime violating a federal or state law relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including but not limited to a plea of nolo contendere entered to the charge~~,~~; provided, however, that such conviction shall be evaluated as provided by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19; or"

SECTION 2-14.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-26-40, relating to refusal to grant license and revocation of registered practical nurses licenses and disciplining of licensees, as follows:

"43-26-40.

(a) In addition to the authority granted in Code Section 43-1-19, the board shall have the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant, to revoke the license of a licensee, or to discipline a licensee upon a finding by the board that the applicant or licensee has:

(1) Been convicted of a directly related felony~~, a crime involving moral turpitude,~~ or any directly related crime violating a federal or state law relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs or marijuana in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including, but not limited to, a plea of nolo contendere entered to the charge; provided, however, that such conviction shall be evaluated as provided by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19;

(2) Had a license to practice nursing revoked, suspended, or annulled by any lawful licensing authority, had other disciplinary action taken by any lawful licensing authority, or was denied a license by any lawful licensing authority;

(3) Engaged in any unprofessional, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public, which conduct or practice need not have resulted in actual injury to any person. As used in this paragraph, the term 'unprofessional conduct' includes the improper charting of medication and any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice;

(4) Violated or attempted to violate a law or any lawfully promulgated rule or regulation of this state, any other state, the board, the United States, or any other lawful authority, without regard to whether the violation is criminally punishable, which statute, law, or rule or regulation relates to or in part regulates the practice of nursing, when the licensee or applicant knows or should know that such action is violative of such law or rule;

(5) Violated a lawful order of the board previously entered by the board in a disciplinary hearing; or

(6) Displayed an inability to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse with reasonable skill and safety due to illness, use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other types of material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition:

(A) In enforcement of this paragraph, the board may, upon reasonable grounds, require a licensee or applicant to submit to a mental or physical examination by a board approved health care professional. The expense of such mental or physical examination shall be borne by the licensee or applicant. The results of such examination shall be admissible in any hearing before the board, notwithstanding any claim of privilege under contrary law or rule. Every person who is licensed to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this state, or an applicant for examination, endorsement, or reinstatement, shall be deemed to have given such person's consent to submit to such mental or physical examination and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of the results in any hearing before the board upon the grounds that the same constitutes a privileged communication. If a licensee or applicant fails to submit to such an examination when properly directed to do so by the board, unless such failure was due to circumstances beyond that person's control, the board may enter a final order upon proper notice, hearing, and proof of such refusal. Any licensee or applicant who is prohibited from practicing under this paragraph shall at reasonable intervals be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the board that such person can resume or begin to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse with reasonable skill and safety; and

(B) In enforcement of this paragraph, the board may, upon reasonable grounds, obtain any and all records relating to the mental or physical condition of a licensee or applicant, including psychiatric records; such records shall be admissible in any hearing before the board, notwithstanding any privilege under a contrary rule, law, or statute. Every person who is licensed in this state or who shall file an application for said license shall be deemed to have given such person's consent to the board's

obtaining such records and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of such records in any hearing before the board upon the grounds that the same constitute a privileged communication.

(b) Neither denial of an initial license, the issuance of a private reprimand, the denial of a license by endorsement under Code Section 43-26-38, nor the denial of a request for reinstatement of a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee has failed to meet the minimum requirements shall be considered a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and notice and hearing within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50 shall not be required, but the applicant or licensee shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so requests.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, the denial of an initial license or the denial of a request for reinstatement of a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee is disqualified due to a criminal record shall be in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 43-1-19."

SECTION 2-15.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-8, relating to the authority of the Composite Medical Board to refuse license, certificate, or permit medical professionals or to issue discipline, suspension, restoration, investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Been convicted of a felony in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, country, or of the United States. As used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction of a felony' shall include a conviction of an offense which if committed in this state would be deemed a felony under either state or federal law, without regard to its designation elsewhere. As used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilt, ~~a plea of guilty resulting in first offender status,~~ or a plea of nolo contendere in a criminal proceeding~~, regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon~~;"

SECTION 2-16.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-8, relating to the authority of the Composite Medical Board to refuse license, certificate, or permit medical professionals or to issue discipline, suspension, restoration, investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3), (4), and (11) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the medical board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of medicine. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the medical board shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;
(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;
(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;
(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and
(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:
(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;
(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;
(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;
(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;
(E) Education and training;
(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.
(6) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(D) A juvenile adjudication;
(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;

(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(a.2)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (a.1)(6) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a.1) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (a.1)(6) of this Code section. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational license, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in subsection (a.2) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-17.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-107, relating to termination of approval and revocation of licenses of physician assistants by the Composite Medical Board, notice and hearing, and sanctions, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The approval of a physician's utilization of a physician assistant may be terminated and the license revoked by the board when, after due notice and a hearing, in accordance with this Code section, it shall find that the assistant is incompetent or has committed unethical or immoral acts, including, but not limited to, holding himself or herself out or permitting another to represent him or her as a licensed physician; performing otherwise than at the direction of a physician approved by the board to utilize the assistant's services; habitually using intoxicants or drugs to such an extent that he or she is unable safely to perform as an assistant to the physician; or being convicted in any court, state or federal, of any felony or other ~~criminal offense involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor.

(2) The board shall recommend action to terminate and revoke on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a physician assistant. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a physician assistant, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the physician assistant;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol

treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(3) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board or investigator shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(iii) Aggravated assault;

(iv) Aggravated robbery;

(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(vi) Arson;

(vii) Carjacking;

(viii) Kidnapping; or

(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder."

SECTION 2-18.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-283, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics by the Composite Medical Board, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) Upon the filing of an application for a license, the board may cause a thorough investigation of the applicant to be made and such investigation may include a criminal background check; provided, however, that the board shall cause a thorough investigation of a new applicant to be made, and such investigation shall include a

background check. If satisfied that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, the board shall issue a license. However, the board may issue licenses with varying restrictions to such persons where the board deems it necessary for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare.

(2) The board shall recommend action to deny licensure on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the administration of a pain management clinic. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the administration of a pain management clinic, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the licensee;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board."

SECTION 2-19.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-34-284, relating to denial, suspension, and revocation of licenses of pain management clinics by the Composite Medical Board, as follows:

"43-34-284.

(a) In addition to the authority granted in Code Section 43-34-8, a license obtained pursuant to this article may be denied, suspended, or revoked by the board upon finding that the licensee or a physician practicing at a licensed pain management clinic has:

(1) Furnished false or fraudulent material information in any application filed under this chapter;

(2) Been convicted of a crime under any state or federal law relating to any controlled substance;

(3) Had his or her federal registration to prescribe, distribute, or dispense controlled substances suspended or revoked; or

(4) Violated the provisions of this chapter, Chapter 13 of Title 16, or Chapter 4 of Title 26.

(b) In determining whether to deny, suspend, or revoke a license based upon a criminal conviction or adjudication, the board shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the physician practicing at a licensed pain management clinic;

(2) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board."

SECTION 2-20.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-39A-14, relating to grant of licenses for appraisers by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or any

~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor. The commission shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision.

(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:

(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or

(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The board shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for a licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the appraiser;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(F) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(i) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(ii) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(iii) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned; or

(iv) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.3) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of ~~a single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;

(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and

(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-21.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-40-15, relating to grant of licenses for brokers and salespersons by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this Code section, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or any crime involving ~~moral turpitude~~ a covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor.

The commission shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision.

(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:

(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or

(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The commission shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for a licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of the license sought. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a broker or real estate salesperson, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the licensee;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the

commission.

(F) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(i) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(ii) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(iii) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned; or

(iv) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.3) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of a ~~single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;

(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and

(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-22.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-45-9, relating to examination for structural pest control operator certification by the Structural Pest Control Commission, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) All applicants for examination for certification as an operator must have a knowledge of the practical and scientific facts underlying the practice of structural pest control, control of wood-destroying organisms, and fumigation and the necessary knowledge and ability to recognize and control those hazardous conditions which may affect human life and health. The commission may refuse to examine anyone convicted of a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related felony or directly related covered misdemeanor.

(2) The commission shall refuse to examine an applicant on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the

role of an operator. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a pest control operator, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the operator;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(3) In determining whether to refuse to examine an applicant, the commission shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(iii) Aggravated assault;

(iv) Aggravated robbery;

(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(4)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the commission at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for certification, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify such individual from obtaining a certification as an operator.

(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the commission to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the commission shall apply the direct relationship standard in paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The commission shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(D) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the commission only if the petitioner applies for certification, fulfills all other requirements for operator certification, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for certification.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from certification, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The commission may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of certification only after the commission has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The commission shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The commission shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the commission decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection the commission deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the commission's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the commission not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the commission shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 20-2-982.1, relating to definitions relative to professional standards of teachers and other school personnel, to read as follows:

"(1.1) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of such finding, verdict, or plea has been sought."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-984.3, relating to preliminary investigation of violations by the Professional Standards Commission, requirement for automatic investigation, and investigation of sexual offenses, as follows:

"20-2-984.3.

(a) Upon receipt of a written request from a local board, the state board, or one or more individual residents of this state, the commission shall be authorized to investigate:

(1) Alleged violations by an educator of any law of this state pertaining to educators or the profession of education;

(2) Alleged violations by an educator of the code of ethics of the commission;

(3) Alleged violations by an educator of rules, regulations, or policies of the state board or the commission;

(4) Complaints alleging a failure by an educator to meet or comply with standards of performance of the commission or the state board; or

(5) Complaints alleging that an educator has been convicted of any directly related felony, of any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1, of any other criminal offense involving the

manufacture, distribution, trafficking, sale, or possession of a controlled substance or marijuana as provided for in Chapter 13 of Title 16, or of any other sexual offense as provided for in Code Sections 16-6-1 through 16-6-17 or Code Section 16-6-20, 16-6-22.2, or 16-12-100 in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States. ~~As used in this paragraph, the term 'convicted' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought; a situation where first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; and a situation where an adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge or the charge was otherwise disposed of in a similar manner in any jurisdiction.~~

(b) The commission shall decide whether to conduct a preliminary investigation pursuant to this Code section within 30 days of the request unless an extension is granted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-984.5. The commission may appoint a committee of its membership with the power to transact and carry out the business and duties of the commission when deciding whether to conduct a preliminary investigation.

(b.1) In investigating whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a certificate, the commission shall not consider nor require an educator to disclose:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(4) A juvenile adjudication;

(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(A) A criminal sexual act;

(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(C) Aggravated assault;

(D) Aggravated robbery;

(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(F) Arson;

(G) Carjacking;

(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(c) When an educator admits on a Professional Standards Commission application to having resigned or being discharged for committing a felony or ~~misdemeanor involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 or being under investigation by law enforcement authorities for such conduct or for committing a breach

of the code of ethics or for a violation of state education laws or having a criminal ~~history~~ record or having had a surrender, denial, revocation, or suspension of a certificate or being the subject of an investigation or adverse action regarding a certificate, an investigation will automatically open without notification to the commission and with written notification to the educator.

(c.1) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this Code section, the commission shall not consider nor require an educator to disclose on a Professional Standards Commission application:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(4) A juvenile adjudication;

(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(A) A criminal sexual act;

(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(C) Aggravated assault;

(D) Aggravated robbery;

(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(F) Arson;

(G) Carjacking;

(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(d) Notwithstanding the requirements of this Code section, the staff of the commission shall be authorized, without notification to the commission, to immediately open an investigation submitted to the commission by a local school superintendent, with approval of the local board of education, of a complaint by a student against an educator alleging a sexual offense, as provided for in Code Sections 16-6-1 through 16-6-17 or Code Section 16-6-20, 16-6-22.2, or 16-12-100.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the commission at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for certification, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a certificate.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (c.1) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning

the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the commission shall apply the direct relationship standard provided for in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 20-2-984.5 and shall not consider any offenses falling under subsection (c.1) of this Code section. The commission shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a certificate shall be binding on the commission only if the petitioner applies for certification, fulfills all other requirements for the certificate, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a certificate.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from certification, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The commission may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the commission has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The commission shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The commission shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the commission decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a certificate, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 20-2-984.5 the commission deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the commission's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the commission not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an

administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the commission shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-2-984.5, relating to preliminary investigations of educators, disciplinary actions, and hearings by the Professional Standards Commission, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) The commission shall recommend disciplinary action on the basis of a criminal conviction only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an educator. In determining if a criminal conviction directly relates to the role of an educator, the commission shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the educator;

(2) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(a.2) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license, the commission or investigator shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(4) A juvenile adjudication;
(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(A) A criminal sexual act;
(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(C) Aggravated assault;
(D) Aggravated robbery;
(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(F) Arson;
(G) Carjacking;
(H) Kidnapping; or
(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-41, relating to qualifications for pharmacist licenses, examination, and internships and other training programs, as follows:

"(a) **Qualifications.** To obtain a license to engage in the practice of pharmacy, an applicant for licensure by examination shall:
(1) Have submitted an application in the form prescribed by the board;
(2) Have attained the age of majority;
~~(3) Be of good moral character;~~
~~(4)~~(3) Have graduated and received a professional undergraduate degree from a college or school of pharmacy as the same may be approved by the board; provided, however, that, since it would be impractical for the board to evaluate a school or college of pharmacy located in another country, the board may accept a graduate from such a school or college so long as the graduate has completed all requirements of the Foreign Pharmacy Equivalency Certification Program administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This shall include successful completion of all required examinations and the issuance of the equivalency certificate and be based upon an individual evaluation by the board of the applicant's educational experience, professional background, and proficiency in the English language;
~~(5)~~(4) Have completed an internship or other program that has been approved by the board or demonstrated to the board's satisfaction that experience in the practice of pharmacy which meets or exceeds the minimum internship requirements of the board;
~~(6)~~(5) Have successfully passed an examination or examinations approved by the board; and

~~(7)~~(6) Have paid the fees specified by the board for the examination and any related materials and have paid for the issuance of the license."

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 26-4-60, relating to grounds for suspension, revocation or refusal to grant pharmacist licenses, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Except as prohibited in Code Section 26-4-60.1, for being ~~Being~~:

(A) Convicted of a felony;

(B) Convicted of any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, as defined in Code Section 43-1-1, in this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; or

(C) Convicted or guilty of violations of the pharmacy or drug laws of this state, or rules and regulations pertaining thereto, or of laws, rules, and regulations of any other state, or of the federal government;"

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"26-4-60.1.

(a) Notwithstanding paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-60, the board of pharmacy shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of pharmacy. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of pharmacy shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(b) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license due to criminal record, the board of pharmacy shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(4) A juvenile adjudication;
(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(A) A criminal sexual act;
(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(C) Aggravated assault;
(D) Aggravated robbery;
(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(F) Arson;
(G) Carjacking;
(H) Kidnapping;
(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder; or
(J) Distribution, manufacturing, or possession of a controlled substance.

26-4-60.2.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of pharmacy at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.
(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-60.1. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-60.1 and shall not consider any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 26-4-60.1. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Code Section 31-7-351, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia long-term care background check program, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5)(A) 'Criminal record' means any of the following:

(i) Conviction of a crime;

(ii) Arrest, charge, and sentencing for a crime when:

(I) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the crime;

(II) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt was granted to the crime; or

(III) Adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered for the crime; or

(iii) Arrest and charges for a crime if the charge is pending, unless the time for prosecuting such crime has expired pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 17.

(B) Such term shall not include an owner, applicant, or employee for which at least ten years have elapsed from the date of his or her criminal background check since the ~~completion of all of the terms of his or her sentence~~ dates of conviction or adjudication; such term also shall not include an owner, applicant, or employee who has received a general pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles for the convictions; provided, however, that such ten-year period exemption ~~or~~ and pardon exemption shall never apply to any crime identified in subsection (j) of Code Section 42-8-60."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Code Section 33-23-21, relating to grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of insurance agent licenses, by revising paragraphs (15) and (16) as follows:

"(15) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 33-23-21.2, has ~~Has~~ been convicted of any felony or of any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; as used in this paragraph and paragraph (16) of this subsection, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;

(16) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 33-23-21.2, has ~~Has~~ been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any directly related felony, or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related covered misdemeanor as defined in Code

Section 43-1-1, where:

(A) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or

(B) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.

The order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation of first offenders, or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;"

SECTION 6-2.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"33-23-21.2.

Notwithstanding Code Section 33-23-21, the Commissioner shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of a licensee. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the Commissioner shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the Commissioner.

33-23-21.3.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the Commissioner shall apply the direct relationship standard in Code Section 33-23-21.2.

(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.

(f) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the factors in Code Section 33-23-21.2 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier."

SECTION 6-3.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"33-23-43.11.

Notwithstanding Code Section 33-23-43.10, the Commissioner shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of a licensee. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the Commissioner shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;
(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;
(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;
(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and
(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:
(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;
(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;
(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;
(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;
(E) Education and training;
(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the Commissioner.

33-23-43.12.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a public adjuster's license.
(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.
(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the Commissioner shall apply the direct relationship standard in Code Section 33-23-43.11.
(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.
(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner

from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.

(f) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in Code Section 33-23-43.11 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier."

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-4-8, relating to qualifications of firefighters generally, to read as follows:

"(d) A person who pleaded guilty to a felony offense under the 'Georgia First Offender Act' and successfully completed the terms of his or her sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 may, at the council's discretion, be certified and employed as a firefighter if such person otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in this Code section. Such person shall provide information on the circumstances underlying the plea of guilty, as requested by the council, to enable the council to make an informed decision on such individual's qualification status."

PART VIII
SECTION 8-1.

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, is amended in Code Section 35-3-37, relating to review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, by revising divisions (j)(4)(B)(xvi), (j)(4)(B)(xvii), and (j)(4)(B)(xviii), subparagraph (j)(4)(C), paragraph (7) of subsection (j), and subsections (m) and (v) as follows:

"(xvi) Any offense related to minors generally in violation of Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16; or

(xvii) ~~Theft in violation of Chapter 8 of Title 16; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to a misdemeanor conviction of shoplifting or refund~~

~~fraud in violation of Code Section 16-8-14 or 16-8-14.1, as applicable; or~~

~~(xviii)~~ Any serious traffic offense in violation of Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40.

(C) ~~An individual shall be limited to filing a petition under this paragraph to a lifetime maximum of requesting record restriction on two convictions for a misdemeanor or a series of misdemeanors arising from a single incident. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the conviction of two or more offenses charged in separate counts of one or more accusations consolidated for trial shall be deemed to be one conviction.~~ If a petition under this subsection has been denied, an individual may file a subsequent petition on the same conviction for a misdemeanor or series of misdemeanors arising from a single incident after the expiration of two years from the date of the final order from the previous petition."

"(7) When an individual was convicted in this state of an offense for which that individual has been granted a pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles as provided in the Constitution and Code Section 42-9-42, provided that the offense was not a serious violent felony as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1 or a sexual offense as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.2, and provided, further, that such individual has not been convicted of any crime in any jurisdiction, excluding any conviction for a nonserious traffic offense, since the pardon was granted, and provided, further, that he or she has no pending charged offenses, he or she may petition the court in which the conviction occurred to restrict access to criminal history record information. Such court shall maintain jurisdiction over the case for this limited purpose and duration. Such petition shall be served on the prosecuting attorney. If a hearing is requested, such hearing shall be held within 90 days of the filing of the petition. If the court finds that the criteria for such petition are met, the court shall grant an order restricting such criminal history record information. ~~The court shall hear evidence and shall grant an order restricting such criminal history record information if it determines that the harm otherwise resulting to the individual clearly outweighs the public's interest in the criminal history record information being publicly available.~~"

"(m)(1) For criminal history record information maintained by the clerk of court, an individual who has a record restricted pursuant to Code Section 17-10-21 or this Code section or an individual who has been cited for a criminal offense but was not arrested and the charged offense was subsequently dismissed, nolle prossed, or reduced to a violation of a local ordinance may petition the court with original jurisdiction over the offenses in the county where the clerk of court is located for an order to seal all criminal history record information maintained by the clerk of court for such individual's charged offense. Notice of such petition shall be sent to the clerk of court and the prosecuting attorney. A notice sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery shall be sufficient notice.

(2) The court shall order all criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, to be restricted and unavailable to the public if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

(A) The criminal history record information has been restricted pursuant to this Code

section; and

(B) The harm otherwise resulting to the privacy of the individual clearly outweighs the public interest in the criminal history record information being publicly available.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subsection, the court shall order all criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, to be restricted and unavailable to the public if the criminal history record has been restricted pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (j) of this Code section.

(4) Within 60 days of the court's order, the clerk of court shall cause every document, physical or electronic, in its custody, possession, or control to be restricted."

"(v)(1) Information restricted and sealed pursuant to this Code section shall always be available for inspection, copying, and use:

(A) For the purpose of imposing a sentence under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42;

(B) By the Judicial Qualifications Commission;

(C) By an attorney representing an accused individual who submits a sworn affidavit to the clerk of court attesting that such information is relevant to a criminal proceeding;

(D) By a prosecuting attorney or a public defender;

(E) Pursuant to a court order; ~~and~~

(F) By an individual who is the subject of restricted criminal history record information or sealed court files; and

(G) By criminal justice agencies for law enforcement or criminal investigative purposes.

(2) The confidentiality of such information shall be maintained insofar as practicable."

PART IX
SECTION 9-1.

Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders, is amended in Code Section 42-8-66, relating to petition for exoneration and discharge, hearing, retroactive grant of first offender status, and no filing fee, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (d) as follows:

"(a)(1) An individual who qualified for sentencing pursuant to this article but who was not informed of his or her eligibility for first offender treatment may~~, with the consent of the prosecuting attorney,~~ petition the court in which he or she was convicted for exoneration of guilt and discharge pursuant to this article."

"(d) The court may issue an order retroactively granting first offender treatment and discharge the defendant pursuant to this article if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant was eligible for sentencing under the terms of this article at the time he or she was originally sentenced or that he or she qualifies for sentencing under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section and the ends of justice and the welfare of society are served by granting such petition; provided, however, that no relief pursuant to this subsection may be given on a conviction that was used as the underlying conviction for a conviction for violating Code Section 16-11-131 or if the conviction was

used to enhance a sentence pursuant to Code Section 17-10-7."

PART X
SECTION 10-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2024.
(b) Parts 1 through 7 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall apply to all applications for licensure submitted on or after such date.

SECTION 10-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 508, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The President recognized Lindsay Perdue Strickland, wife of Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 916. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate insist on its substitute to HB 916.

On the motion, Senator Tillery of the 19th called for the yeas and nays, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.

Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate insisted on its substitute to HB 916.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 51. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize local boards of education to use vehicles other than school buses for the transport of all students to and from school and school related activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 385. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Clark of the 100th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to add appropriate references to the United States Space Force; to make conforming changes; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 404. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Williamson of the 112th, Cooper of the 45th, Crawford of the 84th, Oliver of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for a duty of habitability for certain rental agreements; to provide for an exception to such duty; to provide for an exception to landlord tort liability; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice; to provide for a maximum security deposit amount; to provide for expedited evictions for certain criminal activity; to provide for a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1267. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Gunter of the 8th, Blackmon of the 146th, Buckner of the 137th, Stoner of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to repeal Chapter 13A, relating to tax tribunals; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts; to provide for the application of Chapter 11 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Civil Practice Act,' discovery, and attendance of witnesses; to amend Title 5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to declaratory judgments; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 23 of the O.C.G.A., relating to equity procedure; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments; to amend Code Section 15-21-209 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state operation assessment against adult entertainment establishments, determination of obligation, use of funds, and administration, Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, and Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to administrative procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1344. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Anulewicz of the 42nd and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, so as to allow for certain officials on the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to be represented by a delegate or agent; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services relative to children and adolescents with severe emotional problems, so as to repeal a provision relating to the submission of an annual report by the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 581. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 28-5-41.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to economic analysis of certain tax benefits of law or proposed law, and analysis on performance and outcomes of Code Section 33-1-25, so as to revise the deadlines, selection criteria, and required contents for certain annual economic analyses conducted by the Department of

Audits and Accounts; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 581:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise requirements for notices of tax assessment; to provide that county boards of tax assessors shall have the right to appeal concerning sales ratio studies under certain conditions; to revise the limitation on increasing new valuations established through appeals or agreements; to revise the required contents of annual notices of assessment; to revise a defined term; to provide for a state-wide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption and provide procedures for opting out of such homestead exemption at the local level; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date, applicability, and a contingent, automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Save Our Homes Act."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-5-32.1, relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property and method of computation, resolution or ordinance required for millage rate, and advertisement of intent to increase property tax, by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Whenever a recommending authority or levying authority shall propose to adopt a millage rate which does not exceed the ~~roll-back~~ previous year's millage rate, it shall adopt that millage rate at an advertised public meeting and at a time and place which is convenient to the taxpayers of the taxing jurisdiction, in accordance with the procedures specified under Code Section 48-5-32.

(2) In those instances in which the recommending authority or levying authority proposes to establish a general maintenance and operation millage rate which would

require increases beyond the ~~roll-back~~ previous year's millage rate, the recommending authority or levying authority shall advertise its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The recommending authority or levying authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the unit of local government and post such advertisement on the website of the recommending or levying authority, which shall read as follows:

'NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The ~~(name of recommending authority or levying authority)~~ _____ (name of recommending authority or levying authority) has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by ~~(percentage increase over roll-back rate)~~ _____ (percentage increase over previous year's millage rate) percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at ~~(place of meeting)~~ _____ (place of meeting) on ~~(date and time)~~ _____ (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at ~~(place of meeting)~~ _____ (place of meeting) on ~~(date and time)~~ _____ (date and time).

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of ~~(proposed millage rate)~~ _____ (proposed millage rate) mills, an increase of ~~(millage rate increase above the roll-back rate)~~ _____ (millage rate increase above previous year's millage rate) mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than ~~(roll-back millage rate)~~ _____ (previous year's millage rate) mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of ~~(average home value from previous year's digest rounded to the nearest $25,000.00)~~ _____ (average home value from previous year's digest rounded to the nearest $25,000.00) is approximately ~~$(increase)~~ $_____ (increase) and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of ~~(average nonhomestead property value from previous year's digest rounded to nearest $25,000.00)~~ _____ (average nonhomestead property value from previous year's digest rounded to the nearest $25,000.00) is approximately ~~$(increase)~~ $_____ (increase).'

Simultaneously with this notice the recommending authority or levying authority shall provide a press release to the local media."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-274, relating to the establishment of equalized adjusted property tax digest, establishment and use of average ratio, information to be furnished by state auditor, grievance procedure, and information to be furnished by commissioner, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1) Each county governing authority, each governing authority of a municipality having an independent school system, ~~and~~ each local board of education, and each county board of tax assessors, when aggrieved or when having an aggrieved constituent, shall have a right, upon written request made within 30 days after receipt of the digest information, to refer the question of correctness of the current equalized adjusted property tax digest of the local school system to the state auditor. The state auditor shall take any steps necessary to make a determination of the correctness of the digest and to notify all interested parties of the determination within 45 days after receiving the request questioning the correctness of the digest."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-299, relating to ascertainment of taxable property, assessments against unreturned personal property, penalty for unreturned property, and changing real property values established by appeal in prior year or stipulated by agreement, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) When the value of real property is reduced ~~or is unchanged~~ from the value on the initial annual notice of assessment or a corrected annual notice of assessment issued by the board of tax assessors and such reduced valuation has been established as the result of an appeal decision rendered by the board of equalization, hearing officer, arbitrator, or superior court pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 or stipulated by written agreement signed by the board of tax assessors and taxpayer or taxpayer's authorized representative, the new valuation so established by appeal decision or agreement may not be increased by the board of tax assessors during the next two successive years, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties, subject to the following exceptions:

(1) This subsection shall not apply to a valuation established by an appeal decision if the taxpayer or his or her authorized representative failed to attend the appeal hearing or provide the board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator with some written evidence supporting the taxpayer's opinion of value;

(2) This subsection shall not apply to a valuation established by an appeal decision or agreement if the taxpayer files a return at a different valuation during the next two successive years;

(3) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties, if the taxpayer files an appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 during the next two successive years, the board of tax assessors, the board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator may increase or decrease the value of the real property based on the evidence presented by the taxpayer during the appeal process; and

(4) The board of tax assessors may increase or decrease the value of the real property if, after a visual on-site inspection of the property, it is found that there have been substantial additions, deletions, or improvements to such property or that there are errors in the board of tax assessors' records as to the description or characterization of the property, or the board of tax assessors finds an occurrence of other material factors that substantially affect the current fair market value of such property."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) **Contents of notice.**

(1) The annual notice of current assessment required to be given by the county board of tax assessors under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be dated and shall contain the name and last known address of the taxpayer. The annual notice shall conform with the state-wide uniform assessment notice which shall be established by the commissioner by rule and regulation and shall contain:

~~(A) The amount of the previous assessment;~~

~~(B) The amount of the current assessment;~~

~~(C)~~(A) The year for which the new assessment is applicable;

~~(D)~~(B) A brief description of the assessed property broken down into real and personal property classifications;

~~(E)~~(C) The fair market value of property of the taxpayer subject to taxation ~~and the~~ for the prior year and the current year;

(D) A list of all ad valorem tax exemptions that have been granted for and are applicable to the current tax year;

(E) The prior year's and current year's assessed value of the taxpayer's property subject to taxation after being reduced by any ad valorem exemptions that have been granted for and are applicable to the assessment for such year;

(F) The name, ~~phone~~ telephone number, and contact information of the person in the assessors' office who is administratively responsible for the handling of the appeal and who the taxpayer may contact if the taxpayer has questions about the reasons for the assessment change or the appeals process;

(G) If available, the website address of the office of the county board of tax assessors; and

(H) A statement that all documents and records used to determine the current value are available upon request.

(2)~~(A)~~ In addition to the items required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the notice shall contain a statement of the taxpayer's right to an appeal ~~and an estimate of the current year's taxes for all levying authorities~~ which shall be in substantially the following form:

'The amount of your ad valorem tax bill for this year will be based on the appraised and assessed values specified in this notice. You have the right to appeal these values to the county board of tax assessors. At the time of filing your appeal you must select one of the following options:

~~(i)~~(A) An appeal to the county board of equalization with appeal to the superior court;

~~(ii)~~(B) To arbitration without an appeal to the superior court; or

~~(iii)~~(C) For a parcel of nonhomestead property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, or for one or more account numbers of wireless property as defined

in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-311 with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, to a hearing officer with appeal to the superior court.

If you wish to file an appeal, you must do so in writing no later than 45 days after the date of this notice. If you do not file an appeal by this date, your right to file an appeal will be lost. For further information on the proper method for filing an appeal, you may contact the county board of tax assessors which is located at: (insert address) and which may be contacted by telephone at: (insert telephone number).'

~~(B) The notice shall also contain the following statements in bold print:~~

~~'The estimate of your ad valorem tax bill for the current year is based on the previous or most applicable year's millage rate and the fair market value contained in this notice. The actual tax bill you receive may be more or less than this estimate. This estimate may not include all eligible exemptions.~~'"

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-311, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (g) as follows:

"(2)(A) An appeal by the taxpayer as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be effected by emailing, if the county board of tax assessors has adopted a written policy consenting to electronic service, or by mailing to or filing with the county board of tax assessors a written petition for review. An appeal by the county board of tax assessors shall be effected by giving a petition for review to the taxpayer. The petition for review given to the taxpayer shall be dated and shall contain the name and the last known address of the taxpayer. The petition for review shall specifically state the grounds for appeal. The petition for review shall be mailed or filed within 30 days from the date on which the decision of the county board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator is delivered pursuant to subparagraph (e)(6)(D), paragraph (7) of subsection (e.1), or division (f)(3)(C)(ix) of this Code section.

(B) Within 45 days of receipt of a taxpayer's petition for review and before the petition for review is filed in superior court, the county board of tax assessors shall send to the taxpayer notice that a settlement conference, in which the county board of tax assessors and the taxpayer shall confer in good faith, will be held at a specified date and time which shall be no later than 30 days from the notice of the settlement conference, and notice of the amount of the filing fee for a petition for review, if any, required by the clerk of the superior court. A taxpayer may appear for the settlement conference in person, by his or her authorized agent or representative, or both. The county board of tax assessors, in their discretion and with the consent of the taxpayer, may alternatively conduct the settlement conference by audio or video teleconference or any other remote communication medium. The taxpayer may exercise a one-time option to reschedule the settlement conference to a different date and time acceptable to the taxpayer during normal business hours. After a settlement conference has

convened, the parties may agree to continue the settlement conference to a later date.
(C) If at the end of the 45 day review period the county board of tax assessors elects not to hold a settlement conference, then the appeal shall terminate and the taxpayer's stated value shall be entered in the records of the board of tax assessors as the fair market value for the year under appeal and the provisions of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-299 shall apply to such value. ~~If the taxpayer chooses not to participate in the settlement conference, he or she may not seek and shall not be awarded fees and costs at such time when the petition for review is reviewed in superior court.~~ If neither the taxpayer nor his or her authorized agent or representative attends a properly scheduled settlement conference or confers with the county board of tax assessors in good faith on the matter, then such taxpayer shall not receive the benefits of any temporary reduction in the amount of taxes due pending the outcome of the appeal and shall not be awarded attorney's fees or costs of litigation in connection with the appeal to the superior court.
(D) If at the conclusion of the settlement conference the parties reach an agreement, the settlement value shall be entered in the records of the county board of tax assessors as the fair market value for the tax year under appeal and the provisions of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-299 shall apply to such value. If at the conclusion of the settlement conference the parties cannot reach an agreement, then written notice shall be provided to the taxpayer that the filing fees for the superior court must be paid by the taxpayer by submitting to the county board of tax assessors a check, money order, or any other instrument payable to the clerk of the superior court within 20 days of the date of the conference.
(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the amount of the filing fee for an appeal under this subsection shall be $25.00. An appeal under this subsection shall not be subject to any other fees or additional costs otherwise required under any provision of Title 15 or under any other provision of law. Within 30 days of receipt of the taxpayer's payment made out to the clerk of the superior court, or, in the case of a petition for review filed by the county board of tax assessors, within 30 days of giving notice of the petition for review to the taxpayer, the county board of tax assessors shall file with the clerk of the superior court the petition for review and any other papers specified by the person appealing, including, but not limited to, the staff information from the file used by the county board of tax assessors, the county board of equalization, the hearing officer, or the arbitrator. Immediately following payment of such $25.00 filing fee to the clerk of the superior court, the clerk shall remit the proceeds thereof to the governing authority of the county which shall deposit the proceeds into the general fund of the county.
(F) All papers and information filed with the clerk shall become a part of the record on appeal to the superior court. At the time of the filing of the petition for review, the county board of tax assessors shall serve the taxpayer and his or her attorney of record, if any, with a copy of the petition for review filed in the superior court and with the civil action file number assigned to the appeal. Such service shall be effected in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-5. No discovery, motions, or

other pleadings may be filed by the county board of tax assessors in the appeal until such service has been made."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, by revising the introductory language of paragraph (3) as follows:

"(3) 'Fair market value of property' means the amount a knowledgeable buyer would pay for the property and a willing seller would accept for the property at an arm's length, bona fide sale. The income approach, if data are available, shall be considered in determining the fair market value of income-producing property. If actual income and expense data are voluntarily supplied by the property owner, such data shall be considered in such determination. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the transaction amount of the most recent arm's length, bona fide sale in any year shall be the maximum allowable fair market value for the next taxable year.~~ With respect to the valuation of equipment, machinery, and fixtures when no ready market exists for the sale of the equipment, machinery, and fixtures, fair market value may be determined by resorting to any reasonable, relevant, and useful information available, including, but not limited to, the original cost of the property, any depreciation or obsolescence, and any increase in value by reason of inflation. Each tax assessor shall have access to any public records of the taxpayer for the purpose of discovering such information."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-44.2.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ad valorem taxes' means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the state or any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school system in this state, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) 'Adjusted base year assessed value' means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed 3 percent of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no such value added improvements to the homestead shall be duplicated as to the same addition or improvement.

(3) 'Base year assessed value' means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this Code section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2025 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this Code section is first granted to the applicant.

(4) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40.

(5) 'Previous adjusted base year assessed value' means:

(A) With respect to the year for which the exemption under this Code section is first granted to a person on such person's homestead, the base year assessed value; or

(B) In all other cases, the adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead as calculated in the taxable year immediately preceding the current year, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311.

(6) 'Substantial property change' means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred after the year in which the base year assessed value is determined for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311.

(b)(1) Each resident of this state is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of that homestead, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, exceeds its previous adjusted base year assessed value.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, no exemption provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(c) The surviving spouse of the person who has been granted the exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall continue to receive the exemption provided under subsection (b) of this Code section, so long as such surviving spouse continues to occupy the residence as a homestead.

(d) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the tax receiver or tax commissioner of his or her local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation, giving such information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable such tax receiver or tax commissioner to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the 2024 tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead in the 2025 tax year, shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this Code

section for that homestead without further application. Such tax receiver or tax commissioner shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. Such exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person or a person's agent has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this Code section to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(f)(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(2) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the given taxing jurisdiction to which the law applies. In any such event, the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the taxpayer's local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is greater or more beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the particular taxing jurisdictions to which more than one base year value homestead exemption applies.

(g) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, provided that:

(1) A constitutional amendment is ratified and becomes effective on January 1, 2025, which authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for a homestead exemption that shall not be applicable to certain political subdivisions which elect to opt out of the homestead exemption by a date certain; and

(2) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be applicable for any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school system for which the governing authority of such political subdivision adopts an opt-out resolution in accordance with subsection (h) of this Code section.

(h) The governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school system may elect to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted by subsection (b) of this Code section with respect to such political subdivision through the adoption of a resolution by March 1, 2025, after completing the following steps:

(1) The governing authority shall advertise its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The governing authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the political subdivision and post such advertisement on its website, which shall read as follows:

'INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The (name of governing authority) intends to opt out of the state-wide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for (name of the political subdivision).

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at (place of meeting) on (date and time).'

Simultaneously with this notice the governing authority shall provide a press release to the local media.

(2) The advertisement required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, not be less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing. In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for its intention to opt out of the homestead exemption.

(3) No resolution to opt out of the homestead exemption shall become effective with respect to a political subdivision unless the procedures and hearings required by this subsection are completed and a copy of such resolution is filed with the Secretary of State by March 1, 2025."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025; provided, however, that, if a constitutional amendment which becomes effective on such date and which authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for a homestead exemption that applies statewide, but that permits political subdivisions to individually opt out of such homestead exemption, has not been ratified, then this Act shall stand automatically repealed on such date.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 581, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HR 1022. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law that counties, consolidated governments, municipalities, and local school systems are authorized to approve local option homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount that the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds its base year value after certain adjustments; to provide for conditions, calculations, and limitations; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VII, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) The General Assembly shall be authorized to provide by general law for a

local option homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes that becomes effective for a given county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system on the first day of January following the passage of an ordinance or resolution by the governing authority of such political subdivision and the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of such political subdivision voting in a referendum thereon.

(2) Such local option homestead exemption shall be a homestead exemption that exempts from ad valorem taxes any amount that the homestead's current year assessed value exceeds its adjusted base year assessed value. The adjusted base year assessed value shall be determined by adjusting the homestead's base year assessed value to account for the effects that inflation and improvements to the homestead may have had after the homestead's base year assessed value was determined. For any given political subdivision, the base year value shall be the assessed value of the homestead for the year prior to the year in which the local option homestead exemption is first granted to the applicant with respect to such political subdivision ~~Repealed~~."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
( ) NO Assembly to provide for local option homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount that the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds its base year value after adjusting for inflation and improvements?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HR 1022:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a state-wide homestead exemption that serves to limit increases in the assessed value of homesteads, but which any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out of upon the completion of certain procedures; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VII, Section II of the Constitution is amended in Paragraph II by adding a new subparagraph (a.1) to read as follows:

"(a.1) In addition to the powers otherwise authorized by this Constitution, the General Assembly shall be authorized to provide by general law for a single state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes that is uniformly applicable to each county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system beginning January 1, 2025; provided, however, that the General Assembly may:

(1) Limit the application of the homestead exemption to any such political subdivisions that do not already have certain existing homestead exemptions in effect;

(2) Prescribe a method by which any such political subdivision may opt out of said homestead exemption; and

(3) Prescribe a method by which any such newly created political subdivision may opt in to such homestead exemption."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a state-wide homestead
( ) NO exemption that serves to limit increases in the assessed value of homesteads, but which any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out of upon the completion of certain procedures?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 42, nays 11.

HR 1022, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

HB 220. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to provide for means of enforcement of condominium and property owners' association instruments, rules, and regulations; to provide for compliance with, and means of enforcement of, covenants and instruments for certain planned subdivisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 220:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to provide for means of enforcement of condominium and property owners' association

instruments, rules, and regulations; to provide for compliance with, and means of enforcement of, covenants and instruments for certain planned subdivisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended by revising Code Section 44-3-76, relating to compliance with condominium instruments, rules, and regulations and means of enforcement, as follows:

"44-3-76.

Every unit owner and all those entitled to occupy a unit shall comply with all lawful provisions of the condominium instruments. In addition, any unit owner and all those entitled to occupy a unit shall comply with any reasonable rules or regulations adopted by the association pursuant to the condominium instruments which have been provided to the unit owners and with the lawful provisions of bylaws of the association. Any lack of such compliance shall be grounds for an action to recover sums due, for damages, for ~~or~~ injunctive relief, or for any other remedy available at law or in equity, maintainable by the association or, in any proper case, by one or more aggrieved unit owners, on their own behalf or as a class action. After providing notice in accordance with the terms of the instrument, or, if the instrument is silent, ten days' written notice, the association may pursue injunctive relief without the need or requirement to first pursue or utilize any other remedies, regardless of whether other remedies may be available or might otherwise be adequate, provided that such notice shall not be required in the event of a violation of the instrument or the reasonable rules or regulations adopted by the association that presents a clear and imminent danger to life, person, or property, or for which injunctive relief would become moot if not granted before a notice period as prescribed above would expire. If and to the extent provided in the condominium instruments, the association shall be empowered to impose and assess fines, and suspend temporarily voting rights and the right of use of certain of the common elements in order to enforce such compliance; provided, however, that no such suspension shall deny any unit owner or occupants access to the unit owned or occupied nor cause any hazardous or unsanitary condition to exist. If the voting right of a unit owner has been suspended, then to the extent provided in the condominium instruments, that unit owner's vote shall not count for purposes of establishing a quorum or taking any action which requires a vote of the owners under this article or the condominium instruments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, to the extent provided in the condominium instruments, water, gas, electricity, heat, and air conditioning services being provided to a unit or unit owner by the association may be terminated for failure to pay assessments and other amounts due pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-109, subject to the suspension standards and notice requirements imposed on the institutional providers providing such services to the condominium development, only after a final judgment or final judgments in excess of a total of $750.00 are obtained in favor of the association

from a court of competent jurisdiction. The utility services shall not be required to be restored until the judgment or judgments and any reasonable utility provider charges or other reasonable costs incurred in suspending and restoring such services are paid in full. All common expenses for termination and restoration of any services pursuant to this Code section shall be an assessment and a lien against the unit."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-106, relating to powers and responsibilities of association and tort actions, as follows:

"(a) Except to the extent prohibited by the condominium instruments and subject to any restrictions and limitations specified therein, the association shall have the power to:

(1) Employ, retain, dismiss, and replace agents and employees to exercise and discharge the powers and responsibilities of the association;

(2) Make or cause to be made additional improvements on and as a part of the common elements; ~~and~~

(3) Grant or withhold approval of any action by one or more unit owners or other persons entitled to occupancy of any unit if such action would change the exterior appearance of any unit or of any other portion of the condominium or elect or provide for the appointment of an architectural control committee to grant or withhold such approval; and

(4) Enforce all lawful provisions of the condominium instruments in accordance with and pursuant to all powers granted by this article, by Chapter 2 or 3 of Title 14 as may be applicable, and as provided for in the instruments, including, but not limited to, by an action to recover sums due; for damages; for injunctive relief, without regard to whether other remedies may exist or be adequate, provided that the provisions of Code Section 44-3-76 and the instrument are complied with or for any other remedy available at law or in equity to the association."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 44-3-223, relating to compliance with provisions of instrument and with rules and regulations and penalties for noncompliance relating to property owners' associations, as follows:

"44-3-223.

Every lot owner and all those entitled to occupy a lot shall comply with all lawful provisions of the property owners' association instrument. In addition, any lot owner and all those entitled to occupy a lot shall comply with any reasonable rules or regulations adopted by the association pursuant to the instrument which have been provided to the lot owners and with the lawful provisions of the bylaws of the association. Any lack of such compliance shall be grounds for an action to recover sums due, for damages, for ~~or~~ injunctive relief, or for any other remedy available at law or in equity, maintainable by the association or, in any proper case, by one or more aggrieved lot owners on their own behalf or as a class action. After providing notice in accordance with the terms of the instrument, or, if the instrument is silent, ten days' written notice, the association may

pursue injunctive relief without the need or requirement to first pursue or utilize any other remedies, regardless of whether other remedies may be available or might otherwise be adequate, provided that such notice shall not be required in the event of a violation of the instrument or the reasonable rules or regulations adopted by the association that presents a clear and imminent danger to life, person, or property, or for which injunctive relief would become moot if not granted before a notice period as prescribed above would expire. If and to the extent provided in the instrument, the association shall be empowered to impose and assess fines and suspend temporarily voting rights and the right of use of certain of the common areas and services paid for as a common expense in order to enforce such compliance; provided, however, that no such suspension shall deny any lot owner or occupants access to the lot owned or occupied."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-231, relating to powers and duties of association and legal actions against agent or employee of association, as follows:

"(a) Except to the extent prohibited by the instrument and subject to any restrictions and limitations specified therein, the association shall have the power to:

(1) Employ, retain, dismiss, and replace agents and employees to exercise and discharge the powers and responsibilities of the association;

(2) Make or cause to be made additional improvements on and as a part of the common area; ~~and~~

(3) Grant or withhold approval of any action by one or more lot owners or other persons entitled to occupancy of any lot if such action would change the exterior appearance of any lot, or any structure thereon, or of any other portion of the development or elect or provide for the appointment of an architectural control committee to grant or withhold such approval; and

(4) Enforce all lawful provisions of the property owners' association instrument in accordance with and pursuant to all powers granted by this article, by Chapter 2 or 3 of Title 14 as may be applicable, and as provided for in the instrument, including, but not limited to, by an action to recover sums due; for damages; for injunctive relief, without regard to whether other remedies may exist or be adequate, provided that the provisions of Code Section 44-3-223 and the instrument are compiled with or for any other remedy available at law or in equity to the association."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (d) of Code Section 44-5-60, relating to effect of zoning laws, covenants and scenic easements for use of public, renewal of certain covenants, and costs, as follows:

"(6) In every planned subdivision containing no fewer than 15 individual plots, every person owning plots affected by such covenant owner and all those entitled to occupy such property shall comply with all lawful provisions of said covenants and the instrument containing such covenants. Any lack of such compliance shall be grounds

for an action to recover sums due; for damages; for injunctive relief; or for any other remedy available at law or in equity, maintainable by a homeowners' association or other common interest community association which has been created pursuant to those covenants. Such association, if any, may pursue injunctive relief without the need or requirement to first pursue or utilize any other remedies, regardless of whether other remedies may be available or might otherwise be adequate. To the extent provided in the instrument, such association shall be empowered to impose and assess fines and temporarily suspend voting rights and the right of use of certain common areas and services paid for as a common expense in order to enforce such compliance; provided, however, that no such suspension shall deny any property owner or occupants access to the property owned or occupied. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to render any covenants in a subdivision containing fewer than 15 individuals plots unenforceable, nor shall anything in this subsection be construed to limit or expand rights of property owners or common interest community associations which may otherwise exist under Georgia law or the instruments governing such community associations, except as expressly stated in this paragraph."

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Brass of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, James of the 35th, and Sims of the 12th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to HB 220 (LC 44 2600S) by inserting "to provide for association meetings;" *after* "subdivisions;" *on line 4.*

By replacing lines 92 through 95 with the following:

fines, which shall not impact voting rights, ~~and~~ to suspend temporarily voting rights for failure to pay regular and special assessments, and to suspend the right of use of certain ~~of the~~ common areas and services paid for as a common expense in order to enforce such compliance; provided, however, that no such suspension shall deny any lot owner or occupants access to the lot owned or occupied or the right to vote in board elections based on failure to pay outstanding fines."

By inserting after line 96 the following:

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 44-3-230, relating to frequency of meetings and notice, as follows:

"44-3-230.

(a) Meetings of the members of the association shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the association's bylaws and in any event shall be called not less frequently than annually. Notice shall be given to each lot owner at least 21 days in advance of any annual or regularly scheduled meeting and at least seven days in advance of any other meeting and shall state the time, place, and, for any special meeting, purpose of such

meeting. Such notice shall be delivered personally or sent by United States mail, postage prepaid, statutory overnight delivery, or issued electronically in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 10, the 'Uniform Electronic Transactions Act,' to all lot owners of record at such address or addresses as designated by such lot owners or, if no other address has been so designated, at the address of their respective lots. At the annual meeting, comprehensive reports of the affairs, finances, and budget projections of the association shall be made to the lot owners.

(b) In the event an association fails to hold an annual meeting on or before the last day of the association's fiscal year, such meeting may called by the holders of at least 5 percent of the voting power of the association, or such other amount as the articles of incorporation or bylaws shall specify, provided that such articles or bylaws shall not require more than 25 percent as a minimum of the voting power, and provided, further, that such call shall be signed by the holders, dated, and delivered to any corporate officer of the association and shall include one or more demands and shall be transmitted in writing or by electronic transmission for the meeting describing the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held."

SECTION 5.

By renumbering Sections 5 and 6 as Sections 6 and 7, respectively.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Brass amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland

Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 2.

HB 220, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 10. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Albers of the 56th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an offense of knowingly attending and facilitating an illegal drag race or a laying drags exhibition; to provide for punishment; to provide for offenses which disqualify certain drivers from obtaining a Class C or D driver's license; to increase the punishment for the offenses of reckless stunt driving; to provide for minimum periods of imprisonment for such offenses in certain instances; to provide for motor vehicle forfeiture in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 37. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding sheriffs, so as to revise qualification requirements for the office of sheriff; to require certification as a peace officer at the time of qualifying as a candidate for sheriff; to require such candidate to be in good standing with

the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for a confirming affidavit; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 322. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, so as to provide for an increase in dues; to provide for an increase in the sum to be paid for purchasing prior service credit; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 341. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to revise committee names; to repeal provisions relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies and certain procedures of the General Assembly; to make conforming changes throughout the Code; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 358. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Election Board, so as to remove the Secretary of State from the board; to authorize the board to investigate the Secretary of State; to require the Secretary of State to cooperate with certain investigations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 384. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Halpern of the 39th and Esteves of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor practices relative to public officers and employees, so as to provide for the development and administration of the State of Georgia as a Model Employer (GAME) Program for the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of qualified

individuals with disabilities at all levels and for all occupations; to establish state policy; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain duties of the State ADA Coordinator; to establish the elements of the GAME Program; to provide for the development of plans by state agencies; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 414. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to prohibit the collecting of certain personal information; to prohibit the release of certain personal information; to create exceptions; to exclude certain information from state open records laws; to create the crime of improper collection or disclosure of personal information; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 417. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-2-106 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of accidents relative to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, manlifts, and moving walks and removal from service of such equipment involved in accident; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses; to amend Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public employee hazardous chemical protection and right to know; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 1123. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of disabled adults and elder persons, so as to require the establishment of an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

Multidisciplinary Team in each judicial circuit; to provide for an exception; to establish the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Coordinator Program within the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia; to provide for dissemination of information created by the coalition to the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The consent was granted, and HB 1123 was taken from the Table.

The President asked that Senate Rule 6-3.5 (b) be suspended and HB 1123, having been taken from the Table, be placed at the top of the Senate Rules Calendar. There was no objection, and the consent was granted.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 1123. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of disabled adults and elder persons, so as to require the establishment of an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team in each judicial circuit; to provide for an exception; to establish the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Coordinator Program within the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia; to provide for dissemination of information created by the coalition to the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay

Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

HB 1123, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 324. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for a victim centered address confidentiality program; to provide for application to such program; to provide for designation of confidential addresses; to provide for certification of program participants; to provide for renewal and cancellation of certifications; to provide for disclosures; to provide for real property records; to provide for training; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 324:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to stalking, so as to provide for counter petition limitations for the respondent in protective order proceedings; to provide for dating violence protective orders; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for a victim centered address

confidentiality program; to provide for application to such program; to provide for designation of confidential addresses; to provide for certification of program participants; to provide for renewal and cancellation of certifications; to provide for training; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to stalking, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 16-5-94, relating to restraining orders and protective orders, as follows:

"(d) The court may grant a protective order on a temporary or permanent basis or approve a consent agreement to bring about a cessation of conduct constituting stalking. The court shall not have the authority to issue or approve mutual protective orders unless the respondent has filed a verified petition as a counter petition pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section no later than three days, not including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, prior to the hearing. Orders or agreements may:

(1) Direct a party to refrain from such conduct;

(2) Order a party to refrain from harassing or interfering with the other;

(3) Award costs and attorney's fees to either party; and

(4) Order either or all parties to receive appropriate psychiatric or psychological services as a further measure to prevent the recurrence of stalking."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 16-5-95, relating to offense of violating family violence order and penalty, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Civil family violence order' means any temporary protective order or permanent protective order issued pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 or Chapter 13A of Title 19.

(2) 'Criminal family violence order' means:

(A) Any order of pretrial release issued as a result of an arrest for an act of family violence; or

(B) Any order for probation issued as a result of a conviction or plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or first offender to an act of family violence.

(3) 'Dating violence' means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between persons through whom a current pregnancy has developed or who are currently, or within the last 12 months were, in a dating relationship as defined in paragraph (1) of Code Section 19-13A-1:

(A) Any felony; or

(B) Commission of the offenses of simple battery, battery, simple assault, or stalking.

(4) 'Dating violence order' means any temporary protective order or permanent protective order issued pursuant to Chapter 13A of Title 19.

(5) 'Family violence' ~~shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 19-13-1~~ means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons living or formerly living in the same household:

(A) Any felony; or

(B) Commission of offenses of battery, simple battery, simple assault, assault, stalking, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint, or criminal trespass.

The term 'family violence' shall not be deemed to include reasonable discipline administered by a parent to a child in the form of corporal punishment, restraint, or detention.

(b) A person commits the offense of violating a civil family violence order or dating violence order or criminal family violence order when such person knowingly and in a nonviolent manner violates the terms of such order issued against that person, which:

(1) Excludes, evicts, or excludes and evicts the person from a residence or household;

(2) Directs the person to stay away from a residence, workplace, or school;

(3) Restrains the person from approaching within a specified distance of another person; or

(4) Restricts the person from having any contact, direct or indirect, by telephone, pager, facsimile, ~~e-mail~~ email, or any other means of communication with another person, except as specified in such order."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

50-18-150.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Confidential address' means a participant's residential address or other address or addresses that could be used to physically locate the participant, including a school attended by the participant or the participant's place of employment.

(2) 'Designated address' means the publicly available address provided by a participant to the office.

(3) 'Governmental entity' means:

(A) Every state department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, public corporation, and authority;

(B) Every county, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision of this state;

(C) Every department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, authority, or

similar body of each such county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the state; and

(D) Every city, county, regional, or other authority established pursuant to the laws of this state.

(4) 'Office' means the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) 'Participant' means an individual who is currently certified to participate in the program pursuant to this article.

(6) 'Program' means the victim centered address confidentiality program established by this article.

(7) 'Victim advocate' means an employee or volunteer of the office who serves victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking and who has completed training pursuant to Code Section 50-18-152 to assist individuals in completing applications for the program.

50-18-151.

(a) There is created within the office of the Secretary of State a victim centered address confidentiality program.

(b) An individual who is changing his or her residence and who is at least 18 years of age or an emancipated minor may apply to the program, with or without the assistance of a victim advocate, for certification as a participant by the office upon providing an affidavit affirming that the disclosure of his or her actual address or addresses will increase the risk that he or she will be threatened or physically harmed by another person or that he or she has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.

(c) In order to be certified as a participant in the program, an individual shall submit to the office an application containing:

(1) The full legal name and date of birth of the individual;

(2) A knowing and voluntary designation of the office as the individual's agent for the purposes of receiving mail and service of process;

(3) The mailing address, telephone number, and email address, if applicable, at which the office may contact the individual;

(4) An acknowledgment that the individual is requesting that his or her confidential address not be disclosed;

(5) The signature of the individual, the name of the victim advocate who assisted the individual, if applicable, and the date the application was signed;

(6) At the discretion of the office and for evaluation purposes, an option for the individual to select the type of offense the individual believes warrants the need for participation in the program. The office may not consider information provided or withheld pursuant to this paragraph as certifying the participant; and

(7) A letter from a victim advocate or a provider, as that term is defined in Code Section 37-11-3, indicating that they have received services related to their victimization.

(d) Upon receipt of an application in compliance with subsection (c) of this Code section,

the office shall:

(1) Certify the individual as a participant;

(2) Issue the participant an address confidentiality card containing the name of and a unique identification number for the participant and the designated address of the participant;

(3) Classify each eligible address listed in the application as a confidential address;

(4) Provide the participant with information concerning the manner in which the participant may use the office as the agent of the participant for the purposes of receiving mail and service of process; and

(5) Provide the participant with information regarding methods to protect a confidential address, including, but not limited to, information regarding the risks of disclosing the confidential address to other persons and the risks of using social media and other similar technologies, including geotagging photographs, and other information that the office determines would help the participant protect his or her confidential address. A participant shall update information provided in an application within 30 days after a change to that information has occurred by submitting a notice of change to the office on a form prescribed by the office.

(e) A participant's certification shall be valid for four years. A participant who continues to be eligible for the program pursuant to this article may renew the certification of the participant. The renewal application shall be received by the office within 60 days prior to the end of the four-year certification period. The renewal application shall be on a form prescribed by the office and shall meet the requirements of this article. A renewal of certification of a participant shall not alter the unique identification number issued pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(f) The certification continuance application shall be on a form prescribed by the office, shall meet the requirements of this article, and shall inform the participant of his or her right to choose to continue or discontinue in the program.

(g) An application submitted pursuant to this article and the information of a participant shall be confidential, shall not be a public record, shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or any similar law, and may only be disclosed as authorized pursuant to this article.

(h) An offender who is required to register pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 shall not be eligible to submit an application and shall not be certified as a participant.

(i) A confidential address shall not be a public record and shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or any similar law, except as otherwise provided in this article.

(j) A participant may withdraw from the program at any time by providing written notice of such withdrawal to the office.

(k) No individual shall apply for certification as a participant with the intent of avoiding prosecution or a lawful court order.

(l) The office shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this article.

50-18-152.

(a) The office shall develop and offer a training program for victim advocates to obtain certification pursuant to this article. The training program shall, at a minimum, include:

(1) Exhaustive information regarding the program;

(2) Methods for assisting applicants with completing application forms;

(3) Criteria for determining program eligibility;

(4) Information to be provided to participants pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 50-18-151; and

(5) Instruction on how to submit completed applications and supporting documents to the office.

(b) The office shall certify a person applying for certification as a victim advocate pursuant to this article if that person has completed the training program pursuant to this Code section. The office shall make available on its website contact information for the organizations that have certified victim advocates.

(c) There shall be no fee or charge to any participant for any services provided by a victim advocate pursuant to this article.

50-18-153.

(a) Upon a participant providing a copy of his or her address confidentiality card to a governmental entity and requesting that such governmental entity only use his or her designated address, the governmental entity shall only use the participant's designated address.

(b) If a participant's employer, or a school or institution of higher education attended by the participant, is not a governmental entity, the participant may request that the employer, school, or institution of higher education use the designated address as the participant's address.

(c) A utility owned by a governmental entity shall not release any confidential address.

(d) A participant may also use the designated address as the participant's work address.

(e) The office on each day that it is open for business shall place all first-class, registered, or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery received on behalf of a participant into an envelope or package and mail such envelope or package to the participant at his or her confidential address. The office may contract with the United States Postal Service for special rates for any mail forwarded pursuant to this subsection. Service by mail pursuant to this subsection of court papers, other than service of process, shall be deemed complete three business days after the office forwards the mail to the participant.

(f) If a person intends to serve process on a participant and makes an inquiry with the office to determine if the individual is a participant, the office shall only confirm that the individual is a participant and, except as otherwise allowed pursuant to this article, shall not disclose further information regarding the participant. If process has been forwarded to a participant pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section, the office shall disclose the date of mailing to the person attempting to serve the participant.

50-18-154.

(a) The office may, after providing at least 30 days prior written notice to a participant, cancel the certification of a participant in any of the following circumstances:

(1) The participant's legal name or contact information changes, unless the participant provides the office with prior written notice of such change;

(2) Mail forwarded by the office to the participant's confidential address is returned as undeliverable by the United States Postal Service for 60 or more days;

(3) The participant is no longer eligible for the program;

(4) The participant requests to withdraw from the program pursuant to Code Section 50-18-151;

(5) The participant files a notarized request for cancellation on a form prescribed by the office; or

(6) The participant fails to file a renewal application pursuant to Code Section 50-18-151.

(b) The office shall cancel a participant's certification if the participant's renewal application or application for continuance contains false information.

50-18-155.

(a) If a participant notifies a governmental entity in writing, on a form prescribed by the office, that he or she is a participant, such entity shall not knowingly disclose the participant's confidential address, unless:

(1) The confidential address is subject to sharing or dissemination pursuant to court order;

(2) The confidential address is subject to sharing or dissemination in connection with an active investigation or inspection of a potential health code, building code, fire code, or local ordinance violation allegedly committed by the participant;

(3) The confidential address is needed to provide public assistance or other government services to a participant, or to allocate financial responsibility for such assistance or services;

(4) The confidential address is necessary to perform a governmental entity's health, safety, or welfare functions, including the provision of emergency 9-1-1 services, the assessment and investigation of child or vulnerable adult abuse or neglect, or the assessment or inspection of services or locations for compliance with health and safety standards;

(5) The confidential address is necessary to aid an active law enforcement investigation of the participant upon verification that the disclosure will aid the law enforcement agency in responding to an emergency situation or a criminal complaint or conducting an investigation; or

(6) The person to whom the confidential address is disclosed also resides, is employed at, or goes to school at the confidential address.

(b) Except as may be otherwise provided by law, a confidential address disclosed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section may be used only for the purposes authorized in this Code section and may not be further disclosed to any other person or

governmental entity. Governmental entities receiving or sharing a confidential address pursuant to this Code section shall establish procedures to protect the confidential address from further disclosure.

(c) When a participant presents his or her designated address to any person, such designated address shall be accepted as the address of the participant. The person shall not require the participant to submit any other address either as a substitute address or in addition to the designated address, or as a condition of receiving a service or benefit, unless the service or benefit would be impossible to provide without knowledge of the participant's confidential address."

SECTION 4.

(a) Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

(b) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective July 1, 2026, subject to appropriations of the General Assembly.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Brass of the 28th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 324.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to

the House substitute to SB 324.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 399. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Esteves of the 6th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to encourage and state expectations for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, units of the University System of Georgia, and local boards of education to enter into and amend existing agreements with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia for awarding postsecondary course credits that are transferrable between the university system and the technical college system and between units thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 399:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to encourage and state expectations for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, units of the University System of Georgia, and local boards of education to enter into and amend existing agreements with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia for awarding postsecondary course credits that are transferable between the university system and the technical college system and between units thereof; to provide for reports; to provide for certification of certain courses as approved prerequisites for certain degree programs of the university system and the technical college system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of Code Section 20-4-11, relating to powers of board, as follows:

"(3) Select and employ a commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia and fix his compensation, duties, and responsibilities consistent with the provisions of

this article. The commissioner shall:

(A) Exercise the overall supervision and direction of the Technical College System of Georgia and shall serve at the pleasure of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia may assign and delegate to the commissioner such responsibilities, powers, and duties as the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia may deem proper and appropriate, including the authority to execute on behalf of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia legal documents and other filings; ~~and~~

(B) Be responsible for implementing the policies of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and for the day-to-day operations of the Technical College System of Georgia. The commissioner shall develop job descriptions for the necessary administrative, programmatic, liaison, and clerical personnel and shall, at his discretion, hire staff necessary for the operation of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(C)(i) In collaboration with the chancellor of the University System of Georgia, provide a report of at least the following:

(I) A list of the courses that have been approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to be transferable between units of the university system and the technical college system;

(II) Of the courses listed as provided for in subdivision (I) of this division, identify the university system baccalaureate degree program or programs for which each such course has been approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to be a degree prerequisite;

(III) Of the courses listed as provided for in subdivision (I) of this division, identify the technical college system degree program or programs for which each such course has been approved by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to be degree prerequisites;

(IV) A summary of efforts undertaken by the technical college system in collaboration with the university system to reduce barriers to degree completion by students who have earned course credits in the university system, the technical college system, or both;

(V) A summary of efforts undertaken to develop plans and procedures for reverse transfers. As used in this subdivision, the term 'reverse transfer' means the process of transferring the credits a student has earned from a four-year institution to any unit of the technical college system from which a student transferred in order to award a degree to such student from the technical college system;

(VI) A summary of the efforts undertaken on behalf of the technical college system in collaboration with the university system to comply with the requirements of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-20; and

(VII) A summary of efforts undertaken to align transferable courses and degree completion to the High-demand Career List developed and approved by the State Workforce Development Board.

(ii) The report required pursuant to division (i) of this subparagraph shall be submitted in writing by December 1 of each even-numbered year by the commissioner to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the respective chairs of the House Committee on Higher Education, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, and the Senate Higher Education Committee."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-4-14, relating to Technical College System of Georgia established, powers and duties, as follows:

"(c) The Technical College System of Georgia shall be empowered to:

(1)(A) Approve ~~occupational~~ programs below the baccalaureate level; provided, however, that any courses to be transferable to units of the University System of Georgia shall be approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-20.

(B) Certify prior to the start of each semester all courses that have been approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to be transferable to units of the university system.

(C) Of the courses certified as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, identify the university system baccalaureate degree program or programs for which each such course has been approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to be a degree prerequisite;

(2) Receive and hold title to property, equipment, money, and materials;

(3) Operate instructional services projects, also known as student live work projects, in those occupational areas which require specific skills or competency mastery that can best be obtained or demonstrated in a laboratory environment with clients, real items, or projects, including, but not limited to, carpentry, child care, aviation, welding, and automotive repair, and, in connection with such projects:

(A) Receive, retain, and utilize donations, fees, and moneys generated as a result of the sale of such services or projects;

(B) Retain any unexpended student live work funds from year to year;

(C) Expend retained student live work funds for any student live work project or for the benefit of instructional programs at the technical institute; and

(D) Acquire, improve, and sell real or personal property in connection with student live work projects, provided that all acquisitions and sales of real property in connection with student live work projects shall be approved by the state board;

(4) Solicit and receive funds from the general public, corporate underwriters, and foundations;

(5) Contract with other state, federal, or local public or private schools and other entities, individuals, or other legal entities for the provision of programmatic or administrative services or activities the system deems necessary; and

(6) Administer and supervise programs in accordance with standards, rules, regulations, and policies of the State Board of the Technical College System of

Georgia."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-4-20, relating to authority of Board of Regents of University System of Georgia unabridged, as follows:

"20-4-20.

(a) Nothing in this article shall abridge the authority of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to establish or operate colleges or of local boards of education to operate schools.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section to the contrary:

(1) The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and local boards of education are encouraged and expected:

(A) To work continuously with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to develop and implement policies, programs, and practices that promote and advance the objectives of serving student needs, avoiding duplication of mission, using state resources efficiently, and expanding opportunities for postsecondary degree attainment in Georgia; and

(B) Consistent with the objectives stated in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, to enter into and amend existing agreements with the Technical College System of Georgia for awarding postsecondary course credits that are transferable between units of the university system and the technical college system;

(2) The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia are encouraged and expected to promote and allow units of the university system and the technical college system to enter into and amend existing agreements:

(A) For awarding postsecondary course credits that are transferable between such units of the university system and the technical college system; and

(B) That are consistent with the objectives stated in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Echols of the 49th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 399.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson

Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 399.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

March 26, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 399. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

/s/ Halpern of the 39th

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 497. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Esteves of the 6th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to redesignate the High-demand Career Initiatives Program as the High Demand Apprenticeship Program; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a repealer; to amend Code Section 20-2-161.4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and termination, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 497:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to redesignate the High-demand Career Initiatives Program as the High Demand Apprenticeship Program; to reduce contract award amounts from $10,000.00 to $5,000.00 per apprentice; to increase the cap on allowable apprentices from five to ten; to authorize certain expenditures by the Office of Workforce Development; to provide for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish the Public Service Apprenticeship Program to promote the creation and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs in this state; to provide the purpose of such program; to authorize the board to enter into contracts with public service sponsors for the successful completion of the education, training, and other requirements of apprentices in Georgia; to provide application requirements and procedures; to authorize contract completion awards; to require a report; to authorize the acceptance of grants and other funds; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a repealer; to amend Code Section 20-2-161.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and termination, so as to make a conforming change; to amend Code Section 50-36-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to verification requirements, procedures, and conditions, exceptions, regulations, and criminal and other penalties for violations, so as to revise the definition of the term "public benefit" to include apprenticeships; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-4-151, relating to purpose of High-demand Career Initiatives Program, employer partnerships, required information, contracts, awards, and limitations, as follows:

"20-4-151.

(a) Subject to appropriations of funds by the General Assembly for this purpose, the board, in coordination with the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Education, and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall establish and administer a program through the Office of Workforce Development to be called the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the ~~program~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program is to incentivize apprenticeship sponsors to establish new or grow existing registered apprenticeship

programs in Georgia in order to support the growth of apprenticeship programs and expand high-quality ~~work-based~~ work based learning experiences in high-demand fields and careers for persons in Georgia.

(b) An employer sponsor may apply to the board for the opportunity to enter into a contract to perform the requirements of conducting an apprenticeship program for a specific apprentice. Such contract shall require the employer sponsor's apprentice to successfully complete an apprenticeship program.

(c) The board shall provide upon request and on the Technical College System of Georgia's public website information about the ~~program~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program, the application, application instructions, and the application period established each year for contracts for services available under ~~the~~ such program.

(d) Upon successful completion of the requirements of a contract under this article, the board shall provide a contract completion award to the employer sponsor. The contract completion award amount shall be determined based on the number of hours of education and training required for the successful completion of the apprenticeship under such apprenticeship program but shall not exceed:

(1) $10,000.00 per apprentice for contracts entered into before July 1, 2024; and

(2) $5,000.00 per apprentice for contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2024.

(e) Each employer sponsor shall only be eligible to enter into contracts under this article for up to:

(1) Five ~~five~~ apprentices per year through the end of Fiscal Year 2024; and

(2) Ten apprentices per year beginning with the Fiscal Year 2025 and continuing each fiscal year thereafter.

(f) An apprenticeship sponsor may assist with the application for and completion of an apprenticeship contract authorized by this article.

(g) Beginning July 1, 2024, and continuing thereafter, the Office of Workforce Development shall be authorized to:

(1) Provide initial funding for up to $2,500.00 per apprentice of the amount provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(2) Provide funding to award employer sponsors up to $2,500.00 per apprentice 12 months after the start of his or her apprenticeship."

SECTION 1-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-4-152, relating to annual publication of high-demand jobs, as follows:

"20-4-152.

(a) The board, in coordination with the Office of Workforce Development, shall create annually and publish on its public website a list of high-demand jobs state wide for purposes of the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program.

(b) The Office of Workforce Development shall publish and maintain criteria for the selection of high-demand jobs eligible for the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program."

SECTION 1-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-153, relating to annual reporting and cooperation from apprenticeship sponsor, as follows:

"(b) Each apprenticeship sponsor shall fully cooperate in providing statistical information requested by the board or, at the board's discretion, be excluded from participating in the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand Apprenticeship Program."

SECTION 1-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-4-154, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"20-4-154.

The board shall adopt rules and regulations deemed necessary for the implementation and administration of this article, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, rules and regulations for:

(1) Establishing ~~establishing~~ a staff review and application approval process~~,~~;

(2) Application ~~application~~ scoring criteria that shall include provisions that give priority to apprenticeship programs that hire and train apprentices who are:

(A) Between 15 and 21 years of age; or

(B) Enrolled in an adult education program and engaged in obtaining a high school diploma;~~,~~

(3) The ~~the~~ minimum score necessary for approval of a contract~~,~~; and

(4) The ~~the~~ terms of agreement between an employer sponsor and the board~~, and any other rules deemed necessary for the implementation and administration of this article~~."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

20-4-160.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Apprentice' means a person who is at least 15 years of age, except where a higher minimum age is required by law, who is employed in an eligible apprenticeable occupation, and is registered in Georgia with the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

(2) 'Apprenticeable occupation' means an occupation approved for apprenticeship by the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

(3) 'Apprenticeship program' means a program registered with the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship that includes terms and conditions for

the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices, including the requirement for a written apprenticeship agreement.

(4) 'Apprenticeship sponsor' means:

(A) Any entity operating an apprenticeship program; or

(B) Any entity in whose name an apprenticeship program is being operated that is registered with or approved by the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

(5) 'Board' means the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(6) 'Eligible apprenticeable occupation' means an apprenticeable occupation identified by the Office of Workforce Development pursuant to Code Section 20-4-152 as a high-demand job.

(7) 'Office of Workforce Development' means the Technical College System of Georgia's Office of Workforce Development.

(8) 'Public service sponsor' means a state or local government entity that coordinates with or is an apprenticeship sponsor and employs and trains an apprentice.

20-4-161.

(a) Subject to appropriations of funds by the General Assembly for this purpose, the board, in coordination with the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Education, and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall establish and administer a program through the Office of Workforce Development to be called the Public Service Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the Public Service Apprenticeship Program is to incentivize apprenticeship sponsors to establish new or grow existing registered apprenticeship programs in Georgia in order to support the growth of apprenticeship programs and expand high-quality work based learning experiences in state and local government fields and careers for persons in Georgia.

(b) A public service sponsor may apply to the board for the opportunity to enter into a contract to perform the requirements of conducting an apprenticeship program for a specific apprentice. Such contract shall require the public service sponsor's apprentice to successfully complete an apprenticeship program.

(c) The board shall provide upon request and on the Technical College System of Georgia's public website information about the Public Service Apprenticeship Program, the application, application instructions, and the application period established each year for contracts for services available under such program.

(d) Upon successful completion of the requirements of a contract under this article, the board shall provide a contract completion award to the public service sponsor. The contract completion award amount shall be determined based on the number of hours of education and training required for the successful completion of the apprenticeship under such apprenticeship program but shall not exceed $5,000.00 per apprentice.

(e) Each public service sponsor shall only be eligible to enter into contracts under this article for up to ten apprentices per year.

(f) An apprenticeship sponsor may assist with the application for and completion of an apprenticeship contract authorized by this article.

20-4-162.
(a) The Office of Workforce Development shall annually report on its public website the following information for the previous year:
(1) The total amount of compensation awarded under this article;
(2) The total number of contracts entered into and the number of contracts completed;
(3) The total number of apprentices who attended an institution of the Technical College System of Georgia during the course of his or her apprenticeship program; and
(4) The total number of apprentices who did not attend an institution of the Technical College System of Georgia during the course of his or her apprenticeship program.
(b) Each apprenticeship sponsor shall fully cooperate in providing statistical information requested by the board or, at the board's discretion, be excluded from participating in the Public Service Apprenticeship Program.

20-4-163.
The board shall adopt rules and regulations deemed necessary for the implementation and administration of this article, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, rules and regulations for:
(1) Establishing a staff review and application approval process;
(2) Application scoring criteria that shall prioritize apprenticeship programs that hire and train apprentices:
(A) Who are enrolled in or have completed a high school career, technical, and agricultural education (CTAE) public administration pathway program; or
(B) In state and local government skilled trade fields;
(3) The minimum score necessary for approval of a contract; and
(4) The terms of agreement between a public service sponsor and the board.

20-4-164.
To assist in carrying out this article, the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia is authorized to accept grants of money, materials, services, or property of any kind from a federal agency, private agency, corporation, or individual.

20-4-165.
This article shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Code Section 20-2-161.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual enrolled students and termination, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(2)(E) as follows:

"(E) The number of students employed in a high-demand field after completing a focused program of study identified by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia as part of the ~~High-demand Career Initiatives~~ High Demand

Apprenticeship Program provided for in Code Section 20-4-152."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Code Section 50-36-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to verification requirements, procedures, and conditions, exceptions, regulations, and criminal and other penalties for violations, is amended in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(A.1) Apprenticeships;"

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hickman of the 4th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 497.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 497.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 420. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Beach of the 21st, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, so as to prohibit the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for civil actions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for disclosures; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 420:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 1-2-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights of aliens generally, purchase, holding, and conveyance of realty, so as to provide for a limitation regarding property rights for certain foreign persons and entities; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, so as to prohibit the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for civil actions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for disclosures; to provide for penalties; to provide for statutory construction; to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to provide for transfer-on-death deeds; to provide for definitions; to provide for execution and recording of such deeds; to provide for a deed form; to provide for revocation or changing of grantee beneficiaries; to provide that such deeds shall not be revoked by wills; to provide for taking of interests free and clear of claims; to provide for lapsing of transfers; to provide for record owners to retain title; to provide for joint ownership; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 1-2-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights of aliens generally, purchase, holding, and conveyance of realty, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Aliens who are subjects of governments at peace with the United States and this

state, as long as their governments remain at peace with the United States and this state, shall be entitled to all the rights of citizens of other states who are temporarily in this state and shall have the privilege of purchasing, holding, and conveying real estate in this state except as provided by Code Section 2-1-7.

SECTION 2.

Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to agriculture, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-1-7.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agent of a foreign government' means:

(A) Any person who acts as an agent, representative, employee, or servant, or any person who acts in any other capacity at the order, request, or under the direction or control, of a foreign government or of a person any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, and who directly or through any other person:

(i) Engages within the United States in political activities for or in the interests of such foreign government;

(ii) Acts within the United States as a public relations counsel, publicity agent, information service employee, or political consultant for or in the interests of such foreign government;

(iii) Within the United States solicits, collects, disburses, or dispenses contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for or in the interests of such foreign government; or

(iv) Within the United States represents the interests of such foreign government before any agency or official of the government of the United States; and

(B) Any person who agrees, consents, assumes, or purports to act as, or who is or holds himself or herself out to be, whether or not pursuant to a contractual relationship, a person described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(2) 'Agricultural land' means any land capable of use in the production of agricultural crops, timber, livestock or livestock products, poultry or poultry products, milk or dairy products, or fruit or other horticultural products, but does not include any land zoned by a local governmental unit for a use other than and nonconforming with agricultural use.

(3) 'Nonresident alien' means:

(A)(i) Any natural person described in subsection (a) of Code Section 1-2-11 who is not a United States citizen or legal resident, is an agent of a foreign government designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 7.4, and:

(I) Has been physically absent from the United States for more than six months out of the most recent 12 months preceding the acquisition of a possessory interest described in this Code section; or

(II) Has been physically absent from Georgia for more than two months out of the most recent 12 months preceding the acquisition of a possessory interest described in this Code section.

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph shall not be in conflict with the federal Fair Housing Act.

(B) A corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trustee, or other business entity that is:

(i) Domiciled in a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 7.4; or

(ii) Domiciled within the United States, but the ownership of at least 25 percent of which is composed of any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trustee, or other business entity that is domiciled in a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 7.4;

provided, however, that this subparagraph shall not include a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trustee, or other business entity leasing land from its owner and using such land for agricultural research and development or experimental purposes, including testing, developing, or producing crop production inputs, including, but not limited to, seeds, plants, pesticides, soil amendments, biologicals, and fertilizers, for sale or resale to farmers; or

(C) A foreign government designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 7.4.

(4) 'Residential property' means real estate intended to be used as the purchaser's dwelling, as such term is defined in Code Section 8-3-201.

(b)(1) Except as provided by subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section, no nonresident alien shall acquire directly or indirectly any possessory interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to residential property.

(c)(1)(A) A nonresident alien may acquire a possessory interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport by devise or inheritance, as security for indebtedness, in the collection of debts, or by any procedure for the enforcement of a lien or claim thereon, whether created by mortgage or otherwise.

(B) Any such possessory interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport acquired by a nonresident alien in the collection of debts or by any procedure for the enforcement of a lien or claim thereon shall be disposed of within two years after acquiring such possessory interest.

(C) Any such possessory interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport acquired by a nonresident alien by devise or inheritance shall be disposed of within one year after acquiring such possessory interest.

(2) A nonresident alien with any possessory interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport as of June 30, 2024, shall dispose of such possessory interest no later than June 30, 2027.

(d) A nonresident alien that acquires a possessory interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section may avoid disposing of such interest if, within the time required for disposal, such nonresident alien terminates said nonresident alien status.

(e) A broker who is engaged by client who is a prospective buyer or seller of a possessory interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport shall timely disclose to said client the requirements and limitations of this Code section. For purposes of this subsection, the terms 'broker,' 'client,' and 'timely' shall have the same meanings as provided in Code Section 10-6A-3.

(f) A nonresident alien that purports to acquire any interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport in violation of this Code section shall be barred from making any claim against any party for restitution of the purchase price paid by such nonresident alien in connection with such interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport or for any other kind of payment relating to the nonresident alien's loss or lack of title to such interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport. The legal counsel of any county, municipality, or consolidated government in which the agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport is located, the Attorney General, or any person that is not a nonresident alien that was a party to the void transaction or is a subsequent holder of such interest may file an action to void the conveyance and have the interest revert to the previous owner.

(g) An individual who intentionally violates the provisions of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $15,000.00 and imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than two years."

SECTION 3.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 17

44-17-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Interest in real estate' means any estate or interest in, over or under land, including surface, minerals, structures, fixtures, and easements.

(2) 'Joint owner' means a person that owns an interest in real estate as a joint tenant with right of survivorship.

44-17-2.

(a) An interest in real estate may be titled in a transfer-on-death form by recording a deed, signed by the record owner of the interest, designating a grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries of the interest. Such deed shall transfer ownership of such interest upon the death of the record owner. A transfer-on-death deed need not be supported by consideration.

(b) The signature, consent, or agreement of or notice to a grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries of a transfer-on-death deed shall not be required for any purpose during the lifetime of the record owner.

(c) To accept real estate pursuant to a transfer-on-death deed, a designated grantee beneficiary shall execute an affidavit affirming:

(1) Verification of the record owner's death;

(2) Whether the record owner and the designated grantee beneficiary were married at the time of the record owner's death; and

(3) A legal description of the real estate.

(d) The designated grantee beneficiary shall attach a copy of the record owner's death certificate to the affidavit provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section. For a record owner's death occurring on or after July 1, 2024, the designated grantee beneficiary shall record such affidavit and related documents with the office of the clerk of superior court of the county where the real estate is located within nine months of the record owner's death or the interest in the property shall revert to the deceased record owner's estate; provided, however, that for a record owner's death occurring before July 1, 2024, such recording of the affidavit provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section and related documents by the designated grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries shall not be subject to the nine-month time limitation.

44-17-3.

An interest in real estate may be titled in a transfer-on-death form by executing, attesting, and recording in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county where the real estate is located, prior to the death of the record owner, a deed in substantially the following form:

'AFTER RECORDING, PLEASE RETURN TO:

_____

(Name)

_____

_____

(Address)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DEED UNDER O.C.G.A. § 44-17-3

THIS INDENTURE is made the _____ day of _____, 20__, between _____ (name of record owner), a resident of _____ (hereinafter called "Grantor"), and _____, a resident of ____ (hereinafter called "Grantee").

W I T N E S S E T H:

Grantor, being of competent mind and having the legal capacity to execute this document, as record owner, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, transfer, alien, convey, and confirm on death to Grantee, as beneficiary, the following described interest in real estate:

(insert description of the interest in real estate).

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described property, with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging, or in anywise appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Grantee forever in FEE SIMPLE, but subject to the following limitations: THIS TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DEED IS REVOCABLE. IT DOES NOT TRANSFER ANY OWNERSHIP UNTIL THE DEATH OF THE GRANTOR. IT REVOKES ALL PRIOR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS BY THIS GRANTOR FOR THIS INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE. THE GRANTOR HAS THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW OR RESCIND THIS DEED AT ANY TIME. ANY BENEFICIARY NAMED IN THIS DEED IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT THIS DEED MAY BE WITHDRAWN OR RESCINDED WHETHER OR NOT MONEY OR ANY OTHER CONSIDERATION WAS PAID OR GIVEN.

Grantor will warrant and forever defend the right and title to the said described property unto the said Grantee against the claims of all persons claiming by, under or through Grantor, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth in this instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor(s) declare(s) that this deed is a revocable transfer-on-death deed of the real property described herein and has(ve) signed and sealed this deed, the day and year above written.

_____(SEAL)
(Signature of Grantor)

_____(SEAL)
(Signature of Grantor)

Signed, sealed, declared and delivered
in the presence of:

_____
Unofficial Witness

_____
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

(SEAL)'

44-17-4.
(a) A record owner of an interest in real estate who has titled such interest in a transfer-on-death deed form and designated a beneficiary or beneficiaries in the manner provided in this chapter may revoke such designation of the grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries at any time prior to the death of such record owner, by executing, acknowledging, and recording in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county where the real estate is located an instrument revoking such designation. The instrument of revocation shall refer to the initial transfer-on-death deed, shall be signed by the record owner or such record owner's duly authorized attorney-in-fact, and such signature shall be attested by an officer as provided in Code Section 44-2-15 and attested by two other witnesses. Such revocation may be included in another deed or other instrument of conveyance that is recorded. The signature, consent, or agreement of or notice to the designated grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries to the revocation shall not be required.
(b) A record owner of an interest in real estate who has titled such interest in a transfer-on-death deed form and designated a beneficiary or beneficiaries in accordance with this chapter may change such designation of the grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries at any time prior to the death of such record owner, by executing, acknowledging, and recording in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county where the real estate is located a subsequent transfer-on-death deed in accordance with this chapter. The signature, consent, or agreement of or notice to the designated grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries shall not be required. A subsequent transfer-on-death beneficiary designation revokes all prior designations of grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries by the record owner for the interest in real estate.
(c) A transfer-on-death deed executed, acknowledged, and recorded in accordance with this chapter may not be revoked by the provisions of a will.

44-17-5.
(a) A grantee beneficiary or the beneficiaries of a transfer-on-death deed shall take the interest in real estate of the record owner at the death of such record owner, free and clear of any claims or interest as to a person who became the spouse of the record owner

subsequent to the execution of the transfer-on-death deed, subject to all recorded conveyances, assignments, contracts, mortgages, liens, and security pledges made by the record owner or to which the record owner was subject during the lifetime of such record owner including, but not limited to, any recorded executory contract of sale, option to purchase, lease, license, easement, mortgage, deed of trust or lien, and to any interest conveyed by the record owner that is less than all of the record owner's interest in the property; provided, however, that a nonconsensual lien against the grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries shall not attach to the property until the recording of the affidavit described in Code Section 44-17-2.

(b) If one or more of the designated grantee beneficiaries dies prior to the death of the record owner, the transfer to those beneficiaries who predecease the record owner shall lapse and shall be deemed revoked. In the event the grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries are designated in the deed to be joint tenants with right of survivorship, the death of one or more of the designated grantee beneficiaries prior to the death of the record owner shall not invalidate an otherwise validly created joint tenancy estate as to those designated grantee beneficiaries who are living at the time of the death of the record owner.

44-17-6.

A record joint owner of an interest in real estate may use the provisions of this chapter to title the interest in a transfer-on-death form; provided, however, that title to the interest shall vest in the designated grantee beneficiary or beneficiaries only if the record joint owner is the last to die of all of the record joint owners of the interest. A deed in a transfer-on-death form shall not sever a joint tenancy.

44-17-7.

A record owner who executes a transfer-on-death deed shall remain the legal and equitable owner until the death of such record owner, and during his or her lifetime shall be considered an absolute owner with regard to creditors and purchasers."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 420.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne

Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 41, nays 11; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 420.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 353. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Jasperse of the 11th, Williams of the 168th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to provide that administrative procedures and actions regarding bona fide coin operated amusement machines shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend HB 353 (HB 353/SCSFA) by striking from line 1 to the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
To amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to provide that administrative procedures and actions regarding bona fide coin operated amusement machines shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50 and that certain hearings shall be subject to the "Georgia Arbitration Code"; to change certain provisions relating to the shortfall reserves maintained within the Lottery for Education Account; to provide definitions; to provide for certain late fees; to provide

for multiyear licenses; to provide for the manner of noncash redemption; to provide for a limitation on the permitted noncash redemption award for Class A and Class B machines; to provide for redemption for successful play of bona fide coin operated amusement machines through self-service redemption devices under certain conditions; to provide for certain auctions; to provide for the issuance of regulatory guidance letters; to provide for exceptions to provisions of law regarding the amount of funds that may come from the play of bona fide coin operated amusement machines for certain historical fraternal benefit associations and veterans organizations; to provide for quarterly reports; to provide that certain provisions to location owners or location operators by master licensees shall not constitute an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act; to revise the division of revenue from Class B machines; to provide for the issuance of federal 1099 tax forms in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," is amended by revising paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-27-9, relating to general powers of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, as follows:

"(19) To adopt and amend such regulations, policies, and procedures as necessary to carry out and implement its powers and duties, organize and operate the corporation, regulate the conduct of lottery games in general, and any other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective operation of the lottery or the convenience of the public. The promulgation of any such regulations, policies, and procedures pursuant to this article and Article 2 of this chapter shall be exempt from the requirements of Chapter 13 of this title, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, hearings related to any dispute between licensees under Code Section 50-27-102 shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 9, the 'Georgia Arbitration Code.' All other hearings and any rules, regulations, policies, or procedures related to the administration, enforcement, or violation of this article shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 13 of this title."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 50-27-13, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(3)(A) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025, a ~~A~~ shortfall reserve shall be maintained within the Lottery for Education Account in an amount equal to at least 50 percent ~~of net proceeds deposited into such account for the preceding fiscal year~~ of the average amount of net proceeds deposited into such account for the preceding three fiscal years, hereinafter referred to as the minimum reserve. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025

and for each fiscal year thereafter, if on the last day of the preceding fiscal year the total reserve fund balance exceeds the minimum reserve, an amount equal to 10 percent of the excess reserve funds, meaning the amount that the total reserve fund balance exceeds the minimum reserve, shall be appropriated for educational purposes and programs.

(B) If the net proceeds paid into the Lottery for Education Account in any year are not sufficient to meet the amount appropriated for ~~education~~ educational purposes and programs, the shortfall reserve may be drawn upon to meet the deficiency and any amount so drawn may count for purposes of appropriations in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(C) If ~~In the event~~ the shortfall reserve is drawn upon and falls below 50 percent of the average amount of net proceeds deposited into such account for the preceding three fiscal ~~year~~ years, the shortfall reserve shall be replenished to the level required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph in the next fiscal year and the ~~lottery-funded~~ lottery funded programs shall be reviewed and adjusted accordingly."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-27-70, relating to legislative findings and definitions, and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(3) 'Class A machine' means a bona fide coin operated amusement machine that is not a Class B machine, does not allow a successful player to carry over points won on one play to a subsequent play or plays, and:

(A) Provides no reward to a successful player;

(B) Rewards a successful player only with free replays or additional time to play;

(C) Rewards a successful player with noncash merchandise, prizes, toys, gift certificates, or novelties in compliance with the provisions of subsection (c) or paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code Section 16-12-35, and does not reward a successful player with any item prohibited as a reward in subsection (i) of Code Section 16-12-35 or any reward redeemable as an item prohibited as a reward in subsection (i) of Code Section 16-12-35;

(D) Rewards a successful player with points, tokens, tickets, or other evidence of winnings that may be exchanged only for items listed in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph; or

(E) Rewards a successful player with any combination of items listed in subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) of this paragraph.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 16-12-35 or any other Code section to the contrary, the permitted noncash redemption award per play for a Class A machine shall not exceed a wholesale value of $50.00."

"(5.1) 'Gift card' means an electronic payment device or system:

(A) Issued for a specific amount of noncash redemption which was earned by a successful player of a bona fide coin operated amusement machine; and

(B) Provided or loaded on a prepaid basis for the future purchase or delivery of any

merchandise or service permitted by law from a single merchant or service provider or multiple merchants or service providers, whether affiliated or not."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (k) of Code Section 50-27-71, relating to license fees, issuance of license, display of license, control number, duplicate certificates, application for license or renewal, and penalty for noncompliance, and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(k) A renewal application filed on or after the due dates set forth in the rules promulgated by the board, but before the license expires, shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable late fee of $1,000.00; provided, however, that the nonrefundable late fee for Class A master and location licenses shall be $100.00. A manufacturer, distributor, or master license or location license that has been expired for more than 90 days may not be renewed. In such a case, the manufacturer, distributor, master ~~license~~ licensee, or location license owner shall obtain a new license, as applicable, by complying with the requirements and procedures for obtaining an original license."

"(o)(1) Any license issued pursuant to this Code section shall be for a period of one, two, or three years at the option of the applicant or licensee at the time of issuance or renewal. The license fee for multiyear licenses shall be determined based on the annual license fees set forth in this Code section multiplied by the number of years for which the license is issued. Any refund of a license fee sought pursuant to Code Section 50-27-72 shall be prorated.

(2) A licensee shall report to the corporation any material change in the information requested by the corporation as a part of the application for or renewal of a license under this Code section and pay any additional fees associated with such change."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-27-71.1.

(a)(1) On and after the effective date of this Code section and before July 1, 2026, nonreloadable gift cards shall be allowed as a legal form of redemption for Class A machines and Class B machines in addition to any other form of redemption allowed by law or authorized by the corporation.

(2) On and after July 1, 2026:

(A) Only replays and nonreloadable and reloadable gift cards shall be allowed as a legal form of redemption for Class A machines in addition to any other form of redemption allowed by law or authorized by the corporation; and

(B) Only replays, lottery products, and nonreloadable and reloadable gift cards shall be allowed as a legal form of redemption for Class B machines and no other form of redemption shall be allowed. Any location owner or location operator that provides for the redemption of products or services, other than replays and lottery products, that are not on a gift card shall, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, receive a warning for the first violation and shall be punished by civil penalties for

any subsequent violations that shall be imposed by the corporation in amounts that are proportional to any amounts inappropriately redeemed; provided, however, that nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to eliminate or reduce any administrative penalty related to a violation of Code Section 16-12-35.

(b) No value shall be placed on a gift card unless such value has been won by the player for the successful play of a game on the bona fide coin operated amusement machine. Such gift card may be used off the premises of the location licensee, but shall be loaded or caused to be loaded only on the location licensee's premises and only by the location licensee or its employees on such premises or by a self-service gift card redemption device on such premises. A gift card may be honored by the location licensee upon presentation but shall not be exchanged for cash, change, or currency.

(c) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-12-35 or any other provision of law to the contrary:

(1) Gift cards shall be redeemable or exchangeable for any goods or services which a successful player is entitled or permitted by law to purchase; and

(2) The award of such gift card shall be a lawful act of in-store redemption and shall be permitted to be fully redeemed off the premises.

(d) A successful player may redeem his or her winnings on a gift card from a self-service gift card device. Such device and the cost of such device may be provided by the location owner or location operator, the master licensee, or both. Any contract or agreement entered into with a master licensee for the provision of self-service gift card redemption devices shall not be subject to the provisions of Code Section 50-27-87.1."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 50-27-73, relating the refusal to issue or renew license, revocation or suspension, hearing, and limitation on issuance of licenses, and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) Effective July 1, ~~2015~~ 2024, the corporation may issue up to 220 Class B master licenses through a process of competitive auction to be established by the corporation and ~~such~~ a competitive auction for one license shall occur ~~at least~~ once every three years effective July 1, ~~2015~~ 2024; provided, however, that any person or entity holding a Class B master license on the effective date of this subsection shall not be subject to the competitive auction process provided for in this Code section but shall be subject to all other requirements of this article; provided, further, that the corporation shall be permitted to renew Class B master licenses at any time.

(f) At any time following a proposed revocation or a proposed nonrenewal of a master license by the corporation, any settlement of such proposed revocation or proposed nonrenewal involving the sale of the master license and associated assets, including, but not limited to, contracts or agreements entered into pursuant to Code Section 50-27-87 and bona fide coin operated amusement machines, shall require a public auction."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-27-81.1.

The corporation shall by rule and regulation create a process whereby any person may request an official interpretation of any rule or regulation through a regulatory guidance letter. A regulatory guidance letter shall be issued within 60 days of a request seeking guidance on a rule or regulation and shall only be used to interpret or clarify existing rules and regulations. A regulatory guidance letter shall remain in effect and be valid unless it is superseded by a subsequently adopted state law or a rule or regulation of the corporation, a subsequently issued regulatory guidance letter, or a court order. The corporation shall incorporate relevant portions of any regulatory guidance letter in subsequent rules and regulations as may be applicable and necessary to ensure clarity in such rules and regulations."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 50-27-84, relating to limitation on percent of monthly gross retail receipts derived from machines, monthly verified reports, issuance of fine or revocation or suspension of license for violations, and submission of electronic reports, as follows:

"50-27-84.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Amusement or recreational establishment' means an open-air establishment frequented by the public for amusement or recreation. Such an establishment shall be in a licensed fixed location located in this state and which has been in operation for at least 35 years.

(2) 'Business location' means any structure, vehicle, or establishment where a business is conducted.

(3) 'Gross retail receipts' means the total revenue derived by a business at any one business location from the sale of goods and services and the commission earned at any one business location on the sale of goods and services but shall not include revenue from the sale of goods or services for which the business will receive only a commission. The sale of goods or services for which the business will receive only a commission shall not include the sale of any item which the business has purchased for resale. Revenue shall not include the sale of goods and services at wholesale.

(b)(1) No location owner or location operator shall derive more than 50 percent of such location owner's or location operator's ~~monthly~~ quarterly gross retail receipts for the business location in which the Class B machine or machines are situated from such Class B machines; provided, however, that revenues that are due to a master licensee or the corporation or noncash redemption that is earned by the player shall not be deemed revenue derived from Class B machines. This paragraph shall not apply to historical fraternal benefit associations or veterans organizations which are exempt from taxes and are described in Code Section 48-5-41 or 48-5-478.4.

(2) No location owner or location operator shall offer more than nine Class B machines to the public for play in the same business location; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to an amusement or recreational establishment.

(c) For each business location which offers to the public one or more Class B machines, the location owner or location operator shall prepare a ~~monthly~~ quarterly verified report setting out separately by location in Georgia:

(1) The gross receipts from the Class B machines;

(2) The gross retail receipts for the business location; and

(3) The net receipts of the Class B machines.

(c.1) Each person holding a Class B master license shall prepare a ~~monthly~~ quarterly verified report setting out separately by location in Georgia:

(1) The gross receipts from the Class B machines which the master licensee maintains; and

(2) The net receipts of the Class B machines.

(d) In accordance with the provisions of Code Section 50-27-73 and the procedures set out in Code Sections 50-27-74 and 50-27-75, the corporation may fine an applicant or holder of a license, refuse to issue or renew a location license or master license, or revoke or suspend a location license or master license for single or repeated violations of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(e) A location owner or location operator shall report the information prescribed in this Code section in the form required by the corporation. Such report shall be submitted in an electronic format approved by the corporation.

(f) Beginning on ~~August 20, 2013~~ July 20, 2024, and on the twentieth day of ~~each month~~ January, April, July, and October of each year thereafter, for the previous ~~month~~ calendar quarter, the reports required by subsections (c) and (c.1) of this Code section shall be supplied to the corporation on forms provided by the corporation, including electronic means. The corporation shall be authorized to audit any records for any such business location or master licensee subject to this Code section. The corporation may contract with any state agencies to perform the audits authorized by this Code section, and it may contract or enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Revenue to enforce the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 50-27-86, relating to local government to adopt any combination of a list of ordinance provisions, as follows:

"50-27-86.

In addition to the state regulatory provisions regarding bona fide coin operated amusement machines contained in Code Section 16-12-35 and this article, the governing authority of any county or municipal corporation shall be authorized to enact and enforce an ordinance which includes any or all of the following provisions:

(1) Prohibiting the offering to the public of more than six Class B machines ~~that reward the player exclusively with noncash merchandise, prizes, toys, gift certificates, or novelties~~ at the same business location;

(2) Requiring the owner or operator of a business location which offers to the public any ~~bona fide coin operated amusement machine that rewards the player exclusively as described in subsection (d) of Code Section 16-12-35~~ Class A machine or Class B

machine to inform all employees of the prohibitions and penalties set out in subsections (e), (f), and (g) of Code Section 16-12-35;

(3) Requiring the owner or possessor of any ~~bona fide coin operated amusement machine that rewards the player exclusively as described in subsection (d) of Code Section 16-12-35~~ Class A machine or Class B machine to inform each location owner or location operator of the business location where such machine is located of the prohibitions and penalties set out in subsections (e), (f), and (g) of Code Section 16-12-35;

(4) Providing for the suspension or revocation of a license granted by such local governing authority to manufacture, distribute, or sell alcoholic beverages or for the suspension or revocation of any other license granted by such local governing authority as a penalty for conviction of the location owner or location operator of a violation of subsection (e), (f), or (g) of Code Section 16-12-35, or both. An ordinance providing for the suspension or revocation of a license shall conform to the due process guidelines for granting, refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license for the manufacture, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages set out in subsection (b) of Code Section 3-3-2;

(5) Providing for penalties, including fines or suspension or revocation of a license as provided in paragraph (4) of this ~~subsection~~ Code section, or both, for a violation of any ordinance enacted pursuant to this ~~subsection~~ Code section; provided, however, that a municipal corporation shall not be authorized to impose any penalty greater than the maximum penalty authorized by such municipal corporation's charter;

(6) Requiring any location owner or location operator subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-27-84 to provide to the local governing authority a copy of each verified monthly report prepared in accordance with such Code section, incorporating the provisions of such Code section in the ordinance, providing for any and all of the penalties authorized by subsection (d) of Code Section 50-27-84, and allowing an annual audit of the reports from the location owner or location operator;

(7) Requiring the location owner or location operator of any business location which offers to the public one or more ~~bona fide coin operated amusement~~ Class A machines or Class B machines to post prominently a notice that includes language provided by the corporation through rules and regulations or language that is substantially similar ~~including the following or substantially similar language:~~

~~'GEORGIA LAW PROHIBITS PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR WINNING A GAME OR GAMES ON THIS AMUSEMENT MACHINE; PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR FREE REPLAYS WON ON THIS AMUSEMENT MACHINE; PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR ANY MERCHANDISE, PRIZE, TOY, GIFT CERTIFICATE, OR NOVELTY WON ON THIS AMUSEMENT MACHINE; OR AWARDING ANY MERCHANDISE, PRIZE, TOY, GIFT CERTIFICATE, OR NOVELTY OF A VALUE EXCEEDING $5.00 FOR A SINGLE PLAY OF THIS MACHINE.'~~;

(8) Providing for restrictions relating to distance from specified structures or uses so long as those distance requirements are no more restrictive than such requirements

applicable to the sale of alcoholic beverages;

(9) Requiring as a condition for doing business in the jurisdiction disclosure by the location owner or location operator of the name and address of the owner of ~~the bona fide coin operated amusement machine or machines~~ each Class A machine or Class B machine;

(10) Requiring that all ~~bona fide coin operated amusement~~ Class A machines and Class B machines are placed and kept in plain view and accessible to any person who is at the business location; and

(11) Requiring a business that offers one or more ~~bona fide coin operated amusement~~ Class A machines or Class B machines to the public for play to post its business license or occupation tax certificate."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by designating the existing text of Code Section 50-27-87.1, relating to unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts, as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) The provision by the master licensee of non-fixtures on or within a building in which there is a licensed location at which bona fide coin operated amusement machines are located to a location owner or location operator with whom the master licensee has a contract for the placement of Class B machines shall not be deemed to be an unfair method of competition or unfair or deceptive act under this Code section; provided, however, that such non-fixtures shall:

(1) Be limited to branded posters and signs, digital video signage, rugs, seating, removable partition walls, and wall coverings, unless additional non-fixtures are authorized by the corporation by the adoption of rules and regulations;

(2) Be exclusively for the facilitation and promotion of the play of Class B machines and the redemption of approved gift cards;

(3) Remain the property of the master licensee; and

(4) Be removed not later than when the Class B machines of the master licensee are removed from the location."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 50-27-102, relating to role of corporation, implementation and certification, separation of funds and accounting, and disputes, as follows:

"50-27-102.

(a) Upon successful implementation and certification of the Class B accounting terminal under the provisions of Code Section 50-27-101, and for the first fiscal year thereafter, the corporation shall:

(1) Retain ~~5~~ 13 percent of the net receipts;

(2) Provide, within five business days of receipt, ~~47.5~~ 43.5 percent of the net receipts to the location owner and location operator for the cost associated with allowing the Class B machines to be placed; and

(3) Provide, within five business days of receipt, ~~47.5~~ 43.5 percent of the net receipts to the operator holding the Class B master license for the cost of securing, operating, and monitoring the machines.

(b) ~~In each fiscal year after the implementation and certification required by subsection (a) of this Code section, the corporation's share shall increase 1 percent, taken evenly from the location owner or location operator and the operator, to a maximum of 10 percent.~~

~~(c)~~ The corporation shall require location owners and location operators to place all bona fide coin operated amusement machine proceeds due the corporation in a segregated account in institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation not later than the close of the next banking day after the date of their collection by the retailer until the date they are paid over to the corporation. At the time of such deposit, bona fide coin operated amusement machine proceeds shall be deemed to be the property of the corporation. The corporation may require a location owner or location operator to establish a single separate electronic funds transfer account where available for the purpose of receiving proceeds from Class B machines, making payments to the corporation, and receiving payments for the corporation. Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the corporation, each bona fide coin operated amusement machine location owner or location operator shall establish a separate bank account for bona fide coin operated amusement machine proceeds which shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds and assets and shall not be commingled with any other funds or assets. Whenever any person who receives proceeds from bona fide coin operated amusement machines becomes insolvent, the proceeds due the corporation from such person shall have preference over all debts or demands. Whenever any person who receives proceeds from bona fide coin operated amusement machines dies insolvent, the proceeds due the corporation from such person's estate shall have preference over all debts or demands except the provision of year's support for such person's family. If any financial obligation to the corporation has not been timely received, the officers, directors, members, partners, or shareholders of the location owner or location operator shall be personally liable for the moneys owed to the corporation. The corporation shall issue a federal Internal Revenue Service Form 1099, or its equivalent, to each master licensee and location owner or location operator which receives proceeds pursuant to this Code section.

~~(d)~~(c)(1) As a condition of the license issued pursuant to this article, no master licensee or location owner or location operator shall replace or remove a Class A machine or Class B ~~bona fide coin operated amusement~~ machine from a location until the master licensee and location owner or location operator certify to the corporation that there are no disputes regarding any agreement, distribution of funds, or other claim between the master licensee and location owner or location operator; provided, however, that this certification shall not be required if a master licensee is replacing its own Class A machine or Class B ~~bona fide coin operated amusement~~ machine at a location. If either the master licensee or location owner or location operator is unable to make the certification required by this Code section, the corporation shall refer the dispute to a hearing officer as set forth in this subsection.

(2) The corporation shall have jurisdiction of all disputes between and among any licensees or former licensees whose licenses were issued pursuant to this article relating in any way to any agreement involving coin operated amusement machines, distribution of funds, tortious interference with contract, other claims against a subsequent master ~~license holder~~ licensee or location owner, or any other claim involving coin operated amusement machines; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to any agreement which expired on or before April 10, 2013. Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the corporation shall refer any dispute certified by any master licensee against any other master licensee or any location owner or location operator or by any location owner or location operator against any master licensee to a hearing officer. For the purpose of service on licensees with respect to disputes, each licensee or former licensee shall register and keep current with the corporation the name of an agent and his or her address and an email address which shall be made available to any licensee on request. Service by registered mail, courier delivery, or overnight mail delivered to the agent's registered address and to the email address shall be adequate service on the licensee for a hearing on the dispute. All disputes subject to the provisions of this Code section certified by a master licensee, location owner, or location operator shall be decided by a hearing officer approved or appointed by the corporation. The corporation shall adopt rules and regulations governing the selection of hearing officers after consultation with the Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machine Operator Advisory Board. Costs of the hearing officer's review, including any hearing set pursuant to this Code section, shall be shared equally between the parties in the dispute unless provided otherwise in the agreement or by the hearing officer; provided, however, that the corporation shall not be responsible for any of the costs associated with the dispute resolution mechanism set forth in this Code section. If any party fails to timely pay the costs of the hearing officer's review within ten days of service of notice of costs by the hearing officer, the hearing officer shall grant a default judgment on liability against the nonpaying party. The hearing officer shall then consider evidence related to damages or any other relief and shall render judgment based upon a preponderance of the evidence.

(3) The corporation shall also adopt rules governing the procedure, evidentiary matters, and any prehearing discovery applicable to disputes resolved pursuant to this Code section. Such rules shall be consistent with the Georgia Arbitration Code, and the corporation shall consult the Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machine Operator Advisory Board regarding the procedures or rules adopted pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding Code Section 9-9-9, such procedures and rules shall include at least the right of notice to produce books, writings, and other documents or tangible things; depositions; and interrogatories.

(4) If requested by the master licensee or the location owner or location operator, the hearing officer shall conduct a hearing as to the dispute, but in no case unless extended by the hearing officer for good cause shall the hearing officer conduct a hearing more than 90 days after he or she has been appointed or selected to decide the dispute. No Class B ~~bona fide coin operated amusement~~ machine that is subject to the dispute

resolution mechanism required by this Code section shall be removed from the terminal by a master licensee, location owner, or location operator or otherwise prevented by a master licensee, location owner, or location operator from play by the public until a final decision is entered and all appellate rights have been exhausted, or until the master licensee and location owner or location operator agree to a resolution, whichever occurs first.

(5) The decision of the hearing officer may be appealed to the chief executive officer or his or her designee. The chief executive officer shall not reverse a finding of fact of the hearing officer if any evidence supports the hearing officer's conclusion. The chief executive officer shall not reverse a conclusion of law of the hearing officer unless it was clearly erroneous, arbitrary, and capricious or exceeded the hearing officer's jurisdiction. The decision of the chief executive officer may be appealed to the Superior Court of Fulton County, which court shall not reverse the chief executive officer's findings of fact unless it is against the weight of the evidence as set forth in Code Section 5-5-21, and the chief executive officer's legal conclusions shall not be set aside unless there is an error of law."

SECTION 12.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 13.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hickman of the 4th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House amendment to HB 353 (AM 36 1001) by replacing "July 20, 2024" *with* "October 1, 2024" *on line 232.*

Senator Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend amendment 1 (AM 36 1007) to the House amendment to HB 353 (AM 36 1001) by replacing "1," *with* "20," *on line 2.*

Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th, and Albers of the 56th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the House amendment to HB 353 (AM 36 1001) by replacing "13" *with* "35" *on line 333.*

By replacing "43.5" *with* "32.5" *on lines 334 and 337.*

Senator Cowsert of the 46th requested that the Chair rule amendment #1A out of order, pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.2 (b).

The President ruled the amendment in order.

On the adoption of amendment #1A, Senator Cowsert of the 46th objected.

On the adoption of amendment #1A, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	N Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	N Seay
N Burns	N Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	E James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 24, nays 29, and the Dixon amendment #1A to amendment #1 was lost.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 353 as amended by amendment #1.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	N Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett

Y Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	N Seay
N Burns	N Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 27, nays 26; the motion lost, and the Senate did not agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 353 as amended by the Senate.

Senator Lucas of the 26th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in not agreeing to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 353 as amended by amendment #1.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th objected.

On the motion to reconsider, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	N Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	N Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, S.

Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 28, nays 25; the motion prevailed, and the motion to agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 353 as amended by amendment #1 was reconsidered.

On the motion that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 353 as amended by amendment #1 upon reconsideration, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	N Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	N Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	E James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 24; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 353 as amended by the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes, as amended by the House, to the following Bills of the House:

HB 516. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Carpenter of the 4th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exercise of the power to contract by the Department of Transportation, so as to increase the minimum amount for a public road construction or maintenance contract that prohibits negotiation; to provide for exceptions to public comment and hearing on projects involving public-private partnerships in certain instances; to provide for an exception to vote approval for such projects; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1090. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Wiedower of the 121st, Gullett of the 19th, Crowe of the 118th and Hutchinson of the 106th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against certain tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting requirements; to remove the prohibition of allowing such a tax credit for qualified contributions that were utilized as a deduction or exemption from taxable income; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 456. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Lumsden of the 12th, Scoggins of the 14th, Silcox of the 53rd and Collins of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding municipal courts, so as to increase the term for municipal court judges from one year to two years unless otherwise provided for in a municipality's charter; to provide for removal of municipal court judges for breach of contract; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1010. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Dempsey of the 13th, Silcox of the 53rd, Ballard of the 147th, Daniel of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel administration relative to public officers and employees, so as to increase the number of hours permitted for paid parental leave; to specify that individuals employed full time by local education agencies are eligible employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1026. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Jones of the 47th, Sainz of the 180th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, so as to designate the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby as the official soap box derby of the State of Georgia; to provide for promotion of the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 663. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Smith of the 138th, Pirkle of the 169th, Jones of the 25th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to establish certain rights of minors and adults admitted to hospitals; to provide for definitions; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to limit or restrict visitation in certain circumstances; to authorize hospitals and long-term care facilities to require visitors to wear personal protective equipment; to provide for statutory construction; to provide that certain rights may not be waived or terminated; to require hospitals and long-term care facilities to post certain information on their websites; to prohibit certain actions by state agencies against hospitals and long-term care facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 984. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Williams of the 148th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 25 and 33 of the Official Code

of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety and insurance, respectively, so as to update the practices of the Department of Insurance and the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for the off-duty use of motor vehicles by certain law enforcement officers; to repeal a life insurance reserves requirement for small companies for accreditation purposes; to allow for the continuation of coverage of a developmentally disabled or physically disabled dependent child under certain policies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1201. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Smith of the 18th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 17-10-21 and 35-3-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants and review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, respectively, so as to provide for the vacating of sentences of victims of trafficking sentenced under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to first offenders; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1203. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 25th, Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to authorize landlords to use certain off-duty sheriffs, constables, or marshals to execute writs of possession in certain circumstances if a sheriff, constable, or marshal is not able to execute a writ within 30 days of the landlord's initial request; to provide for sheriffs, constables, and marshals to maintain lists of such authorized off-duty sheriffs, constables, and marshals in their jurisdictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1223. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Petrea of the 166th, Prince of the 132nd, Jackson of the 128th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the 'Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976,' so as to provide for a new prohibited act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1410. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Frye of the 122nd and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing generally, so as to establish a stable housing accountability program; to provide for an application process and minimum standards; to provide for the use of certain funds; to provide for disbursements; to require contracts and assurances; to revise means of appointment to the commission; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for a performance audit by the state auditor on public spending on homeless programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate amendment, to the House substitute, to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 240. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise the minimum and maximum allowable benefit multiplier for current and future retirees; to require certain social security coverage for all employees of a political subdivision who are members of the Public School Employees Retirement System; to prohibit the approval of certain plans; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 916. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and

grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th, and Hatchett of the 155th.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that the remaining bills and resolutions on the Senate Rules Calendar be placed on the Table. The consent was granted, and HB 53, HB 82, HB 101, HB 218, HB 231, HB 264, HB 279, HB 282, HB 300, HB 362, HB 384, HB 409, HB 434, HB 451, HB 500, HB 505, HB 546, HB 617, HB 808, HB 814, HB 825, HB 881, HB 905, HB 906, HB 912, HB 925, HB 926, HB 934, HB 957, HB 959, HB 970, HB 971, HB 974, HB 976, HB 977, HB 986, HB 1019, HB 1021, HB 1048, HB 1049, HB 1073, HB 1096, HB 1146, HB 1170, HB 1172, HB 1182, HB 1207, HB 1218, HB 1231, HB 1253, HB 1260, HB 1274, HB 1283, HB 1292, HB 1330, HB 1371, HB 1407, HB 1409, HR 96, HR 302, HR 804, HR 854, HR 1042, HR 1164, and HR 1215 were placed on the Table.

At 6:33 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand at ease until 7:30 p.m.

At 7:53 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 354. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cosmetologists and barbers, so as to exempt from licensure persons performing certain limited responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters: to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under

consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1444	Do Pass	HB 1450	Do Pass by substitute
HB 1478	Do Pass	HB 1487	Do Pass
HB 1488	Do Pass	HB 1489	Do Pass
HB 1494	Do Pass	HB 1496	Do Pass
HB 1501	Do Pass	HB 1502	Do Pass
HB 1504	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 916. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its substitute to HB 916 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Tillery of the 19th, Kennedy of the 18th, and Gooch of the 51st.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 384. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Halpern of the 39th and Esteves of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor practices relative to public officers and employees, so as to provide for the development and administration of the State of Georgia as a Model Employer (GAME) Program for the recruitment,

hiring, advancement, and retention of qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels and for all occupations; to establish state policy; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain duties of the State ADA Coordinator; to establish the elements of the GAME Program; to provide for the development of plans by state agencies; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 384:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor practices relative to public officers and employees, so as to provide for the development and administration of the State of Georgia as a Model Employer (GAME) Program for the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels and for all occupations within state agencies; to establish state policy; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain duties of the State ADA Coordinator; to establish the elements of the GAME Program; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor practices relative to public officers and employees, is amended by adding new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3

45-19-60.

It shall be the policy of this state to be a model employer of individuals with disabilities by encouraging state agencies to consider the best practices relating to the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of a broad range of qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels and for all occupations.

45-19-61.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Americans with Disabilities Act' means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101, et seq.

(2) 'GAME Program' means the State of Georgia as a Model Employer Program

established pursuant to this article.

(3) 'Individual with a disability' means any person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities or who has a record of such impairment.

(4) 'Qualified individual with a disability' means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

(5) 'Reasonable accommodation' means any modification or adjustment to the work environment or to the manner in which the job is performed that enables an individual with a disability to enjoy equal employment opportunities.

(6) 'State ADA Coordinator' means the individual designated under 28 C.F.R. Section 35.107(a) to ensure the state's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(7) 'State agency' means any department, agency, board, division, authority, commission, or other instrumentality of the executive branch of the government of the State of Georgia.

45-19-62.

(a) There is established the GAME Program. Such program shall be developed and implemented by the State ADA Coordinator to assist state agencies with the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of qualified individuals with disabilities.

(b) Elements of the GAME Program shall include:

(1) The provision of technical assistance and training for state agency human resources personnel and hiring managers for the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of qualified individuals with disabilities;

(2) Assistance with the implementation plans of reasonable accommodations by state agencies under the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

(3) The development of evaluation forms and reports for the purpose of data collection and analysis relating to individuals with disabilities employed by state agencies.

(c) Nothing in this article shall be construed so as to require a state agency to predetermine the status of an individual with a disability or a reasonable accommodation.

45-19-63.

On or before September 1, 2025, and on or before September 1 of each year thereafter, each state agency shall submit to the State ADA Coordinator a report which shall include:

(1) The percentage of jobs that were filled within the most recent fiscal year by qualified individuals with disabilities at designated pay levels;

(2) An analysis of the barriers in existing employment related policies, practices, and procedures and the adoption of strategies to address such barriers;

(3) A description of the education and training relative to the American with Disabilities Act that is received by every individual serving in a human resources supervisory position within the state agency; and

(4) An evaluation of whether adequate resources exist to provide any assistance needed

in the event of an emergency evacuation.

(b) On or before December 15, 2025, and on or before December 15 of each year thereafter, the State ADA Coordinator shall submit a written report on the progress of state agencies toward meeting the employment policy goals of the state established by this article to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee and the House Committee on Industry and Labor."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hickman of the 4th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 384.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 384.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 240. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise the minimum and maximum allowable benefit multiplier for current and future retirees; to require certain social security coverage for all employees of a political subdivision who are members of the Public School Employees Retirement System; to prohibit the approval of certain plans; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Walker III of the 20th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its amendment to the House substitute to SB 240 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Walker III of the 20th, Williams of the 25th, and Dixon of the 45th.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 212. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to probate courts, and Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, respectively, so as to end activities and duties of probate court judges relating to elections; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 212:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 and Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probate courts and elections, respectively, so as to end activities and duties of probate court judges relating to elections; to provide for county boards of elections and registration in counties where the probate court judge serves as the election superintendent; to provide for their powers and duties; to provide for the composition of the boards and the selection, qualification, and terms of their members; to provide for resignation, succession, and removal of members and for filling vacancies; to provide for oaths and privileges; to provide for meetings and procedures; to provide for election supervisors and the powers and duties of such election supervisors; to provide for board employees and their compensation; to provide for expenditures of public funds for certain purposes; to provide

for compensation of the members of the boards and election supervisors; to provide for offices and equipment; to preserve existing boards of elections and boards of elections and registration; to preserve the General Assembly's authority to enact local legislation for all boards of elections or boards of elections and registration; to provide for the boards' performance of certain functions and duties for certain municipalities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probate courts, is amended in Code Section 15-9-30, relating to subject matter jurisdiction, powers and duties generally, copy of Official Code of Georgia Annotated furnished for each judge, and authority of probate court judges, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) In addition to the jurisdiction granted in subsection (a) of this Code section and unless otherwise provided by law, the probate courts shall have the power to carry out the following duties as assigned by specific laws:

(1) Perform county governmental administration duties;

(2) ~~Perform duties relating to elections;~~

~~(3)~~ Fill vacancies in public offices by appointment;

~~(4)~~(3) Administer oaths to public officers;

~~(5)~~(4) Accept, file, approve, and record bonds of public officers;

~~(6)~~(5) Register and permit certain enterprises;

~~(7)~~(6) Issue marriage licenses;

~~(8)~~(7) Hear traffic cases;

~~(9)~~(8) Hear cases of violations of game and fish laws;

~~(10)~~(9) Hold criminal commitment hearings; and

~~(11)~~(10) Perform such other judicial and ministerial functions as may be provided by law."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 15-9-64, relating to supplement to minimum salaries, as follows:

"15-9-64.

~~The amount of minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-9-63 for the judges of the probate courts of any county presently on a salary who also hold and conduct elections or are responsible for conducting elections for members of the General Assembly under any applicable general or local law of this state shall be increased by $385.90 per month.~~

The amount of the minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-9-63 for the judges of the probate courts on a salary who are responsible for traffic cases under any general or local law of this state shall also be increased by $482.28 per month. A county governing authority shall not be required to pay the compensation provided by this Code section

beyond the term for which such judge performs such services."

SECTION 3.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in Code Section 21-2-2, relating to definitions, by revising subparagraph (A) of paragraph (35) as follows:

"(A) Either ~~the judge of the probate court of a county or~~ the county board of elections, the county board of elections and registration, the joint city-county board of elections, or the joint city-county board of elections and registration, if a county has such;"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-2-33.2, relating to extraordinary relief, hearings, suspension and reinstatement of superintendents, and litigation expenses, by repealing and reserving subsection (h) and by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) A majority of the members of a board of elections, board of elections and registration, or county commission~~; a probate judge who serves as election superintendent,~~ or, for a sole commissioner form of government, a sole commissioner may petition the Secretary of State to continue any hearing scheduled pursuant to this Code section. Upon a showing of good cause, the State Election Board may in its sound discretion continue any such hearing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, deliberations held on such petition by the State Election Board shall not be open to the public; provided, however, that testimony shall be taken in an open meeting and a vote on the recommendation shall be taken in an open meeting following the hearing or at the next regularly scheduled meeting."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-40.1.

(a) For the purposes of this Code section, the term 'board' shall mean a board of elections and registration created pursuant to this Code section.

(b)(1) In addition to and notwithstanding any provisions of Code Section 21-2-40 to the contrary, in any county in which the judge of the probate court serves as the election superintendent, and a local Act creating a board of elections or board of elections and registration for such county has not been adopted and taken effect on or before January 1, 2025, the governing authority of such county shall and is directed to create a board of elections and registration pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section no later than December 15, 2024. Each such board of elections and registration shall assume the duties of the county's election superintendent, shall have the powers and duties of the election superintendent relating to the conduct of primaries and elections, and shall have the powers and duties of a board of registrars relating to the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures beginning on January 1, 2025.

(2)(A) Except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, each board shall be composed of three members, each of whom shall be an elector and resident of the

particular county, who shall be appointed by the county governing authority.

(B) A county governing authority may adopt an ordinance expanding a board to five members, each of whom shall be an elector and resident of the particular county, who shall be appointed by the county governing authority.

(C) The county executive committees of the political parties whose candidates at the last preceding regular general election held for the election of Governor that received the largest and second largest number of votes in this state for Governor may submit a list of recommended appointees to a county governing authority for appointment to a board established pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that such governing authority is under no obligation to appoint any person listed on such list of recommended appointees.

(D) Each board shall select a chairperson from among its members.

(c)(1) Each member of a board shall serve for a term of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified, except in the event of resignation or removal as provided for in subsections (d) and (e) of this Code section.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection to the contrary, for the initial boards, one member of a three-person board, or two members of a five-person board, shall be appointed to an initial term of two years so as to provide for the staggering of the terms of office of the board members.

(d) Each member of a board shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, provided that no member shall serve more than four consecutive terms on a board. Each member shall have the right to resign at any time by submitting written notice of resignation to the governing authority of the county.

(e) Each member of a board shall be subject to removal from such board at any time, for cause after notice and hearing, in the same manner and by the same authority as provided for removal of registrars.

(f) The governing authority of the county shall file with the clerk of the superior court of the county an affidavit which states the name and residential address of the person appointed and certifies that such member has been duly appointed as provided in this Code section. The clerk of the superior court shall record each such certification on the minutes of the court and shall certify the name of each such member to the Secretary of State and provide for the issuance of appropriate commissions to the members within the same time and in the same manner as provided by law for registrars.

(g) In the event that a vacancy occurs on a board due to removal, death, resignation, or otherwise, except by expiration of term, the county governing authority shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The clerk of the superior court shall be notified of interim appointments and record and certify such appointments in the same manner as the regular appointment of members.

(h) Before entering upon his or her duties, each member of a board shall take substantially the same oath as required by law for registrars. Each member of a board shall have the same privileges from arrest as registrars.

(i) On January 1, 2025, for each county in which a board is established pursuant to this Code section, the previous election superintendent of the county and the board of

registrars of such county shall be relieved of all powers and duties to which a board succeeds by the provisions of this Code section; and such election superintendent and board of registrars shall deliver thereafter to the chairperson of a board, upon his or her written request, the custody of all equipment, supplies, materials, books, papers, records, and facilities of every kind pertaining to such powers and duties.

(j)(1) Each board shall be authorized to organize itself, elect its officers, determine its procedural rules and regulations, adopt bylaws, specify the functions and duties of its employees, and otherwise take such action as is appropriate for the management of the affairs committed to its supervision; provided, however, that no such action shall conflict with state law.

(2) Action and decision by a board shall be by a majority of the members of a board.

(k)(1) Each board shall fix and establish, by appropriate resolution entered on its minutes, directives governing the execution of matters within its jurisdiction. A board shall hold regular monthly meetings at a time and place to be fixed by resolution of such board. All meetings shall comply with the open meetings laws and open records laws of the State of Georgia.

(2) A board shall maintain a written record of policy decisions that shall be amended to include additions or deletions. Such written record shall be made available for the public to review.

(l) A board is authorized to select and appoint an administrative director, to be known as the election supervisor, to administer and supervise conduct of elections, primaries, and registration of electors for the county. The election supervisor shall serve at the pleasure of such board.

(m) A board is authorized to employ such full-time and part-time employees, including a chief clerk, as such board shall deem necessary. The governing authority of the county shall have the right to approve the hiring of any such employee.

(n) With the consent of the governing authority of the county, a board shall be authorized to expend public funds for the purpose of distributing sample ballots, voter information booklets, and other material designed to inform and adequately instruct the electors of the county with regard to elections. No material distributed by a board shall contain or express, in any manner or form, any commentary or expression of opinion or request for support with respect to any political issue or matter of political concern.

(o) Compensation for the members of a board, employees of such board, and the election supervisor shall be fixed by each board with the approval of the governing authority of the county. Such compensation shall be paid from county funds.

(p) The governing authority of the county shall provide a board and the election supervisor with proper and suitable offices and equipment.

(q) Each board is authorized to perform for any municipality located wholly or partially within the county any functions and duties which election superintendents and boards of registrars are authorized by general law to perform on behalf of municipalities under such conditions as provided by general law.

(r)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall affect any board of elections or board of elections and registration established pursuant to a local Act adopted pursuant to Code

Section 21-2-40.

(2) Nothing in this Code section shall affect or limit the power of the General Assembly to enact local legislation:

(A) Amending local laws governing boards of elections or boards of elections and registration established pursuant to Code Section 21-2-40; or

(B) Amending the board of a particular county established pursuant to this Code section."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-2-70, relating to powers and duties of election superintendents, by revising paragraph (15) as follows:

"(15)(A) ~~In the case of a judge of the probate court serving as the election superintendent, such person shall take an oath in the following form upon assuming the duties of election superintendent which shall apply to all primaries and elections conducted by such person throughout such person's tenure as election superintendent:~~

~~I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will as superintendent duly attend all ensuing primaries and elections during the continuance thereof, that I will to the best of my ability prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying on the same, that I will make a true and perfect return of such primaries and elections, and that I will at all times truly, impartially, and faithfully perform my duties in accordance with Georgia laws to the best of my judgment and ability.~~

~~(B)~~ In the case of a board of elections, each member of the board shall take an oath in the following form upon becoming a member of the board which shall apply to all primaries and elections conducted by the board throughout such person's tenure on the board:

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will as a member of the board of elections duly attend all ensuing primaries and elections during the continuance thereof, that I will to the best of my ability prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying on the same, that I will make a true and perfect return of such primaries and elections, and that I will at all times truly, impartially, and faithfully perform my duties in accordance with Georgia laws to the best of my judgment and ability.

~~(C)~~(B) In the case of an election supervisor or designee for a board of elections or board of elections and registration, the election supervisor or designee shall take an oath in the following form upon being appointed as an election supervisor or designee of the board which shall apply to all primaries and elections conducted by the board throughout such person's tenure:

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will duly attend all ensuing primaries and elections during the continuance thereof, that I will to the best of my ability prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying on the same, that I will make a true and perfect return of such primaries and elections, and that I will at all times truly, impartially, and faithfully perform my duties in accordance with

Georgia laws to the best of my judgment and ability.

~~(D)~~(C) Each ~~judge of the probate court serving as an election superintendent, each~~ member of a board of elections or board of elections and registration, and each election supervisor or designee for a board of elections or board of elections and registration serving on July 1, 2011, shall take the appropriate oath as set forth in this Code section which shall apply to all primaries and elections conducted throughout such person's tenure in that position."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 21-2-74, relating to creation of board to assume duties of superintendent in counties without a board of elections and in which judge of probate court is candidate for public office.

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 21-2-74.1, relating to acting election superintendents during vacancy, filling vacancies, and compensation.

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-76, relating to eligibility of person to serve as county election superintendent, as follows:

"21-2-76.

No person who holds elective office, as defined in this chapter and including every municipal office to which persons can be elected by a vote of the electors under the laws of this state ~~but excluding the office of probate judge~~, shall be eligible to serve as county or municipal election superintendent during the term of such elective office; and the position of any election superintendent ~~other than a probate judge~~ shall be deemed vacant upon such superintendent's qualifying as a candidate for elective public office, as defined in this chapter and including any municipal office to which persons can be elected by a vote of the electors under the laws of this state."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-105, relating to local election official defined, as follows:

"21-2-105.

As used in this part, the term 'local election official' means:

(1) A county board of elections or a county board of elections and registration established pursuant to Code Section 21-2-40 or 21-2-40.1; or

(2) ~~A judge of the probate court fulfilling the role of election superintendent; or~~

~~(3)~~ A municipal election superintendent."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-2-414, relating to restrictions on campaign activities, giving of food or water, and public opinion polling within the vicinity of a polling

place, cellular phone use prohibited, prohibition of candidates from entering certain polling places, and penalty, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) No person whose name appears as a candidate on the ballot being voted upon at a primary, election, special primary, or special election~~, except a judge of the probate court serving as the election superintendent,~~ shall physically enter any polling place other than the polling place at which that person is authorized to cast his or her ballot for that primary, election, special primary, or special election and, after casting his or her ballot, the candidate shall not return to such polling place until after the poll has closed and voting has ceased or other than to transact business with the board of registrars, so long as the person does not violate any other provision of this Code section. ~~Judges of the probate court serving as election superintendents shall enter polling places only as necessary to fulfill their duties as election superintendents and shall not engage in any practice prohibited by this Code section.~~"

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-4-3, relating to definitions, by revising subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) as follows:

"(B) In the case of any elected county officers, the county board of elections~~, if a county has such, or the judge of the probate court, provided that, if such judge of the probate court is the officer sought to be recalled, then the election superintendent shall be the clerk of the superior court~~; and"

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 21-4-13, relating to recall election — time for holding, officer to call election, publication of call, form of ballots, vote required to effectuate recall, and special election to fill vacancy created, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) If a recall petition is against an officer who is directed by this Code section to call the election, it shall be called~~:~~

~~(1) By~~ by the Secretary of State, if for the Governor~~; or~~

~~(2) By the clerk of the superior court, if for the judge of the probate court and such judge serves as the election superintendent of the county~~."

SECTION 14.

This Act shall become effective for purposes of creation of boards of elections as required by Section 5 of this Act upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and for all other purposes on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 15.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Burns of the 23rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 212.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 35, nays 18; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 212.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 464. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to establish the School Supplies for Teachers Program, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the availability of other funds for such purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend SB 464 (LC 55 0302S as amended by AM 49 0167) by striking through "July 1, 2024" *on line 61 and inserting in lieu thereof* "May 15, 2025".

By replacing line 76 with the following:

(4)(A) As soon as practicable but not later than ~~August 1, 2024~~ July 15, 2025, the department

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 464.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 464.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 808. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Yearta of the 152nd, Mathiak of the 74th, Ridley of the 6th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to increase a statewide ad valorem tax exemption for tangible personal property; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related

matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The consent was granted, and HB 808 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read and put upon its passage:

HB 808. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Yearta of the 152nd, Mathiak of the 74th, Ridley of the 6th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to increase a statewide ad valorem tax exemption for tangible personal property; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 4, 2024

Honorable Chuck Hufstetler
Chairman, Senate Finance
121-C State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 808 (LC 50 0782S)

Dear Chairman Hufstetler:

The bill would raise the current property tax exemption on personal property found in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-42.1 from $7,500 to $20,000. If the bill is passed, the final decision on the change would be made by voters during the November 2024 election day.

The state does not collect property tax revenue on personal property; therefore, there is no expected impact on state revenue.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to. On the passage of the bill upon reconsideration, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers
Y Anavitarte
Y Anderson, L.
Y Anderson, T.
Y Beach
Y Bearden
Y Brass
Y Burns
Y Butler
Y Cowsert
Y Davenport
Y Dixon
Y Dolezal
Y Echols
Y Esteves
Y Ginn
Y Gooch
Y Goodman
Y Halpern
Y Harbin
Y Harbison
Y Harrell
Y Hatchett
Hickman
Y Hodges
Y Hufstetler
Y Islam Parkes
E Jackson
Y James
Y Jones, E.
Y Jones, H.
Y Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
Y Lucas
Y Mallow
Y McLaurin
Y Merritt
Y Moore
Y Orrock
Y Parent
Y Payne
Y Rahman
Y Rhett
Y Robertson
Seay
Y Setzler
Y Sims
Y Still
Y Strickland
Y Summers
E Tate
Y Tillery
Y Walker
Y Watson, B.
Watson, S.
Y Williams

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 808, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed upon reconsideration.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/26/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on 808. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Hickman of the 4th

Senator Orrock of the 36th asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Parent of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 158. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Roberts of the 52nd, Bennett of the 94th, Crawford of the 84th and Draper of the 90th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, so as to change the name of the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit to the DeKalb Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Parent of the 42nd.

The consent was granted, and HB 158 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 158. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Roberts of the 52nd, Bennett of the 94th, Crawford of the 84th and Draper of the 90th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, so as to change the name of the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit to the DeKalb Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Parent of the 42nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

HB 158, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Due to a clerical error on the title of the vote, there was no substitute to HB 158, and the passage of HB 158 was voted upon again with the correct title.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers

Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

HB 158, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 934. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Mathis of the 149th, Gullett of the 19th, Cannon of the 172nd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to provide for enforcement of unsigned rental agreements under certain circumstances; to provide for the execution and delivery of a rental agreement via email; to provide for the vacating of and removal of personal property from self-storage service facilities by occupants under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Anavitarte of the 31st.

The consent was granted, and HB 934 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 934. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Mathis of the 149th, Gullett of the 19th, Cannon of the 172nd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to provide for enforcement of unsigned rental agreements under certain circumstances; to provide for the execution and delivery of a rental agreement via email; to provide for the vacating of and removal of personal property from self-storage service facilities by occupants under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Anavitarte of the 31st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 6.

HB 934, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Watson of the 11th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 1172. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 70th and Williams of the 168th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water rights, so as to remove references to the public trust doctrine; to provide that members of the public have the right to use all navigable streams as highways and for hunting and fishing; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

The consent was granted, and HB 1172 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 1172. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 70th and Williams of the 168th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water rights, so as to remove references to the public trust doctrine; to provide that members of the public have the right to use all navigable streams as highways and for hunting and fishing; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hatchett of the 50th.

Senators Parent of the 42nd and Butler of the 55th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 1172 (LC 55 0233S) as follows:
Replacing the phrase "by the common law" *on line 17 with the phrase* "under the public trust doctrine"

Senator McLaurin of the 14th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend HB 1172 (LC 55 0233S) by:
striking ", but" on line 21 through "fishing" on line 23.

On the adoption of amendment #1, Senator Watson of the 11th objected.

On the adoption of amendment #1, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
N Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	N Payne
Y Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	N Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
N Brass	Hufstetler	E Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims

N Cowsert
Y Davenport
N Dixon
N Dolezal
N Echols
Y Esteves
N Ginn
N Gooch
N Goodman
Y Halpern
Y James
Jones, E.
Y Jones, H.
N Kennedy
N Kirkpatrick
Lucas
Y Mallow
McLaurin
Y Merritt
N Moore
N Still
N Strickland
N Summers
E Tate
N Tillery
N Walker
N Watson, B.
N Watson, S.
N Williams

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 17, nays 32, and the Parent amendment #1 was lost.

On the adoption of amendment #2, Senator Watson of the 11th objected.

On the adoption of amendment #2, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers
N Anavitarte
N Anderson, L.
Y Anderson, T.
N Beach
N Bearden
N Brass
N Burns
Y Butler
N Cowsert
Y Davenport
N Dixon
N Dolezal
N Echols
Y Esteves
N Ginn
N Gooch
N Goodman
Y Halpern
N Harbin
Y Harbison
Y Harrell
N Hatchett
N Hickman
N Hodges
Hufstetler
Y Islam Parkes
E Jackson
Y James
Y Jones, E.
Y Jones, H.
N Kennedy
N Kirkpatrick
Y Lucas
Y Mallow
Y McLaurin
Y Merritt
N Moore
Y Orrock
Y Parent
N Payne
Y Rahman
Y Rhett
N Robertson
E Seay
N Setzler
Y Sims
N Still
N Strickland
N Summers
E Tate
Y Tillery
N Walker
N Watson, B.
N Watson, S.
N Williams

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 21, nays 31, and the McLaurin amendment #2 was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 18.

HB 1172, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/26/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1172. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

/s/ Harrell of the 40th

Senator Burns of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 1207. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Petrea of the 166th, Washburn of the 144th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to

provide for proofing of ballots by local superintendents in certain races; to provide candidates the opportunity to review and verify such candidates' identifying information on such ballots prior to its printing or programming; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Burns of the 23rd.

The consent was granted, and HB 1207 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 1207. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Petrea of the 166th, Washburn of the 144th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for proofing of ballots by local superintendents in certain races; to provide candidates the opportunity to review and verify such candidates' identifying information on such ballots prior to its printing or programming; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Burns of the 23rd.

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to HB 1207:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that any person employed or retained by a county election superintendent to conduct election duties must be a citizen of the United States; to provide for the reopening of candidate qualifying in the event that no person qualifies as a candidate during the initial qualifying period; to provide candidates the opportunity to review and proof ballots prior to the finalization of the final official form of such ballots; to provide a definition; to authorize election superintendents to determine the number of voting booths or enclosures for state-wide general elections based upon expected turnout, the number of electors who have already voted by advance voting or absentee ballot, and other relevant factors; to clarify that provisions related to poll watchers; to prohibit the use or threats of violence that would prevent or interfere with an election official or poll watcher carrying out his or her duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-78.

Any person employed or retained by a county election superintendent to undertake any election related duties arising from this chapter shall be a citizen of the United States."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-132, relating to filing notice of candidacy, nomination petition, and affidavit, payment of qualifying fee, pauper's affidavit and qualifying petition for exemption from qualifying fee, and military service, by deleting "and" at the end of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(3.1) In any case where no candidate has filed notice of candidacy and paid the prescribed qualifying fee in a nonpartisan election prior to the close of the applicable qualifying period prescribed in this subsection, qualifying for candidates shall be reopened at 9:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the close of the preceding qualifying period and shall cease at 5:00 P.M. on the Tuesday immediately following such reopening, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays; and"

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-153, relating to qualification of candidates for party nomination in a state or county primary, posting of list of all qualified candidates, filing of affidavit with political party by each qualifying candidate, and performance of military service does not create vacancy, by revising subparagraph (c)(1)(B) as follows:

"(B) In any case where no candidate has qualified for a state or county office after the close of the applicable qualifying period prescribed in this paragraph, qualifying shall be reopened at 9:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the close of the preceding qualifying period and shall cease at 5:00 P.M. on the Tuesday immediately following such reopening, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays ~~Reserved~~."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-283.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'ballot proof' means a draft version of a proposed official ballot that is reviewed by a superintendent or candidate to ensure the accuracy of the information contained on the final official ballot used in an election.

(b) In any primary, special primary, election, or special election occurring after January 1, 2025, prior to the printing of the final official ballots or the final programming of the display of the official ballot on electronic ballot markers pursuant to Code Section 21-2-379.25, the superintendent shall check the ballot proof to ensure the

accuracy of the official ballot by verifying that:

(1) The ballots for each precinct contain the correct contests for the voters in that precinct and no other contests;

(2) The ballots for each precinct contain the correct ballot questions for the voters in that precinct and no other questions; and

(3) The name, political party or political body designation, incumbency statutes, and other identifying information for each candidate appearing on such ballots are properly displayed.

(c) After the superintendent has completed the ballot review and proofing procedures provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, and has made any needed corrections, but before the ballots have been approved and sent to print or for final programming pursuant to Code Section 21-2-379.25, the superintendent shall make available the final set of approved ballot proofs, clearly marked as ballot proofs, to any candidate appearing on the ballot, or such candidate's agent, using at least one of the following procedures:

(1) By email, if the candidate has provided an email address at the time of qualifying; or

(2) By making physical copies available for review at the office of the superintendent during normal business hours.

The ballot proof review procedures to be used in an election are at the sole discretion of the superintendent.

(d) Candidates appearing on the ballot proof provided for by subsection (c) of this Code section shall have 24 hours from the time that the superintendent makes ballot proofs available for review to verify that the candidate's name, other identifying information such as party or incumbency, and other relevant information are properly displayed on the ballot and to request changes to be made by the superintendent.

(e)(1) In the event that a candidate requests a change to a ballot proof pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section, the superintendent, at its sole discretion, may make such requested change if it determines that the requested change will ensure the accuracy of the information displayed on the ballot.

(2) In the event that the superintendent makes a change to a ballot proof pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, and if time permits, as determined in the sole discretion of the superintendent, the superintendent may provide new ballot proofs to a candidate or candidates for review using the same procedures as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-367, relating to installation of systems, number of systems, and good working order, as follows:

"21-2-367.

(a) When the use of optical scanning voting systems has been authorized in the manner prescribed in this part, such optical scanning voting systems shall be installed, either simultaneously or gradually, within the county or municipality.

(b)(1) In each precinct in which optical scanning voting systems are used in a state-

wide general election, except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the county election superintendent shall provide at least one voting booth or enclosure for each 250 electors therein, or fraction thereof.

(2) For any ~~other~~ primary, election, or runoff, the county or municipal election superintendent may provide a greater or lesser number of voting booths or enclosures if, after a thorough consideration of the type of election, expected turnout, the number of electors who have already voted by advance voting or absentee ballot, and other relevant factors that inform the appropriate amount of equipment needed, such superintendent determines that a different amount of equipment is needed or sufficient. Such determination shall be subject to the provisions of Code Section 21-2-263.

(c) Reserved.

(d) The county or municipal governing authority, as appropriate, shall provide optical scanning voting systems in good working order and of sufficient capacity to accommodate the names of a reasonable number of candidates for all party offices and nominations and public offices which, under the provisions of existing laws and party rules, are likely to be voted for at any future primary or election."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-408, relating to poll watchers, designation, duties, removal for interference with election, reports of infractions or irregularities, ineligibility of candidates to serve, and training, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, ~~a~~ poll ~~watcher~~ watchers shall be granted access to polling places, advance voting locations, tabulation centers, and locations where absentee ballots are being verified, processed, adjudicated, and scanned and may be permitted behind the enclosed space for the purpose of observing the conduct of the election and the counting and recording of votes. Poll watchers shall be entitled to observe any activity conducted at the location at which they are serving as poll watchers. Except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, poll watchers shall be entitled to sit or stand as close as is practicable to the observed activity so as to be able to see and hear the poll worker or election official being observed. Poll watchers shall not be permitted to observe information that is prohibited from disclosure by subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-225. ~~Such poll watcher~~ Poll watchers shall in no way interfere with the conduct of the election, and the poll manager may make reasonable regulations to avoid such interference. Without in any way limiting the authority of poll managers, poll watchers are prohibited from talking to voters, checking electors lists, using photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices, using cellular telephones, or participating in any form of campaigning while they are behind the enclosed space. If a poll watcher persists in interfering with the conduct of the election or in violating any of the provisions of this Code section after being duly warned by the poll manager or superintendent, he or she may be removed by such official. Any infraction or irregularities observed by poll watchers shall be reported directly to the superintendent, not to the poll manager. The superintendent shall furnish a badge to each poll watcher

bearing the words 'Official Poll Watcher,' the name of the poll watcher, the primary or election in which the poll watcher shall serve, and either the precinct or tabulating center in which the poll watcher shall serve or a statement that such poll watcher is a state-wide poll watcher and is entitled to observe at any location in this state. The poll watcher shall wear such badge at all times while serving as a poll watcher."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-566, relating to interference with primaries and elections generally, as follows:

"21-2-566.

Any person who:

(1) Willfully prevents or attempts to prevent any poll officer from holding any primary or election under this chapter;

(2) Uses or threatens violence in a manner that would prevent a reasonable poll officer, election official, or poll watcher or actually prevents a poll officer, election official, or poll watcher, as provided for by Code Section 21-2-408, from the execution of his or her duties or materially interrupts or improperly and materially interferes with the execution of a poll ~~officer's~~ officer, election official, or poll watcher's, as provided for by Code Section 21-2-408, duties;

(3) Willfully blocks or attempts to block the avenue to the door of any polling place;

(4) Uses or threatens violence in a manner that would prevent a reasonable elector from voting or actually prevents any elector from voting;

(5) Willfully prepares or presents to any poll officer a fraudulent voter's certificate not signed by the elector whose certificate it purports to be;

(6) Knowingly deposits fraudulent ballots in the ballot box;

(7) Knowingly registers fraudulent votes upon any voting machine; or

(8) Willfully tampers with any electors list, voter's certificate, numbered list of voters, ballot box, voting machine, direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment, electronic ballot marker, or tabulating machine

shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed $100,000.00, or both."

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with HB 1207.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 20.

HB 1207, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 993. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Smith of the 18th, Ridley of the 6th, McCollum of the 30th, Collins of the 71st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses related to minors generally, so as to provide for the offense of grooming a minor for indecent purposes; to provide for a definition; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1072. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Parrish of the 158th, Jackson of the 128th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the drug repository program, so as to revise definitions; to provide for pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratios in the program; to require reverse drug distributors to make and document diligent efforts to donate drugs rather than destroy them; to provide for substitution of drugs in some instances; to provide for the intent of the General Assembly with respect to settlement funds received by the state relating to prescription drugs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales to or by certain eligible recipients; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 73. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to telephone service, so as to provide for class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for actions and damages against persons and entities on whose behalf such provisions were violated; to provide for and prohibit certain defenses in such actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 1046. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 47th, Powell of the 33rd, Barrett of the 24th, Mathiak of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-72, Code Section 31-6-2, and Article 7 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the sale, distribution, or possession of dangerous drugs, definitions relative to state health planning and development, and home health agencies, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and

physician assistants to order home healthcare services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to repeal the prohibition on delegating to advanced practice registered nurses the authority to sign death certificates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment, to the House amendment, to the Senate substitute, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 353. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Jasperse of the 11th, Williams of the 168th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to provide that administrative procedures and actions regarding bona fide coin operated amusement machines shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Still of the 48th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 959. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Lumsden of the 12th, Mathis of the 149th, Ridley of the 6th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for procedure for passing stationary vehicles on certain highways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Still of the 48th.

The consent was granted, and HB 959 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 959. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Lumsden of the 12th, Mathis of the 149th, Ridley of the 6th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to

uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for procedure for passing stationary vehicles on certain highways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Still of the 48th.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 959:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, so as to create the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund and the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for appointment of members of the commission and personnel; to provide for duties of the commission and allow for expenses; to provide for recommendations of changes in state programs, laws, and policies; to provide for acceptance of federal funds and individual donations; to provide for fines and penalties; to provide for collection of fines and disposition of moneys collected; to provide for a duty to collect; to provide for a cause of action and forfeiture; to amend Code Section 16-6-13.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil forfeiture of proceeds and property, so as to provide for the forfeiture of proceeds or money which is used, intended for use, used in any manner to facilitate, or derived from the criminal offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for hotels; to provide for definitions; to provide for retraining; to provide that the provisions of Code Section 16-6-16, relating to masturbation for hire, shall be applicable only to persons above a certain age; to amend Code Sections 17-10-21 and 35-3-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants and review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, respectively, so as to authorize certain relief for defendants conditionally discharged for possession of controlled substances or sentenced as a first offender; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 12

15-21-220.
This article is enacted pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(o) of the Constitution, which provision authorizes additional penalty assessments for violations relating to certain sexual crimes and provides that the proceeds derived therefrom may be used for the purpose of meeting the costs of care and rehabilitative and social services for certain individuals in this state who have been sexually exploited.

15-21-221.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Commission' means the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission.
(2) 'Fund' means the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund.
(3) 'Safe house' means a licensed residential facility that provides safe and secure shelter.
(4) 'Sexually explicit conduct' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.
(5) 'Sexually exploited victim' means a person who:
(A) Has been the victim of trafficking of persons for sexual servitude in violation of Code Section 16-5-46;
(B) Has engaged in sodomy, prostitution, solicitation of sodomy, or masturbation for hire; or
(C) Has been the victim of sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any print or visual medium.
(6) 'Visual medium' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.

15-21-222.
(a) There is established the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission which is assigned to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3.
(b) There is created the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund as a separate fund in the state treasury. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund all amounts transferred to the fund and shall invest the fund moneys in the same manner as authorized for investing other moneys in the state treasury.
(c) The commission may authorize the disbursement of available money from the fund, after appropriation thereof, for purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services, including establishing safe houses, to sexually exploited victims and to a person, entity, or program eligible pursuant to criteria to be set by the commission. The commission shall also consider disbursement of available money from the fund to a person, entity, or program devoted to awareness and prevention of becoming a sexually exploited victim. The commission may also authorize the disbursement of fund money for the actual and necessary operating

expenses that the commission incurs in performing its duties; provided, however, that such disbursements shall be kept at a minimum in furtherance of the primary purpose of the fund, which is to disburse money to provide care and rehabilitative and social services to sexually exploited victims.

15-21-223.

(a) The commission shall consist of six members. Five of the members shall serve for terms of two years, except that, with respect to the first members appointed, two members shall be appointed for terms of three years, two members for terms of two years, and one member for a term of one year. The director of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services shall be a permanent member of the commission. The chairperson of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities, the director of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member of the commission. The appointees of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall both be advocates for victims of human trafficking. The Governor shall establish initial terms of office for all members of the commission within the limitations of this subsection.

(b) In the event of death, resignation, disqualification, or removal for any reason of any member of the commission, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, and the successor shall serve for the unexpired term.

(c) Membership on the commission shall not constitute public office, and no member shall be disqualified from holding public office by reason of his or her membership.

(d) The Governor shall designate a chairperson of the commission from among the members, which chairperson shall serve in that position at the pleasure of the Governor. The commission may elect such other officers and committees as it considers appropriate.

(e) The commission, with the approval of the Governor, may employ such professional, technical, or clerical personnel as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

15-21-224.

Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall receive the same expense allowance per day as that received by a member of the General Assembly for each day such member of the commission is in attendance at a meeting of such commission, plus either reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by public carrier or the same mileage allowance for use of a personal car in connection with such attendance as members of the General Assembly receive. Such expense and travel allowance shall be paid in lieu of any per diem, allowance, or other remuneration now received by any such member for such attendance. Expense allowances and other costs authorized in this Code section shall be paid from moneys in the fund.

15-21-225.

(a) The commission shall:

(1) Meet at such times and places as it shall determine necessary or convenient to perform its duties on the call of the chairperson or the Governor;

(2) Maintain minutes of its meetings;

(3) Adopt rules and regulations for the transaction of its business;

(4) Accept applications for disbursements of available money from the fund;

(5) Develop a state-wide protocol for helping to coordinate the delivery of services to sexually exploited victims;

(6) Provide oversight and accountability for any program that receives disbursements from the fund;

(7) Maintain records of all its expenditures, funds received as gifts and donations, and disbursements made from the fund; and

(8) Conform to the standards and requirements prescribed by the state accounting officer pursuant to Chapter 5B of Title 50.

(b) The commission shall utilize existing state resources and staff of participating departments whenever practicable.

15-21-226.

The commission may recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly changes in state programs, laws, policies, budgets, and standards relating to the care and rehabilitation of sexually exploited victims, changes to improve coordination among state agencies that provide care and rehabilitative and social services to sexually exploited victims, and changes to improve the condition of sexually exploited victims who are in need of rehabilitative and social services.

15-21-227.

The commission may accept and solicit federal funds granted by Congress or executive order for the purposes of this article as well as gifts and donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations. The acceptance and use of federal funds shall not commit state funds and shall not place an obligation upon the General Assembly to continue the purposes for which the federal funds are made available. All such funds received in the manner described in this Code section shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the fund to be disbursed as other moneys in the fund.

15-21-228.

(a) In every case in which any court in this state imposes a fine, including costs, for trafficking a person for sexual servitude in violation of Code Section 16-5-46 or any violation of Code Section 16-6-10, 16-6-11, 16-6-12, 16-6-15, 16-6-16, or 16-12-100, there shall be imposed an additional penalty of $2,500.00 if the defendant was 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense.

(b) The penalty provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be in addition to any amount required to be paid into any pension, annuity, or retirement fund under

Title 47 or any other law and in addition to any other amounts provided for in this chapter.

(c) The penalty provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be assessed and collected by the clerk or court officer charged with the duty of collecting moneys arising from fines and shall be paid over by the last day of the following month to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority for remittance to the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission, to be deposited into the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund.

(d) Any person whose duty it is to collect and remit the penalty provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section who intentionally refuses to so remit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(e)(1) In addition to the costs and fees assessed in subsections (a) through (c) of this Code section, an individual who is a victim of a violation of Code Section 16-5-46 shall have a cause of action against any perpetrator and may recover damages and reasonable attorney's fees.

(2) Upon a conviction of any of the offenses provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, any real or personal property which is, directly or indirectly, used or intended for use in any manner to facilitate such offense is declared to be contraband and subject to forfeiture in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 16 of Title 9."

SECTION 1-2.

Code Section 16-6-13.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil forfeiture of proceeds and property, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Any property which is, directly or indirectly, used or intended for use in any manner to facilitate a violation of Code Section 16-6-10, 16-6-11, ~~or~~ 16-6-12, or 16-5-46 and any proceeds are declared to be contraband and no person shall have a property right in them."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising Article 3 of Chapter 5, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-5-48.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Employee' means any person employed by an innkeeper that:

(A) Has frequent or regular interactions with guests, such as front desk staff, porters, concierges, restaurant waiting and bartending staff, room service staff, and temporary employees;

(B) Is in a management position; or

(C) Has access to the guests' rooms, including housekeeping staff.

(2) 'Innkeeper' means:

(A) Any person that furnishes for value to the public any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations in a county or municipality and that is licensed by, or required to

pay business or occupation taxes to, such municipality or county for operating a hotel, motel, inn, lodge, tourist camp, tourist cabin, campground, or any other place in which any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are regularly furnished for value; or

(B) A marketplace innkeeper.

(3) 'Marketplace innkeeper' means a dealer as defined in subparagraph (M.3) of paragraph (8) of Code Section 48-8-2 that is required to collect and remit the tax imposed by Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 for acting as a marketplace facilitator as such term is defined in paragraph (18.1) of Code Section 48-8-2 for facilitating the furnishing for value to the public any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations on behalf of another person.

(b) Every innkeeper shall require its employees to complete a training course on recognizing and reporting instances of suspected human trafficking. Such training course shall be an online course provided by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at no cost to the innkeeper nor employees or an alternative online or in-person training course approved by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council shall approve or deny the use of any alternative online or in-person training course within 60 days of the submission of such training course for approval.

(c) Each employee of an innkeeper shall complete the required training course described in subsection (b) of this Code section within six months of being employed by an innkeeper and thereafter at least once during each consecutive period of two calendar years, commencing with the date on which he or she last completed the required training course, for as long as he or she is employed by an innkeeper.

(d) An owner, operator, or employee of a public lodging establishment who complies in good faith with this Code section shall not be liable for any act or omission arising out of or related to human trafficking committed by a third party unless the owner, operator, or employee of the public lodging establishment knowingly assists the commission of human trafficking."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-6-16, relating to masturbation for hire, as follows:

"16-6-16.

(a) A person 18 years of age or older, including a masseur or masseuse, commits the offense of masturbation for hire when he or she erotically stimulates the genital organs of another, whether resulting in orgasm or not, by manual or other bodily contact exclusive of sexual intercourse or by instrumental manipulation for money or the substantial equivalent thereof.

(b) A person committing the offense of masturbation for hire shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Code Section 17-10-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants, is amended by revising paragraphs (1) and (4) and subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) A defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced, or a defendant sentenced pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2, as a direct result of the defendant being the victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46 may petition the court imposing the sentence to vacate such conviction and sentence or such sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2. Such court shall maintain the jurisdiction, power, and authority to vacate such conviction and sentence."

"(4) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, consents in writing to the vacatur of such conviction or fails to respond to such petition within 30 days of service, the court imposing the conviction and sentence or sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 shall, without notice or hearing, issue an order vacating the conviction and sentence and shall also issue an order restricting access to criminal history record information for such offense.

(5)(A) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, objects in writing to the petition, the court shall hold a hearing within 90 days of the filing of the petition. The court shall hear evidence and determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the defendant committed such offense as a direct result of being the victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46. If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the defendant committed such offense as a direct result of being the victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46, the court may issue an order vacating the conviction and sentence or sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2. The vacatur of a sentence under this chapter or a sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 shall result in the discharge and dismissal of the action."

SECTION 3-2.

Code Section 35-3-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, is amended by revising subparagraphs (A), (C), and (D) of paragraph (6) of subsection (j) as follows:

"(6)(A) A defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced, or a defendant sentenced pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2, while such individual was a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46 may petition the court imposing the sentence to restrict such conviction and sentence or such sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2. Such court shall maintain the jurisdiction, power, and authority to restrict such conviction and sentence."

"(C) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, consents in writing to the restriction of such conviction and sentence or fails to respond to such petition within 30 days of

service, the court imposing the conviction and sentence or sentence imposed pursuant to Code Section 42-8-60 or 16-13-2 shall, without notice or hearing, issue an order restricting ~~the conviction and sentence~~ access to the criminal history record of such offense.

(D) If the prosecuting attorney, to the court, objects in writing to the petition, the court shall determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the defendant committed such offense while such individual was a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46. If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the defendant committed such offense while such individual was a victim of an offense of trafficking under Code Section 16-5-46, the court may issue an order restricting ~~the conviction and sentence~~ access to the criminal history record of such offense. The court shall hold a hearing within 90 days of the filing of the petition to hear evidence for purposes of making a determination under this subparagraph or make a determination upon the pleadings or record."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

(b) Section 1-1 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, provided that a constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly and is ratified by the voters in the November, 2024, General Election amending the Constitution of Georgia to authorize the General Assembly to provide specific funding to the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund. If such an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia is not so ratified, Section 1-1 of this Act shall not become effective and shall stand repealed by operation of law on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Strickland of the 17th and Still of the 48th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 959 (LC 48 1310S) by replacing "innkeeper." *with* "innkeeper."" *on line 208.*

By deleting lines 209 through 213.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Strickland amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 959, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/26/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 959. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Setzler of the 37th

Senator Summers of the 13th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 906. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Houston of the 170th and Pirkle of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a third judge of the superior courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Tifton Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Summers of the 13th.

The consent was granted, and HB 906 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 906. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Houston of the 170th and Pirkle of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a third judge of the superior courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Tifton Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Summers of the 13th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 906, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 422. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Esteves of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to modify the percentage limitation as to the amount of the investments an electric membership corporation may make and maintain in a gas affiliate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 422:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to modify the percentage limitation as to the amount of the investments an electric membership corporation may make and maintain in a gas affiliate; to require an electric membership corporation to disclose certain transactions and other information to its members within a certain time frame, if such electric membership corporation exceeds a specific percentage amount of investments in a gas affiliate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, is amended by revising Code Section 46-4-164, relating to construction of article, electric membership corporations and EMC gas affiliates, and liquefied petroleum gas, as follows:

"46-4-164.

(a) Nothing in this article shall be deemed to apply or impose requirements not otherwise existing on gas distribution companies owned by any county, municipality, other political subdivision, or governmental authority of this state; nor are the provisions of this article intended to increase or decrease the authority and jurisdiction of the commission with respect to the distribution, sale, or transportation of gas by any county, municipality, other political subdivision, or governmental authority of this state. Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect the existing powers of municipal corporations or other political subdivisions of this state relating to the granting of franchises or the levying or imposition of taxes, fees, or charges.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including, without limitation, Article 4 of Chapter 3 of this title, an electric membership corporation may make and maintain investments in, lend funds to, and guarantee the debts and obligations of an EMC gas affiliate in total not to exceed ~~15~~ 25 percent of such electric membership corporation's net utility plant, excluding electric generation and transmission assets as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Uniform System of Accounts in effect at the time of such investment, loan, or guarantee, provided that any such investments or loans shall not reflect rates which are generally available through the use of any tax exempt financing and may not be tied to any loans from or guaranteed by the federal or state government; and an EMC gas affiliate of an electric membership corporation organized and operating pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 3 of this title may apply for and be granted a certificate of authority to provide any service as authorized under this article. The creation, capitalization, or provision of management for:

(1) An EMC gas affiliate engaged in activities subject to the provisions of this article and the rules and regulations established by the commission; or

(2) Other persons providing customer services

shall be deemed to be among the purposes of an electric membership corporation as specified in paragraphs (2) and (3) of Code Section 46-3-200. Nothing in this article shall be deemed to increase or decrease the authority and jurisdiction of the commission with respect to such electric membership corporation except as to gas activities undertaken by the electric membership corporation or its EMC gas affiliate as authorized under this chapter.

(c) Within six months following any transaction that causes an electric membership corporation to have more than 15 percent of its net utility plant invested in, lent to, or secured for the benefit of its EMC gas affiliate, excluding electric generation and transmission assets as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Uniform System of Accounts, such electric membership corporation shall disclose to its members:

(1) A description of the assets or interests acquired in the transaction;

(2) The date of such transaction;

(3) A description of any assets pledged by the electric membership corporation to secure a loan or other funding in connection with such transaction;

(4) The total amount of the electric membership corporation's assets, debts, and obligations, and those of the EMC gas affiliate; and

(5) The total amount of the electric membership corporation's electric generation and transmission assets as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Uniform System of Accounts.

~~(c)~~(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to allow or authorize an electing distribution company, a certificated marketer, or a regulated provider of natural gas to engage in the production, transportation, marketing, or distribution of liquefied petroleum gas; provided, however, that nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit an electing distribution company from using liquefied petroleum gas to provide for system balancing and peaking services for its distribution system."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Tillery of the 19th and Summers of the 13th filed the following amendment #2:

Amend the House substitute to SB 422 (LC 36 5822S) by replacing lines 1 through 7 with the following:

To amend Titles 46 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation and state government, respectively, so as to revise provisions concerning natural gas; to modify the percentage limitation as to the amount of the investments an electric membership corporation may make and maintain in a gas affiliate; to require an electric membership corporation to disclose certain transactions and other information to its members within a certain time frame, if such electric membership corporation exceeds a specific percentage amount of investments in a gas affiliate; to authorize the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance and perform certain

duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By replacing lines 66 and 67 with the following:

SECTION 2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-23-4, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, by revising paragraphs (5), (6), (10.1), and (10.2) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5) 'Environmental facilities' means any projects, structures, and other real or personal property acquired, rehabilitated, constructed, or planned:

(A) For the purposes of supplying, distributing, and treating water and diverting, channeling, or controlling water flow and head including, but not limited to, surface or ground water, canals, reservoirs, channels, basins, dams, aqueducts, standpipes, penstocks, conduits, pipelines, mains, pumping stations, water distribution systems, compensating reservoirs, intake stations, waterworks or sources of water supply, wells, purification or filtration plants or other treatment plants and works, connections, water meters, mechanical equipment, electric generating equipment, rights of flowage or division and other plant structures, equipment, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, distribution, pumping, treatment, storing, or disposing of water;

(B) For the purposes of collecting, treating, or disposing of sewage including, but not limited to, main, trunk, intercepting, connecting, lateral, outlet, or other sewers, outfall, pumping stations, treatment and disposal plants, ground water rechange basins, backflow prevention devices, sludge dewatering or disposal equipment and facilities, clarifiers, filters, phosphorus removal equipment and other plants, soil absorption systems, innovative systems or equipment, structures, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein, and appurtenances thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, pumping, treatment, neutralization, storing, and disposing of sewage;

(C) For the purposes of collecting, treating, recycling, composting, or disposing of solid waste, including, but not limited to, trucks, dumpsters, intermediate reception stations or facilities, transfer stations, incinerators, shredders, treatment plants, landfills, landfill equipment, barrels, binders, barges, alternative technologies and other plant structures, equipment, conveyances, improvements, real or personal property or rights therein, and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, treatment, or disposal of solid waste; ~~or~~

(D) For the purposes of carrying out a community land conservation project or a state land conservation project pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 36; or

(E) For the purposes of storing, supplying, and distributing natural gas, including,

but not limited to, pipelines, storage tanks and facilities, natural gas distribution systems, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the storage, supply, and distribution of natural gas.

(6) 'Environmental services' means the provision, collectively or individually, of water facilities, sewerage facilities, solid waste facilities, natural gas facilities, community land conservation projects or state land conservation projects pursuant to Chapter 22 Title 36, or management services."

"(10.1) 'Natural gas facility' means any environmental facility described in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (5) of this Code section.

(10.2) 'Nongovernmental entity' means a nonprofit organization the primary purposes of which are the permanent protection and conservation of land and natural resources.

~~(10.2)~~(10.3) 'Nonprofit corporation' means any corporation qualified as a not for profit corporation by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 50-23-5, relating to purpose, powers, and duties of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (33), by deleting the period and substituting in lieu thereof "; and" at the end of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (34), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(35) To promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-23-12, relating to personal liability of members, officers, and employees of the authority, by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) The construction, ownership, maintenance, or operation of any solid waste system, sewerage system, natural gas system, environmental facility, or water system owned by a local government; or"

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 422.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 422 as amended by the following amendment:

Senator Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 422 (LC 36 5822S) by inserting "to provide an

effective date;" *after* "matters;" *on line 7.*

By replacing "15" *with* "10" *on line 47.*

By inserting between lines 52 and 53 the following:
(3) The consideration given for such transaction;

By redesignating paragraphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (4) through (6), respectively, on lines 53 through 57.

By deleting "and" *after the semicolon on line 56.*

By replacing line 59 with the following:
System of Accounts; and
(7) The percentage of the electric membership corporation's net utility plant used for the purposes described in subsection (b) of this Code section.

By adding between lines 66 and 67 the following:
This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10, the motion by Senator Cowsert of the 46th took precedence.

On the motion by Senator Cowsert of the 46th to agree to the House substitute to SB 422 as amended by the Senate, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
N Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
N Anderson, L.	N Harrell	N Payne
N Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	N Rahman
N Beach	N Hickman	N Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	E Seay
N Burns	N Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	N Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	N Strickland
N Dixon	N Jones, H.	N Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	N Walker

N Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	N McLaurin	N Watson, S.
N Goodman	N Merritt	N Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 7, nays 46; the motion lost, and the Senate did not agree to the House substitute to SB 422 as amended by the Senate.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 422.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 422.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 469. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Butler of the 55th, Gooch of the 51st, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, so as to increase the maximum amount of contributions allowed

per beneficiary of savings trust accounts for higher education expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 469:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, so as to revise the maximum amount of contributions allowed per beneficiary of savings trust accounts for higher education expenses; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of taxable net income, so as to revise the deduction from income for contributions to savings trust accounts established pursuant to Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "College Success 529 Expansion Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-634, relating to savings trust accounts, availability, and terms and provisions, as follows:

"(1) The maximum and minimum contribution allowed on behalf of each beneficiary for the payment of qualified higher education expenses at eligible institutions as defined in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or other applicable federal law; provided, however, that no additional contributions may be made to a savings trust account when the total account balance for all accounts for the beneficiary equals or exceeds ~~$235,000.00~~ a reasonable maximum amount as determined by the board based on current and anticipated education expenses;"

SECTION 3.

Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of taxable net income, is amended by revising paragraph (11.1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(11.1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2020~~ 2025:

(A) An amount equal to the amount of contributions to a savings trust account

established pursuant to Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 on behalf of the designated beneficiary, but not exceeding ~~$4,000.00~~ $5,000.00 per beneficiary;
(B) If the contributor files a separate return or single return, the sum of contributions constituting deductions on the contributor's return under this paragraph shall not exceed ~~$4,000.00~~ $5,000.00 per beneficiary;
(C) If the contributor files a joint return, the sum of contributions constituting deductions on the contributor's return under this paragraph shall not exceed ~~$8,000.00~~ $10,000.00 per beneficiary; and
(D) For purposes of this paragraph, contributions or payments for any such taxable year may be made during or after such taxable year but on or before the deadline for making contributions to an individual retirement account under federal law for such taxable year;"

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Dixon of the 45th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dixon was excused.

Senator Williams of the 25th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 469 as amended by the following amendment:

Senator Williams of the 25th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 469 (LC 50 0857S) on line 1 following "To" *by inserting the following:*
amend Part 2 of Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to funding, donations, property, and scholarships with respect to Georgia Military College, so as to revise legislative intent language regarding certain postsecondary study beyond the second-year level; to provide for an annual report; to

By replacing line 10 with the following:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to funding, donations, property, and scholarships with respect to the Georgia Military College, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-560, relating to legislative intent, as follows:

"20-3-560.

(a) It is the intention of the General Assembly that the Georgia Military College be a state-wide institution dedicated to providing a high-quality ~~military~~ education ~~to the youth of this state, but~~ built upon its military heritage of duty, honor, and love of country, and grounded in the core values of respect, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage. Such education shall not be beyond the level of the second year of postsecondary study, except for any of the following bachelor ~~Bachelor of Applied Science~~ degree programs:

(1) Bachelor of Applied Science;

(2) Bachelor of Business Administration;

(3) Bachelor of Science in Communications;

(4) Bachelor of Science in Computer Science;

(5) Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice;

(6) Bachelor of Science in Education;

(7) Bachelor of Arts in General Studies;

(8) Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration;

(9) Bachelor of Science in Psychology; and

(10) Bachelor of Science in Public Health,

~~which assist graduates of institutions under the Technical College System of Georgia in the attainment of a four-year bachelor's degree; provided, however, that no branch of the Georgia Military College shall offer any Bachelor of Applied Science degree program that is currently being offered by an institution of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia which is located in the same county as such branch;~~ offered only to students enrolled in the Georgia Military Global Online Leadership College (GOLC), provided~~,~~ ~~further,~~ that the level of such educational programs shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the General Assembly. The student enrollment of the college shall reflect as closely as possible the racial and demographic makeup of the state.

(b) The Georgia Military College shall submit by September 30, 2024, and each September 1 thereafter a report to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Committee on Higher Education, and the Senate Higher Education Committee. Such report shall describe the successes and failures of all bachelor degree programs at the Georgia Military College to the extent of detail that the leadership of such college determines is reasonably necessary. Such report shall be based on the immediately prior fiscal, academic, or calendar year based on the discretion of such college."

SECTION 1.1.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 469 as amended by the Senate.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 341. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to revise committee names; to repeal provisions relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies and certain procedures of the General Assembly; to make conforming changes throughout the Code; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 341:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to revise committee names; to repeal provisions relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies and certain procedures of the General Assembly; to make conforming changes throughout the Code; to revise certain provisions relating to the Legislative Services Committee; to revise

provisions related to judicial continuances and stays related to the General Assembly; to revise provisions relating to the legislative fiscal office's scope of authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Name Correction

SECTION 1-1.

Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 2-10-53.1, relating to oversight by legislative advisory committee, membership, duties, and expiration, as follows:

"(1) The chairpersons of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Economic Development and Tourism and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Agriculture and ~~Consumer Affairs~~ Natural Resources or their designees, ex officio;"

PART II

Senate Committee Name Correction

SECTION 2-1.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended by revising Code Section 10-9-20, relating to Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority Overview Committee created, composition, officers, and duties, as follows:

"10-9-20.

There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority Overview Committee to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, five members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, the chairperson of the House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism or his or her designee, and the chairperson of the ~~Senate Economic Development Committee~~ Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism or his or her designee. The members of the committee shall serve two-year terms concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments from the membership of the committee, and the vice chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House from the membership of the committee. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve terms of two years concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly. Vacancies in an appointed member's position or in the offices of chairperson or vice chairperson of the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in

the same manner as the original appointment. The committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with which the authority is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as provided in this chapter."

PART III

Georgia Education Authority (Schools)

SECTION 3-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Article 11 of Chapter 2, relating to public school property and facilities, by repealing Part 3, relating to the Georgia Education Authority (Schools), and designating said part as reserved.

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-3-152, relating to the Georgia Education Authority (University) creation, members, officers, and staff, quorum, procedural rules and regulations, and assignment to Department of Administrative Services, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The authority shall elect one of its members as ~~chairman~~ chairperson and another as ~~vice-chairman~~ vice chairperson and a secretary and treasurer, who need not necessarily be a member of the authority ~~but who shall be the same as the secretary and treasurer of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools)~~. The majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the authority. The members of the authority shall not be entitled to compensation for their services but shall be entitled to and shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. ~~The staff of the authority shall be the same as the staff of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools).~~ The authority shall make rules and regulations for its own government. It shall have perpetual existence. Any change in name or composition of the authority shall in no way affect the vested rights of any person under the provisions of this article or impair the obligations of any contracts existing under this article."

SECTION 3-3.

Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is amended in Code Section 29-3-32, relating to investment of funds, by repealing paragraph (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.

SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-32, relating to investment of estate funds by conservator, by repealing paragraph (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.

SECTION 3-5.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by revising Code Section 45-15-13, relating to representation of state authorities by Attorney General, as follows:

"45-15-13.

As used in Code Sections 45-15-14 through 45-15-16, the term 'state authorities' means the following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia Building Authority, ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools),~~ Georgia Education Authority (University), Georgia Highway Authority, Georgia Ports Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Jekyll Island—State Park Authority, Stone Mountain Memorial Association, Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, and Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority."

SECTION 3-6.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-17-21, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (9) as follows:

"(9) 'State authorities' means the following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia Building Authority, ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools),~~ Georgia Education Authority (University), Georgia Highway Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Georgia Ports Authority, Georgia Development Authority, Jekyll Island—State Park Authority, Stone Mountain Memorial Association, North Georgia Mountains Authority, Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority, Groveland Lake Development Authority, Georgia Higher Education Assistance Authority, the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, and other instrumentalities of the state created by the General Assembly and authorized to issue debt and not specifically exempt from this article."

SECTION 3-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-17-22, relating to State Financing and Investment Commission, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(2) There shall be a construction division of the commission administered by a director who shall not be a member of the commission and who shall also serve as the executive secretary for the commission. The director and the staff of the construction division shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commission, shall provide administrative support for all personnel of the commission, and shall account for and keep all records pertaining to the operation and administration of the commission and its staff. The director, as executive secretary, shall prepare agendas and keep minutes of all meetings of the commission. In construction and construction related matters, the construction division shall act in accordance with the policies, resolutions, and directives of the ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools) and the~~ Georgia Education Authority (University) until such time as such policies, resolutions, or directives are changed or modified by the commission. In carrying out its responsibilities in connection with the application of any funds under its control, including the proceeds

of any debt or any appropriation made directly to it for construction purposes, the commission is specifically authorized to acquire and construct projects for the benefit of any department or agency of the state or to contract with any such department or agency for the acquisition or construction of projects under policies, standards, and operating procedures to be established by the commission; provided, however, that the commission shall contract with the Department of Transportation or the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority or any combination of the foregoing for the supervision of and contracting for design, planning, building, rebuilding, constructing, reconstructing, surfacing, resurfacing, laying out, grading, repairing, improving, widening, straightening, operating, owning, maintaining, leasing, and managing any public roads and bridges for which general obligation debt has been authorized. The construction division also shall perform such construction related services and grant administration services for state agencies and instrumentalities and for local governments, instrumentalities of local governments, and other political subdivisions as may be assigned to the commission or to the construction division by executive order of the Governor."

SECTION 3-8.

Any assets of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024, and any real property held, owned, or under the custody or control of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) shall constitute property as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 50-16-31. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART IV

General Assembly

SECTION 4-1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by repealing Code Section 28-1-17, relating to prefiling of proposed bills and resolutions prior to each legislative session and administrative procedure.

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-3-24.1, relating to public distribution of legislative information in electronic format, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives may provide legislative information in electronic format to the GeorgiaNet Division of the Georgia Technology Authority for purposes of public distribution as provided in Code Section 50-25-14. The information may be provided on at least a daily basis in the most current format available. The information provided may include at a minimum: available schedules and agenda for committee meetings; available bill and resolution status

information; and full text of all available ~~prefiled and~~ introduced versions of bills and resolutions, including amendments and substitutes. The information provided may include such other matters as will in the determination of the Secretary and the Clerk contribute to the purposes of this Code section. The Georgia Technology Authority shall work with the General Assembly to develop a single ~~Internet site~~ public website for the Georgia General Assembly. The content and the format of the General Assembly ~~Internet site~~ public website shall be determined by the Legislative Services Committee."

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 28-4-3.1, relating to confidentiality of communications between Office of Legislative Counsel and certain persons, as follows:

"28-4-3.1.

Communications between the Office of Legislative Counsel or any individual or office provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1 and the following persons shall be privileged and confidential: members, officers, and staff of the General Assembly, including the ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ President of the Senate, and persons acting on their behalf ~~of such public officers~~; and such communications, and records and work product relating to such communications, shall not be subject to inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or any other law or under judicial process; provided, however, that this privilege shall not apply where it is waived by the affected public officer or officers. The privilege established under this Code section is in addition to any other constitutional, statutory, or common law privilege."

SECTION 4-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 28-4-5, relating to the Attorney General to serve as advisor to legislative counsel, as follows:

"28-4-5.

(a) The Attorney General shall serve as an advisor to the legislative counsel and any individual provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1 and shall represent the General Assembly and its members, officers, or staff upon request of the legislative counsel or any individual provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1 unless there is a legal conflict.

(b) The Department of Administrative Services may provide contract review and drafting services and other services to the General Assembly upon request by the Office of Legislative Counsel or any individual provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1.

(c) Any communications, records, and work product relating to such advice, communications, and services provided pursuant to this Code section shall not be subject to inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or any other law or under any judicial process. Such privilege from disclosure shall be in addition to any other constitutional, statutory, or common law privilege."

SECTION 4-5.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"28-4-5.1.

(a) The Legislative Services Committee may assign to one or more legislative staff members or to an office the duty to provide and oversee the provision of legal services for the legislative branch of government and, with the approval of the committee or the chairperson, to represent the interests of the legislative branch in matters involving litigation and as to legislation that may affect the legislative branch and to perform any other assigned duties.

(b) The provisions of this Code section shall not be construed to impair or limit the duties or authority of the legislative counsel or the Office of Legislative Counsel as provided by law."

SECTION 4-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-4-6, relating to employment, powers, and duties of legislative fiscal officer, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The legislative fiscal officer is authorized on behalf of the legislative branch to pay any properly authorized invoice which does not exceed $5,000.00; provided, however, that the legislative fiscal officer shall be authorized to pay any invoice for fees incurred for legal services not to exceed $12,000.00. Any invoice which exceeds $5,000.00, or $12,000.00 for fees incurred for legal services, shall ~~may~~ not be paid by such fiscal officer without prior approval from the committee. The committee may provide for such approval to be given at meetings of the committee, or in writing between meetings by a majority of the members of the committee, or in such other manner as the committee may establish. All invoices shall contain in detail a description of the work performed, materials used or purchased, and any other information pertinent to the obligation. Before the fiscal officer may pay any invoice, a requisition or purchase order covering such invoice and signed by the person or persons authorized by the Legislative Services Committee to do so plus evidence of delivery must have been submitted to the fiscal officer. A list of all invoices which have been paid shall be submitted by the fiscal officer to the committee on a monthly basis."

SECTION 4-7.

Code Section 9-10-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grounds for continuance and stay — attendance of party or attorney in General Assembly, writing requirement, and considerations, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A member of the General Assembly who is a party to or the attorney for a party to a case; any member of the Office of Legislative Counsel, including the legislative counsel and persons provided for under subsection (d) of Code Section 28-4-3, appearing on behalf of the General Assembly or any member, officer, or staff thereof in a case; any individual or member of the office provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1, appearing on behalf of the General Assembly or any member, officer, or staff thereof in a case; or any member of the staff of the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, or the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee or Special

Judiciary Committee of the Senate or of the Judiciary Committee or Judiciary, Non-civil Committee of the House of Representatives who is the lead counsel for a party to a case pending in any trial or appellate court or before any administrative agency of this state, shall be granted a continuance and stay of the case. The continuance and stay shall apply to all aspects of the case, including, but not limited to, the filing and serving of an answer to a complaint, the making of any discovery or motion, or of any response to any subpoena, discovery, or motion, and appearance at any hearing, trial, or argument. Unless a shorter length of time is requested by the member, the continuance and stay shall last for the seven days prior to the regular or extraordinary session of the General Assembly; the length of any regular or extraordinary session of the General Assembly; during the first three weeks following any recess or adjournment, including an adjournment sine die of any regular or extraordinary session; and the entirety of any day during the calendar year on which a legislative committee for which the member serves or is staff holds a scheduled meeting, the member attends a national legislative conference or board meeting, the member attends a caucus meeting, or the member attends a meeting of a study committee of the General Assembly. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule of court, or administrative rule or regulation, the time for doing any act in the case which is delayed by the continuance provided by this Code section shall be automatically extended by the same length of time as the continuance or stay covered."

SECTION 4-8.

Code Section 17-8-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to party or party's attorney in attendance at General Assembly as grounds for granting continuance, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A member of the General Assembly who is a party to or the attorney for a party to a case; any member of the Office of Legislative Counsel, including the legislative counsel and persons provided for under subsection (d) of Code Section 28-4-3, appearing on behalf of the General Assembly or any member, officer, or staff thereof in a case; any individual or member of the office provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1, appearing on behalf of the General Assembly or any member, officer, or staff thereof in a case; or any member of the staff of the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee or Special Judiciary Committee of the Senate or of the Judiciary Committee or Judiciary, Non-civil Committee of the House of Representatives who is the lead counsel for a party to a case pending in any trial or appellate court or before any administrative agency of this state shall be granted a continuance and stay of the case. The continuance and stay shall apply to all aspects of the case, including, but not limited to, the filing and serving of an answer to a complaint, the making of any discovery or motion, or of any response to any subpoena, discovery, or motion, and appearance at any hearing, trial, or argument. Unless a shorter length of time is requested by the member, the continuance and stay shall last for the seven days prior to the regular or extraordinary session of the General Assembly; the length of any regular or extraordinary session of the General Assembly; during the first three weeks following any recess or adjournment, including an adjournment sine die

of any regular or extraordinary session; and the entirety of any day during the calendar year on which a legislative committee for which the member serves or is staff holds a scheduled meeting. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule of court, or administrative rule or regulation, and to the extent permitted by the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Georgia, the time for doing any act in the case which is delayed by the continuance or stay provided by this Code section shall be automatically extended by the same length of time as the continuance or stay covered."

PART V

Legislative Services Committee

SECTION 5-1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended in Chapter 4, relating to legislative services, by revising Code Section 28-4-1, relating to the Legislative Services Committee, creation, membership, compensation, and members, as follows:

"28-4-1.

(a) There is created the Legislative Services Committee, hereinafter called the committee, to be composed of the:

(1) Speaker of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(2) President of the Senate~~, the~~;

(3) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate~~, the~~;

(4) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(5) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate~~, the~~;

(6) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(7) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee of the Senate~~, the~~;

(8) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(9) President Pro Tempore of the Senate~~, the~~;

(10) Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(11) Majority ~~majority~~ leader of the Senate~~, the~~;

(12) Majority ~~majority~~ leader of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(13) Minority ~~minority~~ leader of the Senate~~, the~~;

(14) Minority ~~minority~~ leader of the House of Representatives~~, the~~;

(15) Secretary of the Senate~~, and the~~; and

(16) Clerk of the House of Representatives. ~~The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be chairperson of the committee, and the Secretary of the Senate shall be secretary of the committee.~~

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be cochairpersons; provided, however, that the Speaker of the House of

Representatives shall be the presiding chairperson of the committee each odd-numbered year, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be the presiding chairperson of the committee each even-numbered year. The President of the Senate shall at all times serve as the vice chairperson.

(c) The Secretary of the Senate shall be secretary of the committee each odd-numbered year and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the secretary of the committee each even-numbered year.

~~(b)~~(d) The members of the committee shall receive no additional allowances for service on the committee while the General Assembly is in session; but, for each day spent in the performance of their duties under this chapter between sessions, the members shall receive the allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees.

~~(c)~~(e) The committee shall meet at least twice during each calendar year. Additional meetings may be held upon the call of the presiding chairperson or upon the call of a majority of the members of the committee. Nine members of the committee shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present at a meeting of the committee, provided such members present constitute a quorum, shall be necessary to transact business of the committee. ~~The~~ Every member of the committee including the presiding chairperson shall be entitled to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the committee. In the event that the presiding chairperson for the then-current year is unable to chair a called meeting of the committee, the committee shall be chaired by the other cochairperson."

SECTION 5-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-4-3, relating to Office of Legislative Counsel, creation, qualifications, and powers and duties, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(4) Provide legal services for the legislative branch of government and, with the approval of the committee or the ~~chairman~~ presiding chairperson of such committee, to represent the interests of the legislative branch in matters involving litigation; and"

PART VI

Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee

SECTION 6-1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by repealing Chapter 10, relating to the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee, and designating said chapter as reserved.

SECTION 6-2.

Any assets of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Rail Passenger

Authority Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART VII

Reports of the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

SECTION 7-1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-53-6, relating to the compiling of reports and public dissemination of data, as follows:

"31-53-6.

(a) The office shall compile reports received from the following boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices pursuant to each such entity's respective statutory reporting requirements:

(1) The Maternal Mortality Review Committee;

~~(2) The Office of Women's Health;~~

~~(3) The Kidney Disease Advisory Committee;~~

~~(4)~~(2) The Hemophilia Advisory Board;

~~(5)~~(3) The Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness;

~~(6)~~(4) The Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council;

~~(7)~~(5) The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission;

~~(8)~~(6) The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council;

~~(9)~~(7) The Department of Public Health on behalf of the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry;

~~(10)~~(8) The Office of Cardiac Care; and

~~(11)~~(9) The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission.

(b) The office shall maintain a website that permits public dissemination of data compiled by the boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices listed in subsection (a) of this Code section."

PART VIII

Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee

SECTION 8-1.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended by repealing Code Section 36-91-111, relating to the creation and administration of the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 8-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 36-91-112, relating to model guidelines, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Prior to executing any comprehensive agreement for the development or operation of a qualifying project pursuant to an unsolicited proposal received by a local government under this article, the local government shall adopt ~~either:~~

~~(1) The model guidelines from the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee; or~~

~~(2) Its~~ its own guidelines as a policy, rule, regulation, or ordinance, which shall contain each of the factors identified in subsection (b) of this Code section."

PART IX

Georgia World War I Centennial Commission

SECTION 9-1.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by repealing Article 3 of Chapter 13, relating to the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission, and designating said article as reserved.

SECTION 9-2.

Any assets of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART X

State Personnel Oversight Commission

SECTION 10-1.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by repealing Chapter 24, relating to the "Governmental Reorganization and Termination from Employment Reform Act of 1977."

SECTION 10-2.

Any assets of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XI

Small Business Assistance Advisory Council

SECTION 11-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is

amended by repealing Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 5, relating to small business assistance, and designating said part as reserved.

PART XII

Commission on Regional Planning

SECTION 12-1.

Said title is further amended by repealing Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 8, relating to the Commission on Regional Planning.

SECTION 12-2.

Any assets of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XIII

Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol

SECTION 13-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by repealing Code Section 50-16-5.1, relating to the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol.

SECTION 13-2.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended in Code Section 45-13-72, relating to submission of recommendations to achieve highest museum standards, and designation of area as Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The Capitol Art Standards Commission, in cooperation with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia ~~and the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol~~, shall designate areas within the capitol museum as the Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas. Such areas shall include information, artifacts, photographs, monuments, or other related items which tell the history and importance of agriculture to this state's economic growth. Except as provided for in this part, the Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas of the capitol museum shall be maintained, operated, and managed in the same manner as the other areas of the capitol museum."

SECTION 13-3.

Any assets of the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of

Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XIV
Senate Committee Name Correction
SECTION 14-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 50-27-34, relating to the Georgia Lottery Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, as follows:

"(a) There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly, the Georgia Lottery Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, to be composed of the members of the House Committee on Regulated Industries and the ~~Senate Economic Development Committee~~ Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. The chairpersons of such committees shall serve as cochairpersons of the oversight committee. The oversight committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with which the ~~authority~~ corporation is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as provided in this chapter. The oversight committee may conduct any independent audit or investigation of the ~~authority~~ corporation it deems necessary."

PART XV
Effective Dates
SECTION 15-1.

(a) The provisions of Part V of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.
(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PART XVI
General Repealer
SECTION 16-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 341.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 341.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 21, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 872. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Parrish of the 158th, Bennett of the 94th, Cooper of the 45th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical professionals for rural assistance, so as to expand the service cancelable loan program for physicians and other health care providers in underserved areas to include dental students; to provide for criteria; to provide for length of loans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The consent was granted, and HB 872 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 872. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Parrish of the 158th, Bennett of the 94th, Cooper of the 45th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical professionals for rural assistance, so as to expand the service cancelable loan program for physicians and other health care providers in underserved areas to include dental students; to provide for criteria; to provide for length of loans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
E Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 2.

HB 872, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 112. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to provide for a pilot program whereby qualifying private nonprofit entities provide instruction and other services for eligible students 21 years of age and older to attain a high school diploma; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 112:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to provide for a pilot program whereby qualifying third parties or the state board provide instruction and other services for certain adults to attain a high school diploma; to provide for requirements of such program; to provide for waivers and variances; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "High School Diploma for Adult Learners Act."

SECTION 2.
Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

20-4-160.
(a) As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Eligible student' means an individual who:
(A) Resides in this state;
(B) Is over 21 years of age but under 45 years of age at the time of enrollment;

(C) Has not attained a high school diploma;

(D) Does not meet any of the ineligibility criteria provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1; and

(E) Has previously been enrolled in a high school in this state.

(2) 'High School Diploma Program for Adult Learners' and 'pilot program' mean the pilot program provided for in this article.

(3) 'State board' means the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(b)(1) The state board is authorized to establish a pilot program to allow eligible students to qualify for enrollment in the High School Diploma Program for Adult Learners facilitated by participating units of the Technical College System of Georgia and, upon successful completion of the pilot program, to be awarded a high school diploma. The purpose of the pilot program is to assess the feasibility of implementing a state funded program for eligible students to enroll and participate in a program facilitated by a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and provided by qualifying third parties or the state board which, upon successful completion, allows eligible students to earn high school diplomas.

(2) To implement the pilot program, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the state board and the State Board of Education shall be authorized to waive or provide variances to state laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures and to provisions of this title that may be reasonably necessary to meet the goals of the pilot program. Such waivers or variances shall automatically expire at the end of the pilot program unless an earlier expiration is provided for.

(3) The pilot program shall include at least two distinct programs offered by third parties or the state board and shall stand automatically repealed on June 30, 2029.

(4)(A) Subject to appropriations specifically for the purpose of this pilot program, the state board is authorized to allocate funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the implementation of the pilot program to third parties which are regionally accredited or partnered with a regionally accredited entity or the state board and which agree to meet all pilot program requirements and to provide the following to eligible students at no cost to such students:

(i) Instruction and related services provided by teachers certificated by the Professional Standards Commission;

(ii) An instructional program which utilizes evidence based curricula and instructional strategies for adult learners; and

(iii) If offered as part of the pilot program, dedicated pilot program facilities which shall meet minimum requirements established by state law or state board policy and which shall include on-site career and academic counseling services, child care services, and transportation assistance programs.

(B) Funds allocated pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph to qualified third parties or the state board shall be paid based on the completion of courses toward the attainment of a high school diploma.

(C) The state board is authorized to withhold up to 2 percent of the funds provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph for use in administering the duties required

pursuant to this article; provided, however, that any amount withheld pursuant to this subparagraph shall be spent solely and directly on expenses incurred by the Technical College System of Georgia in performing the duties required by this article.

(5) Each pilot program location shall annually report the following information to the state board and to the General Assembly by July 31 of each year of the pilot program:

(A) The number of eligible students enrolled in the pilot program during the preceding year;

(B) The number of courses completed by eligible students enrolled in the pilot program during the preceding year;

(C) The demographics of the eligible students enrolled in the pilot program during the preceding year, including age, race, gender, socioeconomic status, and county of residence;

(D) The completion rates of the eligible students enrolled in the pilot program during the preceding year; and

(E) The outcomes for eligible students who complete the pilot program as of the date of completion and two years after completion, including information concerning such students' job placement outcomes and matriculation into higher education and any other information concerning outcomes required by the state board.

(c) The state board shall determine the specific competencies concerning the skills and knowledge needed for completion of each component of the pilot program; provided, however, that the state board shall make such determination regarding the skills and knowledge needed to meet the requirements for a high school diploma as provided for in this article in consultation with the State Board of Education and the Department of Education.

(d) The state board shall award a high school diploma to any eligible student enrolled in the pilot program who completes all requirements of the pilot program, including the rigorous coursework required and facilitated by a participating unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and provided by participating third parties or the state board.

(e) The state board, in consultation with the State Board of Education, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this article."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 112 as amended by the following amendment:

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Harbison of the 15th, Robertson of the 29th, and Mallow of the 2nd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to SB 112 (LC 33 9700S) by replacing "If offered as part of the pilot program, dedicated" *on line 55 with* "Dedicated"

By replacing "completion of" *on line 60 with* "enrollment in"

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 112 as amended by the Senate.

Senator Burns of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 974. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Leverett of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to require the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a state-wide system for the posting of scanned paper ballots; to provide for minimum resolution requirements for such scans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Burns of the 23rd.

The consent was granted, and HB 974 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 974. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Leverett of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to require the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a state-wide system for the posting of scanned paper ballots; to provide for minimum resolution requirements for such scans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Burns of the 23rd.

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to HB 974:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that ballots used in optical scan voting systems shall use paper with a visible watermark security feature; to provide that ballots used in ballot marking devices shall use paper with a visible watermark security feature; to require the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a state-wide system for the posting of scanned paper ballots; to provide for the scanning of tabulated absentee ballots; to provide for minimum resolution requirements for each such scan; to expand the number of contests subject to risk-limiting audits; to provide for percentages of risk limits; to provide procedures for selection of contests subject to risk-limiting audits; to provide for a pilot program to audit paper ballots using optical character recognition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-372, relating to ballot descriptions, as follows:

"21-2-372.

Ballots shall be of suitable design, size, and stock to permit processing by a ballot scanner and shall be printed in black ink on clear, white, or colored material. Other than ballots delivered electronically to qualified electors who are entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. Section 20301, et seq., the ballots shall be printed on security paper that incorporates

features which can be used to authenticate the ballot as an official ballot but which do not make the ballot identifiable to a particular elector, provided that at least one such feature is a visible watermark that identifies the ballot as an official Georgia ballot."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-379.23, relating to requirements for ballot display, role of Secretary of State, and printed paper ballot controls during recount, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The form and arrangement of ballots marked and printed by an electronic ballot marker shall be prescribed by the Secretary of State; provided, however, that such ballots shall be printed on security paper that incorporates features which can be used to authenticate the ballot as an official ballot but which do not make the ballot identifiable to a particular elector; provided, further, that at least one such feature is a visible watermark that identifies the ballot as an official Georgia ballot."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-386, relating to safekeeping, certification, and validation of absentee ballots, rejection of ballot, delivery of ballots to location designated by superintendent, duties of superintendent and managers, precinct returns, report of returns of verified and accepted absentee ballots cast as soon as possible following closing of polls, notification of challenged elector, and unlawful disclosure of tabulation results, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including, but not limited to, the certification requirement in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-300, all absentee ballots tabulated pursuant to this Code section shall be scanned so that there is a digital image of each such ballot. All such scans shall have a resolution of no less than 600 dots per inch, or the highest resolution possible within the certified voting system. All such scans shall be posted and maintained by the program provided for in subsection (j.1) of Code Section 21-2-493."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-493, relating to computation, canvassing, and tabulation of returns, investigation of discrepancies in vote counts, recount procedure, pilot program for posting of digital images of scanned paper ballots, certification of returns, and change in returns, by revising subsection (j.1) as follows:

"(j.1) The Secretary of State shall create and maintain a ~~pilot~~ state-wide program for the posting of digital images of the scanned paper ballots created by the voting system. All such scans shall have a resolution of no less than 200 dots per inch. Digital images of the scanned ballots created as part of the preliminary tabulation process shall be posted no later than 5:00 P.M. on the second Friday following the day of the election, and such postings shall be supplemented by the posting of any additional ballot images created in the tabulation process through final certification of such election."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-498, relating to precertification tabulation audits, as follows:

"21-2-498.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Incorrect outcome' means the winner of a contest or the answer to a proposed constitutional amendment or question would be different from the results found in a manual recount of paper official ballots.

(2) 'Risk limit' means the largest statistical probability that an incorrect outcome is not detected or corrected in a risk-limiting audit; provided, however, that such probability does not exceed:

(A) Eight percent in 2024;

(B) Six percent in 2026; and

(C) Five percent or less in 2028 and thereafter.

(3) 'Risk-limiting audit' means an audit protocol that makes use of statistical methods and is designed to limit to acceptable levels the risk of certifying a preliminary election outcome that constitutes an incorrect outcome.

(4) 'Selected contests' means:

(A) The contest at the top of a ballot; and

(B) If the following races are on a ballot, one contest from the following races as selected pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section: United States Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State School Superintendent, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Labor, Supreme Court Justice, Judge of the Court of Appeals, or Public Service Commissioner, provided that such selected contest is not the race at the top of the ballot.

(b) Local election superintendents shall conduct precertification ~~tabulation or~~ risk-limiting audits on ~~one contest~~ selected contests following any election, special election, election runoff, special election runoff, primary, special primary, primary runoff, or special primary runoff with ~~federal~~ presidential, United States Senate, or state-wide contests in accordance with requirements set forth by rule or regulation of the State Election Board. Audits performed under this Code section shall be conducted by manual inspection of random samples of the paper official ballots.

(c) In conducting each audit, the local election superintendents shall:

(1) Complete the audit prior to final certification of the ~~contest~~ contests;

(2) Ensure that all types of ballots are included in the audit, whether cast in person, by absentee ballot, advance voting, provisional ballot, or otherwise;

(3) Provide a report of the unofficial final tabulated vote results for the ~~contest~~ contests to the public prior to conducting the audit;

(4) Complete the audit in public view; and

(5) Provide details of the audit to the public within 48 hours of completion.

(d) In the event that multiple qualified races are on a ballot, one race in addition to the race at the top of the ballot shall be selected as a selected contest for auditing pursuant to

this Code section. The additional selected contest shall be selected by majority vote of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives; provided, however, that, in the event that a majority vote cannot be obtained by 11:00 A.M. on the Thursday immediately following the election, special election, election runoff, special election runoff, primary, special primary, primary runoff, or special primary runoff, the additional selected contest shall be selected by the chairperson of the State Election Board. The selection vote required by this subsection does not need to occur in person; such vote may be accomplished telephonically, virtually, or via written or electronic correspondence.

~~(d)~~(e) The State Election Board shall be authorized to promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section. The procedures prescribed by the State Election Board shall include security procedures to ensure that collection of validly cast ballots is complete, accurate, and trustworthy throughout the audit.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall prevent an election superintendent from conducting tabulation or risk-limiting audits in additional contests if circumstances warrant the auditing of one or more additional contests than those required by this Code section."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-498.1.

The Secretary of State shall create a pilot program for the auditing of paper ballot images using optical character recognition technology or other related technology which shall verify the human-readable text portion of the ballot. Such auditing program shall not be based on or tabulate any QR code, bar code, or similar machine coding that may be printed on such ballots. Such audits shall include all ballot types, and the audit findings shall be reported prior to final certification of the election."

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne

Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 6.

HB 974, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 110. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Gooch of the 51st, Tillery of the 19th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions for insurance, so as to establish the Back the Blue Fund that distributes voluntary contributions made through motor vehicle insurance policies for the purpose of increasing the pay to or enhancing the benefits of law enforcement officers in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 307. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Walker III of the 20th, Butler of the 55th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the

O.C.G.A., relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 395. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Watson of the 11th, Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize the possession of opioid antagonists in schools; to define a term; to authorize schools to maintain a stock supply of opioid antagonists; to authorize trained school personnel to administer opioid antagonists and carry opioid antagonists on their person; to provide for immunity; to provide for activation of the emergency medical services system and notification of emergency contacts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 502. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services, so as to prohibit state agencies from contracting for advertising or marketing services with certain companies or from supporting certain companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for certifications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate amendment, to the House substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 240. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise the minimum and maximum allowable benefit multiplier for current and future retirees; to

require certain social security coverage for all employees of a political subdivision who are members of the Public School Employees Retirement System; to prohibit the approval of certain plans; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Carson of the 46th, Erwin of the 32nd, and Dubnik of the 29th.

Senator Anderson of the 24th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 825. By Representatives Fleming of the 125th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judicial Retirement System, so as to require certain counties that comprise single county judicial circuits to supplement the retirement benefits paid to the circuit's superior court judges and district attorneys; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Anderson of the 24th.

The consent was granted, and HB 825 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 825. By Representatives Fleming of the 125th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judicial Retirement System, so as to require certain counties that comprise single county judicial circuits to supplement the retirement benefits paid to the circuit's superior court judges and district attorneys; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Anderson of the 24th.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department
of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

October 30, 2023

The Honorable John Carson
Chairman, House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Actuarial Investigation
House Bill 825 (LC 43 2849)
Georgia Judicial Retirement System

Dear Chairman Carson:

This bill would amend provisions relating to benefits payable to certain retired members of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. Currently, retirement benefits are calculated based on the state salary outlined in statute for the respective position. The calculation does not include any county supplements that may have been paid to the member while in active service. Current law authorizes, but does not require, counties to provide supplemental retirement benefits for retired judges and district attorneys that served their area and received a county supplement while employed.

This bill would require certain judicial circuits to pay a supplemental benefit to superior court judges and district attorneys who retired from such circuit, as well as to the beneficiaries of deceased members. This would only apply to single county judicial circuits in which the county site is located in an unincorporated area of the county and the county governing authority has constructed one or more permanent satellite courthouses within the county. Any judicial circuit that is subject to these provisions would pay a supplemental benefit that is calculated based on the benefit percentage the retired member earned at retirement from the Judicial Retirement System together with the aggregate county salary supplement being paid to active judges as of the date of the member's retirement from active service.

As written, only one judicial circuit in Georgia would be affected by this legislation and any supplemental benefits that would be paid to retired members who served the county would be paid by the county. Therefore, this bill would not result in a first-year cost to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. There would be no increase in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability or the employer contribution. This cost estimate is based on current member data, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. It should be noted that

changes in any of these variables could affect the cost of this legislation. Any future costs would be paid through State appropriations.

The following is a summary of the relevant findings of the actuarial investigation for this bill pursuant to a request from the House Retirement Committee. The investigation was to be conducted according to O.C.G.A. §47-20-36, which outlines the factors to be considered in an actuarial investigation.

(1)	The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 0
(2)	The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.	$ 0
(3)	The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by the bill would be amortized.	N/A
(4)	The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill.	$ 0
(5)	The employer contribution rate currently in effect for the Georgia Judicial Retirement System.	6.43%*
(6)	The employer contribution rate recommended for the System (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in O.C.G.A. §47-20-10).	6.43%
(7)	The total dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition.	$ 0

**This rate represents the employer contribution rate that has been recommended by the actuary beginning July 1, 2024, for the Georgia Judicial Retirement System in order to meet the minimum funding standards.*

It should be noted that these cost estimates are based upon the current provisions of the bill as outlined in House Bill 825 (LC 43 2849). Any subsequent changes in the retirement bill could invalidate the actuarial investigation and the findings included therein.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

DOAA
Georgia Department
of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 2, 2024

The Honorable Rob Leverett
State Representative
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 508-A
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to House Bill 825 (LC 56 0096S)

Dear Representative Leverett:

This substitute bill would amend provisions relating to benefits payable to retired members of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. Currently, retirement benefits paid to retired members of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System are calculated based on the state salary outlined in statute for the respective position. Retirement benefits are not paid based on any county supplements they may have received while an active member of the System. Current law authorizes, but does not require, counties to provide supplemental retirement benefits for retired judges and district attorneys that served their area and received a county supplement while employed.

This substitute bill would require certain judicial circuits to pay a supplemental benefit to district attorneys who retired from such circuit. This would only apply to single county judicial circuits in which the county site is located in an unincorporated area of the county and the county governing authority has constructed one or more permanent satellite courthouses within the county.

The amount of the supplement shall be determined by multiplying the benefit percentage the district attorney earned at retirement from the Judicial Retirement System together with the aggregate county salary supplement being paid to the active district attorney on the date he or she began receiving a retirement benefit or the supplement paid to the retiring district attorney upon his or her last day of service, whichever is greater.

This is to certify that the changes made in this substitute bill are nonfiscal amendments as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. Therefore, the actuarial investigation prepared for House Bill 825 (LC 43 2849) would apply to LC 56 0096S. A copy of the actuarial investigation and State Auditor's Summary is attached.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

Senators Brass of the 28th, Esteves of the 6th, and Anderson of the 24th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 825 (LC 56 0096S) by inserting after line 3 the following:

to permit the state court judges of Fulton County to participate in such county's defined contribution plan;

By renumbering Sections 1 through 3 as Sections 2 through 4, respectively.

By inserting after line 6 the following:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judicial Retirement System, is amended by revising Code Section 47-23-50, relating to retirement benefits for state judges serving Fulton County, as follows:

"47-23-50.

Any person who becomes a judge of the State Court of Fulton County on or after July 1, 2004, shall become a member of this retirement system by operation of law and shall not be a member of any other public retirement system; provided, however, that any such judge may participate in a county's defined contribution plan."

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 26, 2024

The Honorable Matt Brass, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 453
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Amendment to House Bill 825 (AM 56 0015)

Dear Chairman Brass:

As amended, this bill would amend provisions relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System (JRS). Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated includes provisions that allowed persons who became a state court judge of Fulton County on or before June 30, 2004 to join the JRS or remain in the Fulton County plan. Any Fulton County state court judge hired after such date is required to become a member of the JRS. Such provisions also specify that such judges are prohibited from participating in two retirement systems.

Based on this prohibitive language, Fulton County has not allowed their state court judges to participate in the defined contribution plan for the amount of their salary that exceeds the pensionable salary under JRS. This amendment would add language to clarify that such judges may participate in a county's defined contribution plan, provided such plan is offered. As defined in O.C.G.A. §47-20-3 (23), the term 'retirement system' does not include plans that provide for individual accounts in which benefits are determined solely based on contributions and earnings.

Under the provisions of this amendment, the provisions of House Bill 825 (LC 56 0096S) relating to benefits payable to retired members of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System remain in the bill. Currently, retirement benefits paid to retired members of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System are calculated based on the state salary outlined in statute for the respective position. Retirement benefits are not paid based on any county supplements they may have received while an active member of the System. Current law authorizes, but does not require, counties to provide supplemental retirement benefits for retired judges and district attorneys that served their area and received a county supplement while employed.

This amendment would require certain judicial circuits to pay a supplemental benefit to district attorneys who retired from such circuit. This would only apply to single county judicial circuits in which the county site is located in an unincorporated area of the county and the county governing authority has constructed one or more permanent satellite courthouses within the county.

The amount of the supplement shall be determined by multiplying the benefit percentage the district attorney earned at retirement from the Judicial Retirement System together with the aggregate county salary supplement being paid to the active district attorney on the date he or she began receiving a retirement benefit or the supplement paid to the retiring district attorney upon his or her last day of service, whichever is greater.

This is to certify that this amendment is a nonfiscal amendment as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. Therefore, the actuarial investigation prepared for House Bill 825 (LC 43 2849) would apply to AM 56 0015. A copy of the actuarial investigation and State Auditor's Summary is attached.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Brass amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 9.

HB 825, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

Senator Beach of the 21st asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 1231. By Representative Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official

Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, to allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to allow academically successful students who commence a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Beach of the 21st.

The consent was granted, and HB 1231 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 1231. By Representative Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, to allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to allow academically successful students who commence a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Beach of the 21st.

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to HB 1231:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, to allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to allow academically successful students who commence a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to provide for exceptions based on previous participation in the dual enrollment program; to provide for limited HOPE scholarship eligibility for former foster youths who meet certain criteria; to provide for

such criteria; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, as follows:

"(d) A student may receive the HOPE scholarship until the first of these events:

(1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the ~~The~~ student has earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree.

(B)(i) Subject to division (ii) of this subparagraph, the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to any student:

(I) Who continuously meets the achievement standards provided for in this Code section while concurrently seeking both a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree; or

(II) Who continuously met the achievement standards provided for in this Code section while earning a baccalaureate degree and who, within 18 months of earning such degree, commences a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution, provided that he or she continuously meets such achievement standards.

(ii) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 20-2-161.3 to the contrary, the number of hours for which a student is eligible to receive the HOPE scholarship for a first professional degree or a graduate degree under division (i) of this subparagraph shall be reduced by the number of hours for which such student received credit for completing one or more postsecondary courses while participating in the dual enrollment program provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3 and the cost of such postsecondary courses was paid for using state funds pursuant to such program;

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of 190 quarter hours or 127 semester hours; or

(3) For those students receiving a HOPE scholarship for the first time between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2019, seven years from a student's graduation from high school or the equivalent thereof as determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in its rules and regulations; provided, however, that for a student who serves in the military during such seven-year period, any such active duty military service shall not count against the seven-year period nor constitute a failure to be enrolled. For those students receiving a HOPE scholarship for the first time on or after July 1, 2019, ten years from a student's graduation from high school or the equivalent thereof as determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in its rules and regulations; provided, however, that for a student who serves in the military during such ten-year period, any such active

duty military service shall not count against the ten-year period nor constitute a failure to be enrolled. Any full-time or part-time student receiving a HOPE scholarship and enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution after June 30, 2019, shall remain eligible for a HOPE scholarship pursuant to this paragraph, provided that such student meets all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, those set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection. Students with a disability, as defined in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 12102, which prevents or substantially inhibits full-time academic study, may apply to the Georgia Student Finance Commission for a limited waiver from the applicable year limit set forth in this paragraph and request additional time to complete the first to occur of the events set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection. Such application for a limited waiver shall be considered and determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in accordance with its rules and regulations."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by repealing Code Section 20-3-519.3, which was previously reserved, and enacting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-3-519.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'former foster youth' means an individual who is under the age of 28 years and:

(1) Is currently in the custody of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services;

(2) Is currently participating in the Division of Family and Children Services independent living program in accordance with applicable policies and procedures;

(3) Whose family currently receives or previously received state funded adoption services as provided for in Code Section 49-5-8; or

(4) Is an adopted child who was in the permanent legal custody of and placed for adoption by the Division of Family and Children Services following the child's fourteenth birthday, including any such individual who, at the time of application to a public postsecondary educational institution, resides outside of Georgia due to such placement.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 20-3-519.2 to the contrary, a former foster youth who has not previously received a HOPE scholarship or previously met the eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship as provided in Code Section 20-3-519.2 shall be deemed eligible for a HOPE scholarship for up to 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours, provided that such former foster youth:

(1) Meets eligibility requirements provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-519.1 and does not meet any of the ineligibility criteria provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1; and

(2) Maintains satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and practices used for federal Title IV programs by the institution at which the student is enrolled."

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Jones II of the 22nd and Beach of the 21st offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Higher Education substitute to HB 1231 (LC 49 1927S) by replacing line 1 with the following:

To amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to revise the definition of approved school to include schools which were previously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, are now accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, and which meet other requirements; to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to

By inserting after line 13 the following:

Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, is amended by revising subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) as follows:

"(A) A nonproprietary institution of higher education located in this state which is not a branch of the university system; which is not a four-year or graduate level institution of higher education that is, or is a part of, a college or university system that is owned and operated by a state other than Georgia; which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; which is not a graduate level school or college of theology or divinity; and which is not presently receiving state funds under Article 4 of this chapter; provided, however, that an institution which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an 'approved school' during the period that the institution holds candidate for accreditation status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; provided, further, that an institution which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an 'approved school' if such institution was previously an 'approved school' under division (iii) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph within the last five years; provided, further, that an institution which was previously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools within the last seven years and which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an 'approved school'; provided, further, that an institution which was previously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is now accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, and which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of

Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an 'approved school'; and"

SECTION 2.

By redesignating Sections 2 and 3 as Sections 3 and 4, respectively.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Jones II amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges Hufstetler	Robertson
Y Brass		E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 1231, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the following resolution, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HR 302. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th, Lim of the 98th and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the appropriation of funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements; to revise the disposition of excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

The consent was granted, and HR 302 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HR 302. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th, Lim of the 98th and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the appropriation of funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements; to revise the disposition of excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article III, Section IX, Paragraph II of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) The General Assembly shall annually appropriate those state and federal funds necessary to operate all the various departments and agencies. The General Assembly shall appropriate all moneys and funds derived from any legal judgments awarded to the state on or after January 1, 2025, and any legal settlements entered into by the state or on its behalf on or after January 1, 2025.

(2) To the extent that federal funds received by the state for any program, project, activity, purpose, or expenditure are changed by federal authority or exceed the amount or amounts appropriated in the general appropriations Act or supplementary ~~appropriation~~ appropriations Act or Acts, or are not anticipated, such excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funds in excess of $75 million shall be continually appropriated by the General Assembly through one or more methods or manners that shall be

prescribed by general law or held in the state treasury to be appropriated by the General Assembly through a supplementary appropriations Act or Acts. ~~are hereby continually appropriated for the purposes authorized and directed by the federal government in making the grant. In those instances where the conditions under which the federal funds have been made available do not provide otherwise, federal funds shall first be used to replace state funds that were appropriated to supplant federal funds in the same state fiscal year.~~

(3) The fiscal year of the state shall commence on the first day of July of each year and terminate on the thirtieth of June following."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to ensure that all proceeds
( ) NO from legal judgments or settlements and unanticipated changes to federal funding in excess of $75 million are appropriated by the General Assembly?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations offered the following substitute to HR 302:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to revise the disposition of excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state; to provide that funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements be paid into the general fund of the state treasury; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article III, Section IX, Paragraph II of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) The General Assembly shall annually appropriate those state and federal

funds necessary to operate all the various departments and agencies.

(2) To the extent that federal funds received by the state for any program, project, activity, purpose, or expenditure are changed by federal authority or exceed the amount or amounts appropriated in the general appropriations Act or supplementary ~~appropriation~~ appropriations Act or Acts, or are not anticipated, such excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funds in excess of $75 million shall be continually appropriated by the General Assembly through one or more methods or manners that shall be prescribed by general law or held in the state treasury to be appropriated by the General Assembly through the general appropriations Act or supplementary appropriations Act or Acts. ~~are hereby continually appropriated for the purposes authorized and directed by the federal government in making the grant. In those instances where the conditions under which the federal funds have been made available do not provide otherwise, federal funds shall first be used to replace state funds that were appropriated to supplant federal funds in the same state fiscal year.~~

(3) The fiscal year of the state shall commence on the first day of July of each year and terminate on the thirtieth of June following."

SECTION 2.

Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, all revenue collected from taxes, fees, and assessments for state purposes, as authorized by revenue measures enacted by the General Assembly, as well as all moneys and funds derived from any legal judgments awarded to the state on or after January 1, 2025, and any legal settlements entered into by the state or otherwise authorized by the state on or after January 1, 2025, shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury."

SECTION 3.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to provide for the
( ) NO appropriation of unanticipated changes to federal funding and to ensure that all proceeds from legal judgments or settlements are paid into the general fund of the state treasury?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, and Gooch of the 51st offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Appropriations substitute to HR 302 (LC 55 0297S) by replacing line 19 with the following:
general appropriations Act or supplementary appropriations Act or Acts. Any federal funds received by the Department of Transportation shall be continually appropriated. ~~are hereby~~

Senator Dolezal of the 27th offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend Amendment 1 (AM 39 0428) to HR 302 by:

inserting "on a reimbursement basis" after "received" on line 4.

On the adoption of amendment #1A, there were no objections, and the Dolezal amendment #1A to amendment #1 was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #1 as amended, there were no objections, and the Dolezal amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	N Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	E Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.

Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 49, nays 3.

HR 302, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report #2 thereto:

SB 73. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to telephone service, so as to provide for class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for actions and damages against persons and entities on whose behalf such provisions were violated; to provide for and prohibit certain defenses in such actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report #2 was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on SB 73 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to SB 73 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
/s/ Senator Anavitarte of the 31st	/s/ Representative Smith of the 18th
/s/ Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd	/s/ Representative Wiedower of the 121st
/s/ Senator Tillery of the 19th	/s/ Representative Carpenter of the 4th

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE #2 TO SB 73

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 10 and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to

commerce and trade and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to revise provisions concerning advertisements and solicitations of certain professions and businesses; to provide for requirements for advertisements for legal services; to revise provisions concerning telephone solicitations; to provide remedies for violations of provisions relating to telephone solicitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for actions and damages against persons and entities on whose behalf such provisions were violated; to provide for and prohibit certain defenses in such actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to commerce and trade, is amended in Code Section 10-1-424.1, relating to false solicitation in media of legal services, by new subsections to read as follows:

"(c) The State Bar of Georgia shall promulgate rules and regulations relative to soliciting in any media regarding the provision of legal services. Such rules and regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) Prohibitions against and penalties for false representations, misrepresentations, and misleading claims covered by this Code section;

(2) A requirement that each solicitation include the disclosure of the location of the principal place of business of the soliciting person, firm, association, or corporation;

(3) A prohibition against depicting an individual who is not employed by the soliciting person, firm, association, or corporation as being so employed or in such a manner that a reasonable person could believe such individual is so employed; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to depictions of individuals who are immediate family members of the soliciting person or immediate family members of individuals employed by the soliciting firm, association, or corporation;

(4) A prohibition against depicting an individual who is not a client of the soliciting person, firm, association, or corporation as being such a client or in such a manner that a reasonable person could believe such individual is such a client; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not preclude sponsorships with local organizations or the depictions of such sponsorships by the soliciting person, firm, association, or corporation; and

(5) A requirement that disclosures provided for in such rules and regulations shall comprise no less than 10 percent of the total composition of the solicitation.

(d)(1) The State Bar of Georgia, any member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing, such member's firm, association, or corporation, or any individual who sees or hears a solicitation that violates this Code section or any rule or regulation of the State Bar of Georgia promulgated pursuant to this Code section, shall have a cause of action against the soliciting person, firm, association, or corporation for violating this Code section or any rule or regulation of the State Bar of Georgia promulgated pursuant to this Code section.

(2) A soliciting person, firm, association, or corporation found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated this Code section or any rule or regulation of the State Bar of Georgia promulgated pursuant to this Code section shall be liable for a civil penalty in the amount of $10,000.00 per violation.

(3) A successful petitioner shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, expert witness costs, and other costs necessary to bring a cause of action under this subsection.

(e) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'soliciting person, firm, association, or corporation' shall mean only the individual or entity seeking to market legal services and not the owner of any media that displays or otherwise publishes such solicitation."

SECTION 2.

Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, is amended by revising Code Section 46-5-27, relating to telephone solicitations to residential, mobile, or wireless subscribers, Public Service Commission to establish and maintain list of certain subscribers, authorization for imposition of administrative fees, confidential nature of data base, and required identification, as follows:

"46-5-27.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The use of the telephone to market goods and services is pervasive now due to the increased use of cost-effective telemarketing techniques;

(2) Over 30,000 businesses actively telemarket goods and services to business and residential customers;

(3) Every day, over 300,000 solicitors place calls to more than 18 million Americans, including citizens of this state;

(4) Telemarketing, however, can be an intrusive and relentless invasion of the privacy and peacefulness of individuals;

(5) Many citizens of this state are outraged over the proliferation of nuisance calls from telemarketers;

(6) Individuals' privacy rights and commercial freedom of speech can be balanced in a way that accommodates both the privacy of individuals and legitimate telemarketing practices; and

(7) It is in the public interest to establish a mechanism under which the ~~individual~~ citizens of this state can decide whether or not to receive telemarketing calls and can seek injunctive relief and damages against those in violation of this Code section and against those on whose behalf such violations were committed.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Caller identification service' means a type of telephone service which permits telephone subscribers to see the telephone number of incoming telephone calls.

(2) 'Residential, mobile, or wireless subscriber' means a person who has subscribed to telephone service from a local exchange company or mobile or wireless telephone service provider or other persons living or residing with such person.

(3) 'Telephone solicitation' means any voice communication over a telephone line for the purpose of encouraging the purchase or rental of, or investment in, property, goods,

or services, but does not include communications:

(A) To any residential, mobile, or wireless subscriber with that subscriber's prior express invitation or permission;

(B) By or on behalf of any person or entity with whom a residential, mobile, or wireless subscriber has a prior or current business or personal relationship; or

(C) By or on behalf of a charitable organization which has filed a registration statement pursuant to Code Section 43-17-5, is exempt from such registration under paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-17-9, or is exempt from such registration as a religious organization or agency referred to in paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-17-2.

Such communication may be from a live operator, through the use of ADAD equipment as defined in Code Section 46-5-23, or by other means.

(c) No person or entity shall make or cause to be made <u>on behalf of any person or entity</u> any telephone solicitation to the telephone line of any residential, mobile, or wireless subscriber in this state who has given notice to the commission, in accordance with regulations promulgated under subsection (d) of this Code section, of such subscriber's objection to receiving telephone solicitations.

(d)(1) The commission shall establish and provide for the operation of a data base to compile a list of telephone numbers of residential, mobile, and wireless subscribers who object to receiving telephone solicitations. It shall be the duty of the commission to have such data base in operation no later than January 1, 1999.

(2) Such data base may be operated by the commission or by another entity selected by and awarded a contract by the commission.

(3) No later than January 1, 1999, the commission shall promulgate regulations which:

(A) Require each local exchange company to inform its residential, mobile, or wireless subscribers of the opportunity to provide notification to the commission or its contractor that such subscriber objects to receiving telephone solicitations;

(B) Specify the methods by which each residential, mobile, or wireless subscriber may give notice to the commission or its contractor of his or her objection to receiving such solicitations and methods for revocation of such notice;

(C) Specify the length of time for which a notice of objection shall be effective and the effect of a change of telephone number on such notice;

(D) Specify the methods by which such objections and revocations shall be collected and added to the data base;

(E) Specify the methods by which any person or entity desiring to make telephone solicitations will obtain access to the data base as required to avoid calling the telephone numbers of residential, mobile, or wireless subscribers included in the data base; and

(F) Specify such other matters relating to the data base that the commission deems desirable.

(4) If, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 227(c)(3), the Federal Communications Commission establishes a single national data base of telephone numbers of subscribers who object to receiving telephone solicitations, the commission shall include the part

of such single national data base that relates to Georgia in the data base established under this Code section.

(e) The commission may provide by rule or regulation for administrative fees to be imposed upon:

(1) A residential, mobile, or wireless subscriber for each notice of inclusion in the data base established under this Code section; provided, however, that the commission shall not set this fee in an amount greater than $5.00; and

(2) A person or entity desiring to make telephone solicitations for access to or for electronic copies of the data base established under this Code section.

(f)(1) Information contained in the data base established under this Code section shall be used only for the purpose of compliance with this Code section or in a proceeding or action under subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section. Such information shall not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(2) No person or entity shall ~~knowingly~~ compile or disseminate or compile and disseminate information obtained from the data base for any reason other than those legitimate purposes established by law. Any person or entity found guilty of violating this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $1,000.00. Each instance of an unauthorized disclosure of information from the data base shall constitute a separate offense.

(g)(1) Any person or entity ~~who~~ that makes a telephone solicitation to the telephone line of any residential, mobile, or wireless subscriber in this state shall, at the beginning of such call, state clearly the identity of the person or entity initiating the call.

(2) No person or entity ~~who~~ that makes a telephone solicitation to the telephone line of a residential, mobile, or wireless subscriber in this state shall ~~knowingly~~ utilize any method to block or otherwise circumvent such subscriber's use of a caller identification service.

(h) The Attorney General shall have authority to initiate proceedings, pursuant to Code Section 10-1-397, relating to a ~~knowing~~ violation or threatened ~~knowing~~ violation of subsection (c) or (g) of this Code section. Such proceedings include without limitation proceedings to issue a cease and desist order, to issue an order imposing a civil penalty up to a maximum of $2,000.00 for each ~~knowing~~ violation, and to seek additional relief in any superior court of competent jurisdiction. Such actions shall be brought in the name of the state. The provisions of Code Sections 10-1-398, 10-1-398.1, and 10-1-405 shall apply to proceedings initiated by the Attorney General under this subsection. The Attorney General is authorized to issue investigative demands, issue subpoenas, administer oaths, and conduct hearings in the course of investigating a violation of subsection (c) or (g) of this Code section, in accordance with the provisions of Code Sections 10-1-403 and 10-1-404.

(i) Any person ~~who~~ that has received more than one telephone solicitation within any 12 month period by or on behalf of the same person or entity in violation of subsection (c) or (g) of this Code section may ~~either~~ bring an action against the person or entity that made the telephone solicitation or the person or entity that the telephone solicitation was made on behalf of, or both. Such an action may seek to:

(1) Enjoin ~~to enjoin~~ such violation;

(2) Bring ~~bring~~ an action to recover ~~for~~ reasonable attorney's fees and costs plus damages:

(A) In the amount of actual monetary loss from such ~~knowing~~ violation or ~~to receive~~ up to ~~$2,000.00~~ $1,000.00 in damages for each such ~~knowing~~ violation, whichever is greater; or ~~bring both such actions~~

(B) As part of a class action pursuant to Code Section 9-11-23, for which the damages limitation in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply; or

(3) Enjoin such violation and bring an action for attorney's fees, costs, and damages.

(j) It shall not be a defense in any action or proceeding brought under subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section that the defendant ~~has established and implemented, with due care, reasonable practices and procedures to effectively prevent telephone solicitations in violation of this Code section~~ did not make the telephone solicitation or was not aware that such telephone solicitation was in violation of this Code section, if such telephone solicitation was made on behalf of the defendant as a result of a written or verbal agreement, contract, request, or employment relationship; provided, however, that it shall be a defense if the defendant has, with respect to the person or entity that made the telephone solicitation, established policies and procedures to effectively prevent telephone solicitations in violation of this Code section and mandated and enforced compliance with such policies and procedures.

(j.1) It shall be a defense in any action or proceeding brought under subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section that the telephone solicitation was made to a residential, mobile, or wireless subscriber whose telephone number was provided in error by another subscriber so long as the defendant to such action did not know, or have reason to know, that the telephone number was provided in error.

(k) No action or proceeding may be brought under subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section the later of:

(1) More than two years after the person bringing the action knew or should have known of the occurrence of the alleged violation; or

(2) More than two years after the termination of any proceeding or action by the State of Georgia~~, whichever is later~~.

(l) A court of this state may exercise personal jurisdiction over any nonresident or his or her executor or administrator as to an action or proceeding authorized by this Code section in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 9-10-91.

(m) The remedies, duties, prohibitions, and penalties of this Code section are not exclusive and are in addition to all other causes of action, remedies, and penalties provided by law.

(n) No provider of telephone caller identification service, local exchange telephone service, wireless service, or voice over internet protocol service shall be held liable for providing such service for violations of this Code section committed by other persons or entities while using such provider's service."

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report #2 on SB 73.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report #2 on SB 73.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the following resolution, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HR 1042. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

The consent was granted, and HR 1042 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HR 1042. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations offered the following substitute to HR 1042:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and superior court judges; to provide a definition; to provide for grandfathering of certain superior court judges so as to not reduce the compensation paid or benefits provided to such judges; to provide that the salaries of lower court judges shall not exceed the salary of superior court judges; to abolish county and local supplements to the salaries of superior court judges; to permanently suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to preserve the authority of the General Assembly to amend such suspended local laws; to raise the minimum retirement age of new superior court judges; to authorize implementing legislation; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VI, Section VII of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph V as follows:

"Paragraph V. ***Compensation and allowances of judges.*** (a) All judges shall receive compensation and allowances as provided by law, subject to the provisions of this Paragraph.~~; county supplements are hereby continued and may be granted or changed by the General Assembly. County governing authorities which had the authority on June 30, 1983, to make county supplements shall continue to have such authority under this Constitution.~~ An incumbent's salary, allowance, or supplement shall not be decreased during the incumbent's term of office.

(b)(1) For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'base salary' means the annual salary fixed for the judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia on July 1 of the second preceding state fiscal year.

(2) Except as provided for in subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph, as of July 1, 2025,

the annual salary of each of the judges listed below shall be set by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act, provided that each such salary shall not exceed the ratio of the base salary listed below for such judges:

(A) Each Justice of the Supreme Court, 100 percent;

(B) Each Judge of the Court of Appeals, 99 percent;

(C) Each Judge of the State-wide Business Court, 95 percent; and

(D) Each superior court judge, 90 percent.

(3) The salary of any judge not otherwise provided for in this Paragraph shall be as provided by law; provided, however, that the salary of any such judge elected or appointed after January 1, 2025, shall not exceed the salary of superior court judges as provided for in subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

(c)(1) Each superior court judge in office on June 30, 2025, shall have the option to continue to receive the annual salary, as well as all local supplements, he or she was receiving on such date.

(2) Each superior court judge shall express his or her election of an annual salary provided for by either subparagraph (b)(2) or subparagraph (c)(1) of this Paragraph by filing a written notification thereof with The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and the governing authority of each county comprising the judge's judicial circuit. Failure to file such written notification by January 1, 2025, shall be an election to continue to receive the annual salary, as well as all local supplements as calculated on June 30, 2025.

(3) Except as provided for in subparagraph (c)(4) of this Paragraph, in the event that a superior court judge elects to continue to receive the annual salary, as well as all local supplements, he or she was receiving on June 30, 2025, such judge shall be entitled to continue to receive such compensation for the entirety of his or her entire superior court judgeship.

(4) A superior court judge who elected to continue to receive the annual salary, as well as all local supplements, he or she was receiving on June 30, 2025, may at anytime exercise an option to receive the annual salary provided for by subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph by filing a written notification thereof with The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and the governing authority of each county comprising the judge's judicial circuit. The option exercised pursuant to this subparagraph shall go into effect on the first day of the state fiscal year following the exercising of such option.

(d)(1) Except as provided for in subparagraphs (c)(1) and (d)(2) of this Paragraph, all county or local supplements to the compensation of superior court judges provided for by local law or by action of a county or municipal governing authority shall be abolished. Neither the General Assembly through local law nor any county or municipal governing authority shall be authorized to enact new county or local supplements to the compensation of any superior court judge.

(2) In the event that a superior court judge exercises the option pursuant to subparagraph (c)(1) of this Paragraph to continue to receive the annual salary, as well as all local supplements he or she was receiving on January 1, 2025, the county and municipal governing authorities providing such local supplements to such judge on

January 1, 2025, shall be authorized, and required, to continue to provide such supplements until such judge exercises the option to receive the annual salary provided for by subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph or such superior court judge retires or otherwise leaves office. In no event shall a local supplement provided by subparagraph (d)(2) of this Paragraph be increased beyond the amount provided on January 1, 2025.

(e) As of June 30, 2025, all local laws and local ordinances or resolutions in effect as of such date that provide for a salary, supplement, or other compensation to be paid to a state, county, or local officer, official, or employee based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to a superior court judge's salary or supplement shall be permanently suspended with respect to any salary, supplement, or other compensation increase occurring on or after July 1, 2025, and no change in the salary of a superior court judge after such date shall result in a change in the calculation of any compensation to be paid by any county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government that may otherwise be required pursuant to a local law or local ordinance or resolution. A state, county, or local officer, official, or employee receiving compensation on June 30, 2025, based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to a superior court judge's salary or supplement shall continue to be compensated at the same amount as provided on June 30, 2025, until such time as such compensation is amended as provided for by law.

(f) Nothing in this Paragraph shall operate to alter, amend, contract, expand, extend, limit, modify, reduce, or terminate retirement benefits or rights thereto in existence prior to July 1, 2025. To the extent otherwise permitted by law, each county within a judicial circuit is authorized, but not required, to provide fringe benefits to superior court judges.

(g) The General Assembly by general law may provide any additional procedures necessary to implement this Paragraph."

SECTION 2.

Article VI, Section VII of the Constitution is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph V-A. ***Minimum retirement age of superior court judges.*** Except as provided for in Paragraph VII of this Section, any superior court judge first taking office on or after July 1, 2025, shall not be eligible for retirement until reaching 65 years of age. The General Assembly shall by general law provide procedures necessary to implement this paragraph."

SECTION 3.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to revise procedures for
( ) NO calculating the salary and compensation of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the Georgia State-wide Business

Court, superior court judges, and other state and local officials with salaries tied to the compensation of superior court judges and raise the retirement age of new superior court judges as of July 1, 2025?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

Senators Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to HR 1042 (LC 47 3083S) by replacing lines 1 through 11 with the following:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to revise provisions relating to county supplements; to provide for the grandfathering of certain superior court judges so as to not reduce their compensation; to raise the minimum retirement age of new superior court judges; to authorize

By replacing lines 18 through 95 with the following:

compensation and allowances as provided by law~~; county supplements are hereby continued and may be granted or changed by the General Assembly. County governing authorities which had the authority on June 30, 1983, to make county supplements shall continue to have such authority under this Constitution.~~ An incumbent's ~~salary, allowance, or supplement~~ total compensation and allowances shall not be decreased during the incumbent's term of office.

(b)(1) No county supplements shall be paid except as otherwise provided for in this subparagraph.

(2) County governing authorities may supplement the state compensation paid to superior court judges in the form of locality pay. The locality pay provided to a judge shall not exceed 10 percent of such judge's annual state salary; provided, however, that the General Assembly shall by general law provide for the reduction in the allowable amount of locality pay at a lower ratio based upon the annual state salary paid to superior court judges and for the procedures necessary to implement this subparagraph.

(3) Each superior court judge in office on July 1, 2024, shall have the option to continue to receive the annual salary, as well as all county supplements, in the same manner he or she was receiving such compensation on such date. The General Assembly shall by general law provide procedures for such judges to exercise the option provided for in this subparagraph.

(4) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the governing authority of the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide a local salary supplement to the chief judge of the circuit that was otherwise authorized by law on July 1, 2024.

(c) No superior court judge who first takes office after January 1, 2025, shall be eligible

for retirement benefits until attaining the age of 65."

By replacing lines 108 through 113 with the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to revise procedures for
( ) NO calculating the compensation of superior court judges by providing that such judges shall primarily be paid by the state and not county governments, and to raise the retirement age of superior court judges taking office as of July 1, 2025?"

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Tillery amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	E Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

HR 1042, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 479. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 479:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to provide procedures for superior court judges to opt to receive compensation pursuant to such revised procedures; to provide for grandfathering of certain judges so as to not reduce the compensation paid to such judges; to authorize locality pay by counties to superior court judges in lieu of county salary supplements; to abolish most county salary supplements provided to superior court judges; to authorize the continuation of county salary supplements for chief judges; to authorize continuation of fringe benefits provided by counties to superior court judges; to preserve existing rights and obligations related to retirement benefits provided by counties to superior court judges; to provide for retirement benefits relative to optional locality pay; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and superior court judges; to provide a definition; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a superior court judge's

salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide for an automatic lifting of such suspension relative to judges; to preserve the authority of the General Assembly to amend or repeal such suspended local laws; to preserve the authority of local governments to use other mechanisms to change salary calculation during such suspension; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-29, relating to salary of judges, as follows:

"15-6-29.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, the ~~The~~ annual salary of the judges of the superior courts shall be as provided in Code Section 45-7-4 and may be as provided in Code Section 15-6-29.1. The annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 shall be paid by The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia in 12 equal monthly installments.

(b)(1) Each superior court judge in office on July 1, 2024, shall have the option to receive the annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 and any locality pay provided for by Code Section 15-6-29.2. The option provided by this paragraph shall be exercised by such judge filing a written notification thereof with The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and the governing authority of each county comprising the judge's judicial circuit. The failure to exercise the option by October 1, 2024, shall be an election to continue to receive compensation as previously calculated and as outlined in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) To ensure that no superior court judges in office on July 1, 2024, have their salaries, allowance, or county salary supplements decreased during their terms of office, any superior court judge in office on July 1, 2024, who does not exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall continue to be compensated in precisely the same manner as they were being compensated as of June 30, 2024, including, but not limited to, county supplements.

(3) On or after July 1, 2025, in the event that the annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 and locality pay provided for by Code Section 15-6-29.2 exceeds the annual salary and county salary supplements received by a judge who did not exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of this subsection, such judge may still exercise such option by filing a written notification thereof with The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and the governing authority of each county comprising the judicial circuit. The option exercised pursuant to this paragraph shall go into effect on the first day of the state fiscal year following the exercising of such option.

(c) The annual salary shall be the total compensation to be paid by the state to the superior

court judges and shall be in lieu of any and all other amounts to be paid from The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia, except as provided in Code Sections 15-6-29.1, 15-6-29.2, 15-6-30, and 15-6-32.

~~(c) When a new superior court judgeship is created by law for any judicial circuit, the new superior court judge shall upon taking office become entitled to and shall receive from the county or counties comprising the circuit the same county salary supplement, if any, then in effect for the other judge or judges of the judicial circuit. Such salary supplement for such new judge shall be authorized by this subsection and no other legislation or local legislation shall be required in order to authorize such salary supplement, but nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the enactment of local legislation relating to such salary supplements. A publication of notice of intention to introduce local legislation as provided for in Code Section 28-1-14 shall be required for any local legislation granting, changing the amount of, or removing a salary supplement; but no publication of notice of intention shall be required for a bill creating one or more new superior court judgeships.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 15-6-29.1, relating to accountability court supplement and limitation, by repealing subsection (c) in its entirety.

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-6-29.2.

(a) On or after July 1, 2024, the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit may provide each judge of such circuit with locality pay as authorized under this Code section. All such locality pay shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any county salary supplements previously provided by the county or counties. All judges within a judicial circuit who elect to exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall receive equal locality pay from any given county within such circuit that has opted to provide such pay.

(b) In no event shall the annual locality pay provided to a judge by the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit in aggregate exceed 10 percent of the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4.

(c) When a new superior court judgeship is created by law for any judicial circuit, the new superior court judge shall upon taking office become entitled to and shall receive from the county or counties comprising the circuit the same locality pay, if any, then in effect for the other judge or judges of the judicial circuit. Such locality pay for such new judge shall be authorized by this subsection and no other legislation or local legislation shall be required to authorize such locality pay.

(d) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 and subsection (e) of this Code section and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2024, no county or counties comprising a judicial circuit shall provide county salary supplements to a superior court judge.

(e)(1) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide a local salary supplement to the chief judge of the circuit that was otherwise authorized by law on June 30, 2024. On or after July 1, 2024, no local supplement for a chief judge shall be enacted or increased.

(2) For all judges who elect to exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, to the extent the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-29 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section to a particular judge do not equal or exceed that judge's aggregate salary and local supplement in effect at the time of the judge's exercise of such option, then the county or counties of the circuit shall pay an additional supplement in an amount equal to the difference between the aggregate salary and supplement in effect at the time of the judge's exercise of such option and the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-29 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section. When an additional supplement is required by this paragraph in a circuit consisting of more than one county, then each county shall pay such additional supplement in proportion to each county's contribution to the local supplement in effect at the time of the judge's exercise of the option to participate. In no event shall the additional supplement required by this paragraph result in a judge's aggregate salary that exceeds the aggregate salary and supplement existing at the time of a judge's exercise of such option.

(f) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide fringe benefits to any judge of a judicial circuit in the same manner that such benefits were provided on June 30, 2024.

(g) Nothing in this Code section or subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall operate to alter, amend, contract, expand, extend, limit, modify, or terminate retirement benefits or rights thereto in existence prior to July 1, 2024. All judges who exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall have no right to any benefit existing at the time such option is exercised reduced. To the extent otherwise permitted by law, each county within a judicial circuit is authorized, but not required, to provide retirement benefits based upon the locality pay it provides pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, is amended as follows:

"45-7-4.

(a) The annual salary of each of the state officials listed below shall be as follows:

(1) Governor..... $ 175,000.00

An allowance in an amount specified in the appropriations Act shall also be provided for the operation of the Governor's mansion.

(2) Lieutenant Governor..... 54,920.00

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual salary for the Lieutenant Governor for the 2021 fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to 14 percent of the amount received for such office during the 2020 fiscal year.

(3) Adjutant general

The adjutant general shall continue to receive the pay and allowances under the same procedure as provided by law.

(4) Commissioner of Agriculture..... 100,429.00

(5) Attorney General..... 114,633.00

(6) Reserved.

(7) Commissioner of Insurance..... 100,396.00

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(9) Commissioner of Labor..... 100,418.00

The above amount of salary for the Commissioner of Labor shall include any compensation received from the United States government and the amount of state funds paid shall be reduced by the amount of compensation received from the United States government.

(10) Reserved.

(11) Each member of the Public Service Commission..... 96,655.00

(12) Reserved.

(13) State School Superintendent..... 102,708.00

(14) Secretary of State..... 102,708.00

(15) Reserved.

(16) Reserved.

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(18) Reserved. ~~Each Justice of the Supreme Court~~ ..... ~~175,600.00~~

(19) Reserved. ~~Each Judge of the Court of Appeals~~ ..... ~~174,500.00~~

(19.1) Reserved. ~~Judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court~~ ..... ~~174,500.00~~

(20) Reserved. ~~Each superior court judge~~ ..... ~~126,265.00~~

(21) Each district attorney..... 120,072.00

(22) Each member of the General Assembly..... 16,200.00

(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual salary for each member of the General Assembly for the 2021 fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to 10 percent of the amount received for such office during the 2020 fiscal year.

(B) Each member of the General Assembly shall also receive the allowances provided by law. The amount of the daily expense allowance which each member is entitled to receive under the provisions of Code Section 28-1-8 shall be as provided in that Code section. The mileage allowance for the use of a personal car on official business shall be the same as that received by other state officials and employees.

(C) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for members of the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for per diem differential and for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties as a member of the General Assembly in an amount not to exceed $7,000.00 per year. Expenses reimbursable up to such amount shall be limited to one or more of the following purposes: lodging, meals, per diem differential, postage, personal services, printing and publications, rents, supplies (including software), telecommunications, transportation, utilities, purchasing or leasing of equipment, and other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties. If equipment purchased by a member has a depreciated value of $100.00 or less when such member leaves office, the equipment does not need to be returned to the state. No reimbursement shall be made for any postage which is used for a political newsletter. No reimbursement shall be paid for lodging or meals for any day for which a member receives the daily expense allowance as provided in this paragraph. Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed following the submission of vouchers to the legislative fiscal office in compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph and subject to the provisions of subparagraph (E) of this paragraph. Such vouchers shall be submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the Legislative Services Committee pursuant to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, provided that each such voucher shall be accompanied by a supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, showing payment for each expense claimed or

an explanation of the absence of such documentation; in addition, each such voucher shall include a certification by the member that the information contained in such voucher and supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, is true and correct and that such expenses were incurred by the member. The provisions of Code Section 16-10-20 shall be applicable to any person submitting such certified vouchers and supporting documents or copies the same as if the General Assembly were a department or agency of state government. No such voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem differential.

(D) The amount of per diem differential which may be claimed for each day under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be the difference between the daily expense allowance authorized for members of the General Assembly and $119.00; provided, however, that the General Appropriations Act for any fiscal year may increase such amount of $119.00 per day to an amount not in excess of the federal per diem rate then in effect for the state capital as specified by the General Services Administration. Per diem differential shall be paid by the legislative fiscal office to the member upon the member's notification to the legislative fiscal office of the days for which the daily expense allowance was received for which the member wishes to claim the per diem differential, and the legislative fiscal office shall keep a record of the days for which per diem differential is so claimed and paid.

(E) For the purposes of this paragraph, a year shall begin on the convening date of the General Assembly in regular session each year and end on the day prior to the convening of the General Assembly in the next calendar year. Any voucher or claim for any reimbursement for any year as defined in this paragraph shall be submitted no later than the fifteenth of April immediately following the end of such year. No reimbursement shall be made on any voucher or claim submitted after that date. Any amounts remaining in such expense account at the end of the first year of the two-year biennium may be claimed for expenses incurred during the second year of the two-year biennium. Any amounts remaining in any expense account which are not so claimed by April 15 of the year following the second year of the biennium and any amounts claimed which are returned as hereafter provided for in this paragraph shall lapse and shall be remitted by the legislative fiscal office to the general fund of the state treasury. Any former member of the General Assembly may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while a member of the General Assembly upon compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. The Legislative Services Committee is empowered to provide such procedures as it deems advisable to administer the

provisions of this paragraph, including, but not limited to, definitions of the above list of items for which reimbursement may be made; provided, however, that the term 'other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties' shall be as defined by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to reimbursement of such expenditures incurred by members of the House and Senate, respectively; and provided, further, that the amount of expenses which may be reimbursed within the limits of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for travel outside the state may be as provided by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to such expenditures of members of the House and Senate, respectively. The Legislative Services Committee is further empowered to prescribe the form of the voucher or claim which must be submitted to the legislative fiscal office. In the event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement shall be made or any allowance shall be paid, the Legislative Services Committee shall make the final determination; except that in the event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be made for other reasonable expenses directly related to the performance of a member's duties or for travel outside the state, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the House, and the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the Senate. In the event any reimbursement is made or any allowance is paid and it is later determined that such reimbursement or payment was made in error, the person to whom such reimbursement or payment was made shall remit to the legislative fiscal office the amount of money involved. In the event any such person refuses to make such remittance, the legislative fiscal office is authorized to withhold the payment of any other moneys to which such person is entitled until the amount of such reimbursement or payment which was made in error shall be realized.

(23) Speaker of the House of Representatives 17,800.00

The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly. Upon the taking of office by the members of the General Assembly on the convening day of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1983, the annual salary of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall become $22,800.00. After such date, the Speaker shall also receive as additional salary a sum equal to the amount of salary over $30,000.00 per

annum which is received by the Lieutenant Governor as of that date or thereafter; and the salary of the Speaker shall be adjusted at the beginning of each term so as to include such additional sum.

(24) President Pro Tempore of the Senate 4,800.00

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly.

(25) Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives..... 4,800.00

The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly.

(b) As an adjustment except as qualified below as to members and member-officers of the General Assembly, the annual salary of each state official whose salary is established by Code Section 45-7-3, this Code section, and Code Sections 45-7-20 and 45-7-21, including members of the General Assembly, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, may be increased by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act by a percentage not to exceed the average percentage of the increase in salary as may from time to time be granted to employees of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government. However, any increase for such officials shall not include within-grade step increases for which employees subject to compensation plans authorized and approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 are eligible. Any increase granted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees, except increases for members and member-officers of the General Assembly. That portion of the increase determined by the Legislative Services Committee to reflect a cost-of-living increase based upon objective economic criteria shall become effective for members and member-officers at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees. The balance of the increase for members and member-officers of the General Assembly shall become effective on the convening of the next General Assembly in January of the next odd-numbered year. The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average percentage increase.

(c) The annual salary being received on June 30, 1980, shall be increased by 8 percent for each state official listed in subsection (a) of this Code section who:

(1) Is not a member of the General Assembly; and

(2) Is not a contributing member of a state retirement system and, therefore, does not benefit by or participate in any program whereunder a portion of the employee contributions to the state retirement system are made on behalf of the employee by the employer.

(d)(1) For the purposes this subsection, 'base salary' means the annual salary fixed for the judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia on

July 1 of the second preceding state fiscal year.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, the annual salary of each of the state officials listed below shall be set by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act, provided that such salary shall not exceed the ratio of the base salary listed below for such officials:

(A) Each Justice of the Supreme Court	100 percent.
(B) Each Judge of the Court of Appeals	95 percent.
(C) Judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court	92 percent.
(D) Each superior court judge	90 percent."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related laws and statutes is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"1-3-12.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as of July 1, 2024, all local laws and local ordinances or resolutions in effect as of such date that provide for a salary, supplement, or other compensation to be paid to a state, county, or local officer, official, or employee based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to a superior court judge's salary or supplement shall be suspended with respect to any salary, supplement, or other compensation increase during the term of such suspension as a matter of law.

(2) No change in the salary of a superior court judge shall result in a change in the calculation of any compensation to be paid by any county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government that may otherwise be required pursuant to a local law or local ordinance or resolution during the period of suspension provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection. The provisions of this subsection do not repeal or amend any such local law or local ordinance or resolution, and the provisions of such local laws or local ordinances or resolutions related to calculating compensation shall be merely suspended and shall remain suspended until lifted or modified pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section.

(b) As of July 1, 2025, the suspension provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be terminated as to judges, but shall otherwise remain in place for all other officers, officials, and employees. Any salary or compensation change for judges that otherwise would have gone into effect between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, by operation of a local law or local ordinance or resolution if such suspension did not occur shall go into effect for calculations of prospective salary or other compensation accrued on or after July 1, 2025. The termination of the suspension provided for in this subsection shall not entitle any person to retroactive compensation that he or she otherwise may have earned except for such suspension, and no such retroactive payments shall be made by any county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government.

(c)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent the General Assembly from repealing or amending, in whole or in part, any local law that is suspended pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section through the enactment of local legislation.
(2) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent a county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government from enacting any salary or compensation changes for any state, county, or local officer, official, or employee that may otherwise be authorized by general or local law."

SECTION 6.
This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 7.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, Dolezal of the 27th, and Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 479 (LC 39 4401S) by striking lines 1 through 378 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
To enact statutory changes to implement an amendment to the Constitution relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and superior court judges; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to repeal provisions related to local supplements of superior court judges; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and superior court judges; to provide for a definition; to provide for a contingent effective date and for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-29, relating to salary of judges, as follows:
"15-6-29.
(a) The annual salary of the judges of the superior courts shall be as provided in ~~Code Section 45-7-4 and may be as provided in Code Section 15-6-29.1~~ Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph V of the Constitution. ~~The~~ Such annual salary ~~provided by Code~~

~~Section 45-7-4~~ shall be paid by The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia in 12 equal monthly installments.

(b) The annual salary shall be the total compensation to be paid by the state to the superior court judges and shall be in lieu of any and all other amounts to be paid from The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia, except as provided in Code Sections 15-6-29.1, 15-6-30, and 15-6-32.

~~(c) When a new superior court judgeship is created by law for any judicial circuit, the new superior court judge shall upon taking office become entitled to and shall receive from the county or counties comprising the circuit the same county salary supplement, if any, then in effect for the other judge or judges of the judicial circuit. Such salary supplement for such new judge shall be authorized by this subsection and no other legislation or local legislation shall be required in order to authorize such salary supplement, but nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the enactment of local legislation relating to such salary supplements. A publication of notice of intention to introduce local legislation as provided for in Code Section 28-1-14 shall be required for any local legislation granting, changing the amount of, or removing a salary supplement; but no publication of notice of intention shall be required for a bill creating one or more new superior court judgeships.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 15-6-29.1, relating to accountability court supplement and limitation, by repealing subsection (c) in its entirety.

SECTION 3.

Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, is amended as follows:

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(a) The annual salary of each of the state officials listed below shall be as follows:

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The adjutant general shall continue to receive the pay and allowances under the same procedure as provided by law.

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(B) Each member of the General Assembly shall also receive the

allowances provided by law. The amount of the daily expense allowance which each member is entitled to receive under the provisions of Code Section 28-1-8 shall be as provided in that Code section. The mileage allowance for the use of a personal car on official business shall be the same as that received by other state officials and employees.

(C) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for members of the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for per diem differential and for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties as a member of the General Assembly in an amount not to exceed $7,000.00 per year. Expenses reimbursable up to such amount shall be limited to one or more of the following purposes: lodging, meals, per diem differential, postage, personal services, printing and publications, rents, supplies (including software), telecommunications, transportation, utilities, purchasing or leasing of equipment, and other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties. If equipment purchased by a member has a depreciated value of $100.00 or less when such member leaves office, the equipment does not need to be returned to the state. No reimbursement shall be made for any postage which is used for a political newsletter. No reimbursement shall be paid for lodging or meals for any day for which a member receives the daily expense allowance as provided in this paragraph. Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed following the submission of vouchers to the legislative fiscal office in compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph and subject to the provisions of subparagraph (E) of this paragraph. Such vouchers shall be submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the Legislative Services Committee pursuant to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, provided that each such voucher shall be accompanied by a supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, showing payment for each expense claimed or an explanation of the absence of such documentation; in addition, each such voucher shall include a certification by the member that the information contained in such voucher and supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, is true and correct and that such expenses were incurred by the member. The provisions of Code Section 16-10-20 shall be applicable to any person submitting such certified vouchers and supporting documents or copies the same as if the General Assembly were a department or agency of state government. No such voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem differential.

(D) The amount of per diem differential which may be claimed for each

day under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be the difference between the daily expense allowance authorized for members of the General Assembly and $119.00; provided, however, that the General Appropriations Act for any fiscal year may increase such amount of $119.00 per day to an amount not in excess of the federal per diem rate then in effect for the state capital as specified by the General Services Administration. Per diem differential shall be paid by the legislative fiscal office to the member upon the member's notification to the legislative fiscal office of the days for which the daily expense allowance was received for which the member wishes to claim the per diem differential, and the legislative fiscal office shall keep a record of the days for which per diem differential is so claimed and paid.

(E) For the purposes of this paragraph, a year shall begin on the convening date of the General Assembly in regular session each year and end on the day prior to the convening of the General Assembly in the next calendar year. Any voucher or claim for any reimbursement for any year as defined in this paragraph shall be submitted no later than the fifteenth of April immediately following the end of such year. No reimbursement shall be made on any voucher or claim submitted after that date. Any amounts remaining in such expense account at the end of the first year of the two-year biennium may be claimed for expenses incurred during the second year of the two-year biennium. Any amounts remaining in any expense account which are not so claimed by April 15 of the year following the second year of the biennium and any amounts claimed which are returned as hereafter provided for in this paragraph shall lapse and shall be remitted by the legislative fiscal office to the general fund of the state treasury. Any former member of the General Assembly may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while a member of the General Assembly upon compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. The Legislative Services Committee is empowered to provide such procedures as it deems advisable to administer the provisions of this paragraph, including, but not limited to, definitions of the above list of items for which reimbursement may be made; provided, however, that the term 'other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties' shall be as defined by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to reimbursement of such expenditures incurred by members of the House and Senate, respectively; and provided, further, that the amount of expenses which may be reimbursed within the limits of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for travel outside the state may be as provided by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the

Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to such expenditures of members of the House and Senate, respectively. The Legislative Services Committee is further empowered to prescribe the form of the voucher or claim which must be submitted to the legislative fiscal office. In the event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement shall be made or any allowance shall be paid, the Legislative Services Committee shall make the final determination; except that in the event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be made for other reasonable expenses directly related to the performance of a member's duties or for travel outside the state, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the House, and the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the Senate. In the event any reimbursement is made or any allowance is paid and it is later determined that such reimbursement or payment was made in error, the person to whom such reimbursement or payment was made shall remit to the legislative fiscal office the amount of money involved. In the event any such person refuses to make such remittance, the legislative fiscal office is authorized to withhold the payment of any other moneys to which such person is entitled until the amount of such reimbursement or payment which was made in error shall be realized.

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The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly. Upon the taking of office by the members of the General Assembly on the convening day of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1983, the annual salary of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall become $22,800.00. After such date, the Speaker shall also receive as additional salary a sum equal to the amount of salary over $30,000.00 per annum which is received by the Lieutenant Governor as of that date or thereafter; and the salary of the Speaker shall be adjusted at the beginning of each term so as to include such additional sum.

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receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly.

(b) As an adjustment except as qualified below as to members and member-officers of the General Assembly, the annual salary of each state official whose salary is established by Code Section 45-7-3, this Code section, and Code Sections 45-7-20 and 45-7-21, including members of the General Assembly, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, may be increased by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act by a percentage not to exceed the average percentage of the increase in salary as may from time to time be granted to employees of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government. However, any increase for such officials shall not include within-grade step increases for which employees subject to compensation plans authorized and approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 are eligible. Any increase granted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees, except increases for members and member-officers of the General Assembly. That portion of the increase determined by the Legislative Services Committee to reflect a cost-of-living increase based upon objective economic criteria shall become effective for members and member-officers at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees. The balance of the increase for members and member-officers of the General Assembly shall become effective on the convening of the next General Assembly in January of the next odd-numbered year. The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average percentage increase.

(c) The annual salary being received on June 30, 1980, shall be increased by 8 percent for each state official listed in subsection (a) of this Code section who:

(1) Is not a member of the General Assembly; and

(2) Is not a contributing member of a state retirement system and, therefore, does not benefit by or participate in any program whereunder a portion of the employee contributions to the state retirement system are made on behalf of the employee by the employer.

(d)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'base salary' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph V(b)(1) of the Constitution.

(2) The annual salary of each of the state officials listed below shall be set by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act, provided that such salary shall not exceed the ratio of the base salary listed below for such officials:

(A) Each Justice of the Supreme Court	100 percent.
(B) Each Judge of the Court of Appeals	99 percent.
(C) Judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court	95 percent.
(D) Each superior court judge	90 percent."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, only if an amendment to the state Constitution revising provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and superior court judges is adopted by the General Assembly and is ratified by the voters at the 2024 general election. Otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall stand repealed by operation of law on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, and Dolezal of the 27th offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend Amendment 1 (AM 47 0108) to the House Substitute to SB 479

by changing “$7,000.00" on line 100 to “$13,900"

Senators Tillery of the 19th, Butler of the 55th, Hatchett of the 50th, and Brass of the 28th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the House substitute to SB 479 (LC 39 4401S) by striking lines 1 through 378 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to provide procedures for superior court judges to opt to receive compensation pursuant to such revised procedures; to provide for grandfathering of certain judges so as to not reduce the compensation paid to such judges; to authorize locality pay by counties to superior court judges in lieu of county salary supplements; to abolish most county salary supplements provided to superior court judges; to authorize the continuation of county salary supplements for chief judges; to authorize continuation of fringe benefits provided by counties to superior court judges; to preserve existing rights and obligations related to retirement benefits provided by counties to superior court judges; to provide for retirement benefits relative to optional locality pay; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and superior court judges; to revise provisions related to legislative expense accounts; to provide a definition; to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Georgia Code Annotated, relating to Georgia Judicial Retirement System, to increase the retirement age of superior court judges first taking office on or after July 1, 2025; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to

suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide for an automatic lifting of such suspension relative to judges; to preserve the authority of the General Assembly to amend or repeal such suspended local laws; to preserve the authority of local governments to use other mechanisms to change salary calculation during such suspension; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for a definition; to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for the operation of bingo games by certain nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations and local governments, subject to certain requirements and restrictions; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Secretary of State to issue bingo licenses to certain local governments; to provide for prohibited activities and required record keeping related to electronic bingo and electronic bingo machines; to provide for inspections; to provide for removal of defective electronic bingo machines; to provide for a penalty; to provide for rules and regulations; to remove certain limitations regarding premises on which bingo games operated by nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations may be held; to authorize the use of electronic bingo machines and bingo based games by licensed local governments at certain locations; to remove and provide exceptions to certain limitations on bingo based games operated by certain nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations and licensed local governments; to change certain provisions relating to the prizes and proceeds of certain bingo games; to amend Code Section 48-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to counties containing more than 20,000 acres of state owned land not subject to taxation, limit on amount of grants, evaluation and assessment, and procedure for billing State Forestry Commission, so as to revise grant awards to counties licensed to operate bingo games; to provide definitions; to authorize local governments to operate bingo based games to offset reduced tax collections that result from the ownership by the State of Georgia of large amounts of forest lands; to provide that certain bingo proceeds collected by such counties are remitted to the state; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-29, relating to salary of judges, as follows:

"15-6-29.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, the ~~The~~ annual salary of the judges of the superior courts shall be as provided in Code Section 45-7-4 and may be as provided in Code Section 15-6-29.1. The annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 shall be paid by The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia in 12

equal monthly installments.

(b)(1) Each superior court judge in office on July 1, 2024, shall have the option to receive the annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 and any locality pay provided for by Code Section 15-6-29.2. The option provided by this paragraph shall be exercised by such judge filing a written notification thereof with The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and the governing authority of each county comprising the judge's judicial circuit. The failure to exercise the option shall be an election to continue to receive compensation as previously calculated and as outlined in paragraph (2) of this subsection, and until such option is exercised. The option exercised pursuant to this paragraph shall go into effect the next pay period at least five business days following the exercise of such option.

(2) To ensure that no superior court judges in office on July 1, 2024, have their salaries, allowance, or county salary supplements decreased during their terms of office, any superior court judge in office on July 1, 2024, who does not exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall continue to be compensated in precisely the same manner as they were being compensated as of June 30, 2024, including, but not limited to, county supplements.

(c) The annual salary shall be the total compensation to be paid by the state to the superior court judges and shall be in lieu of any and all other amounts to be paid from The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia, except as provided in Code Sections 15-6-29.1, 15-6-29.2, 15-6-30, and 15-6-32.

~~(c) When a new superior court judgeship is created by law for any judicial circuit, the new superior court judge shall upon taking office become entitled to and shall receive from the county or counties comprising the circuit the same county salary supplement, if any, then in effect for the other judge or judges of the judicial circuit. Such salary supplement for such new judge shall be authorized by this subsection and no other legislation or local legislation shall be required in order to authorize such salary supplement, but nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the enactment of local legislation relating to such salary supplements. A publication of notice of intention to introduce local legislation as provided for in Code Section 28-1-14 shall be required for any local legislation granting, changing the amount of, or removing a salary supplement; but no publication of notice of intention shall be required for a bill creating one or more new superior court judgeships.~~"

SECTION 1-2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 15-6-29.1, relating to accountability court supplement and limitation, by repealing subsection (c) in its entirety.

SECTION 1-3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-6-29.2.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, on or after July 1, 2024, the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit may provide each judge of such circuit

with locality pay which shall not exceed 10 percent of the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to such judge. All such locality pay shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any county salary supplements previously provided by the county or counties. All judges within a judicial circuit who elect to exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall receive equal locality pay from any given county within such circuit that has opted to provide such pay.

(b)(1) In no event shall the annual locality pay provided to a judge by the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit in aggregate exceed 10 percent of the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to such judge.

(2) In the event that the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to superior court judges exceeds $201,060.00, the maximum allowable amount of annual locality pay provided to a judge by the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit shall be capped at $20,106.00, and such cap shall be reduced in an amount equal to half of the percentage amount of such state annual salary increase above $201,060.00. The intent of this paragraph is to provide for a decrease in the maximum amount of allowable locality pay so that such maximum shall be decreased by an amount equal to 50 percent of an increase of the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to superior court judges beyond $201,060.00.

(c) When a new superior court judgeship is created by law for any judicial circuit, the new superior court judge shall upon taking office become entitled to and shall receive from the county or counties comprising the circuit the same locality pay, if any, then in effect for the other judge or judges of the judicial circuit. Such locality pay for such new judge shall be authorized by this subsection and no other legislation or local legislation shall be required to authorize such locality pay.

(d) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 and subsection (e) of this Code section and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2024, no county or counties comprising a judicial circuit shall provide county salary supplements to a superior court judge.

(e)(1) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide a local salary supplement to the chief judge of the circuit that was otherwise authorized by law on June 30, 2024. On or after July 1, 2024, no local supplement for a chief judge shall be enacted or increased.

(2) For all judges who elect to exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, to the extent the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-29 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section to a particular judge do not equal or exceed that judge's aggregate salary and local supplement in effect at the time of the judge's exercise of such option, then the county or counties of the circuit shall pay an additional supplement in an amount equal to the difference between the aggregate salary and supplement in effect at the time of the judge's exercise of such option and the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-29 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section. When an additional supplement is required

by this paragraph in a circuit consisting of more than one county, then each county shall pay such additional supplement in proportion to each county's contribution to the local supplement in effect at the time of the judge's exercise of the option to participate. In no event shall the additional supplement required by this paragraph result in a judge's aggregate salary that exceeds the aggregate salary and supplement existing at the time of a judge's exercise of such option.

(f) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide fringe benefits to any judge of a judicial circuit in the same manner that such benefits were provided on June 30, 2024.

(g) Nothing in this Code section or subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall operate to alter, amend, contract, expand, extend, limit, modify, or terminate retirement benefits or rights thereto in existence prior to July 1, 2024. All judges who exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall have no right to any benefit existing at the time such option is exercised reduced. To the extent otherwise permitted by law, each county within a judicial circuit is authorized, but not required, to provide retirement benefits based upon the locality pay it provides pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 1-4.

Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, is amended as follows:

"45-7-4.

(a) The annual salary of each of the state officials listed below shall be as follows:

(1) Governor ..... $ 175,000.00

An allowance in an amount specified in the appropriations Act shall also be provided for the operation of the Governor's mansion.

(2) Lieutenant Governor 54,920.00

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual salary for the Lieutenant Governor for the 2021 fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to 14 percent of the amount received for such office during the 2020 fiscal year.

(3) Adjutant general

The adjutant general shall continue to receive the pay and allowances under the same procedure as provided by law.

(4) Commissioner of Agriculture 100,429.00

(5) Attorney General 114,633.00

(6) Reserved.

(7) Commissioner of Insurance 100,396.00

(8) Reserved.

(9) Commissioner of Labor 100,418.00

The above amount of salary for the Commissioner of Labor shall include any compensation received from the United States government and the amount of state funds paid shall be reduced by the amount of compensation received from the United States government.

(10) Reserved.

(11) Each member of the Public Service Commission 96,655.00

(12) Reserved.

(13) State School Superintendent 102,708.00

(14) Secretary of State 102,708.00

(15) Reserved.

(16) Reserved.

(17) Reserved.

(18) Reserved. ~~Each Justice of the Supreme Court~~ ..... ~~175,600.00~~

(19) Reserved. ~~Each Judge of the Court of Appeals~~ ..... ~~174,500.00~~

(19.1) Reserved. ~~Judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court~~ ..... ~~174,500.00~~

(20) Reserved. ~~Each superior court judge~~ ..... ~~126,265.00~~

(21) Each district attorney 120,072.00

(22) Each member of the General Assembly 16,200.00

(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual salary for each member of the General Assembly for the 2021 fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to 10 percent of the amount received for such office during the 2020 fiscal year.

(B) Each member of the General Assembly shall also receive the allowances provided by law. The amount of the daily expense allowance which each member is entitled to receive under the provisions of Code Section 28-1-8 shall be as provided in that Code section. The mileage allowance for the use of a personal car on official business shall be the same as that received by other state officials and

employees.

(C) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for members of the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for per diem differential and for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties as a member of the General Assembly in an amount not to exceed ~~$7,000.00~~ $14,000.00 per year. Expenses reimbursable up to such amount shall be limited to one or more of the following purposes: lodging, meals, per diem differential, postage, personal services, printing and publications, rents, supplies (including software), telecommunications, transportation, utilities, purchasing or leasing of equipment, and other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties. If equipment purchased by a member has a depreciated value of $100.00 or less when such member leaves office, the equipment does not need to be returned to the state. No reimbursement shall be made for any postage which is used for a political newsletter. No reimbursement shall be paid for lodging or meals for any day for which a member receives the daily expense allowance as provided in this paragraph. Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed following the submission of vouchers to the legislative fiscal office in compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph and subject to the provisions of subparagraph (E) of this paragraph. Such vouchers shall be submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the Legislative Services Committee pursuant to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, provided that each such voucher shall be accompanied by a supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, showing payment for each expense claimed or an explanation of the absence of such documentation; in addition, each such voucher shall include a certification by the member that the information contained in such voucher and supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, is true and correct and that such expenses were incurred by the member. The provisions of Code Section 16-10-20 shall be applicable to any person submitting such certified vouchers and supporting documents or copies the same as if the General Assembly were a department or agency of state government. No such voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem differential.

(D) The amount of per diem differential which may be claimed for each day under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be the difference between the daily expense allowance authorized for members of the General Assembly and $119.00; provided, however, that the General Appropriations Act for any fiscal year may increase such amount of $119.00 per day to an amount not in excess of the federal per diem

rate then in effect for the state capital as specified by the General Services Administration. Per diem differential shall be paid by the legislative fiscal office to the member upon the member's notification to the legislative fiscal office of the days for which the daily expense allowance was received for which the member wishes to claim the per diem differential, and the legislative fiscal office shall keep a record of the days for which per diem differential is so claimed and paid.

(E) For the purposes of this paragraph, a year shall begin on the convening date of the General Assembly in regular session each year and end on the day prior to the convening of the General Assembly in the next calendar year. Any voucher or claim for any reimbursement for any year as defined in this paragraph shall be submitted no later than the fifteenth of April immediately following the end of such year. No reimbursement shall be made on any voucher or claim submitted after that date. Any amounts remaining in such expense account at the end of the first year of the two-year biennium may be claimed for expenses incurred during the second year of the two-year biennium. Any amounts remaining in any expense account which are not so claimed by April 15 of the year following the second year of the biennium and any amounts claimed which are returned as hereafter provided for in this paragraph shall lapse and shall be remitted by the legislative fiscal office to the general fund of the state treasury. Any former member of the General Assembly may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while a member of the General Assembly upon compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. The Legislative Services Committee is empowered to provide such procedures as it deems advisable to administer the provisions of this paragraph, including, but not limited to, definitions of the above list of items for which reimbursement may be made; provided, however, that the term 'other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties' shall be as defined by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to reimbursement of such expenditures incurred by members of the House and Senate, respectively; and provided, further, that the amount of expenses which may be reimbursed within the limits of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for travel outside the state may be as provided by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to such expenditures of members of the House and Senate, respectively. The Legislative Services Committee is further empowered to prescribe the form of the voucher or claim which must be submitted to the legislative fiscal office. In the event of any disagreement as to whether any

reimbursement shall be made or any allowance shall be paid, the Legislative Services Committee shall make the final determination; except that in the event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be made for other reasonable expenses directly related to the performance of a member's duties or for travel outside the state, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the House, and the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the Senate. In the event any reimbursement is made or any allowance is paid and it is later determined that such reimbursement or payment was made in error, the person to whom such reimbursement or payment was made shall remit to the legislative fiscal office the amount of money involved. In the event any such person refuses to make such remittance, the legislative fiscal office is authorized to withhold the payment of any other moneys to which such person is entitled until the amount of such reimbursement or payment which was made in error shall be realized.

(23) Speaker of the House of Representatives 17,800.00

The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly. Upon the taking of office by the members of the General Assembly on the convening day of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1983, the annual salary of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall become $22,800.00. After such date, the Speaker shall also receive as additional salary a sum equal to the amount of salary over $30,000.00 per annum which is received by the Lieutenant Governor as of that date or thereafter; and the salary of the Speaker shall be adjusted at the beginning of each term so as to include such additional sum.

(24) President Pro Tempore of the Senate 4,800.00

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly.

(25) Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives 4,800.00

The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly.

(b) As an adjustment except as qualified below as to members and member-officers of the General Assembly, the annual salary of each state official whose salary is established by Code Section 45-7-3, this Code section, and Code Sections 45-7-20 and 45-7-21,

including members of the General Assembly, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, may be increased by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act by a percentage not to exceed the average percentage of the increase in salary as may from time to time be granted to employees of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government. However, any increase for such officials shall not include within-grade step increases for which employees subject to compensation plans authorized and approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 are eligible. Any increase granted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees, except increases for members and member-officers of the General Assembly. That portion of the increase determined by the Legislative Services Committee to reflect a cost-of-living increase based upon objective economic criteria shall become effective for members and member-officers at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees. The balance of the increase for members and member-officers of the General Assembly shall become effective on the convening of the next General Assembly in January of the next odd-numbered year. The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average percentage increase.

(c) The annual salary being received on June 30, 1980, shall be increased by 8 percent for each state official listed in subsection (a) of this Code section who:

(1) Is not a member of the General Assembly; and

(2) Is not a contributing member of a state retirement system and, therefore, does not benefit by or participate in any program whereunder a portion of the employee contributions to the state retirement system are made on behalf of the employee by the employer.

(d)(1) For the purposes this subsection, 'base salary' means the annual salary fixed for the judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia on July 1 of the second preceding state fiscal year.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, the annual salary of each of the state officials listed below shall be set by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act, provided that such salary shall not exceed the ratio of the base salary listed below for such officials:

(A) Each Justice of the Supreme Court	100 percent.
(B) Each Judge of the Court of Appeals	99 percent.
(C) Judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court	95 percent.
(D) Each superior court judge	90 percent."

SECTION 1-5.

Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related laws and statutes is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"1-3-12.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as of July 1, 2024, all local laws and local ordinances or resolutions in effect as of such date that provide for a salary, supplement, or other compensation to be paid to a state, county, or local officer, official, or employee based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to a superior court judge's salary or supplement shall be suspended with respect to any salary, supplement, or other compensation increase during the term of such suspension as a matter of law.

(2) No change in the salary of a superior court judge shall result in a change in the calculation of any compensation to be paid by any county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government that may otherwise be required pursuant to a local law or local ordinance or resolution during the period of suspension provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection. The provisions of this subsection do not repeal or amend any such local law or local ordinance or resolution, and the provisions of such local laws or local ordinances or resolutions related to calculating compensation shall be merely suspended and shall remain suspended until lifted or modified pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section.

(b) As of July 1, 2025, the suspension provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be terminated as to judges, but shall otherwise remain in place for all other officers, officials, and employees. Any salary or compensation change for judges that otherwise would have gone into effect between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, by operation of a local law or local ordinance or resolution if such suspension did not occur shall go into effect for calculations of prospective salary or other compensation accrued on or after July 1, 2025. The termination of the suspension provided for in this subsection shall not entitle any person to retroactive compensation that he or she otherwise may have earned except for such suspension, and no such retroactive payments shall be made by any county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government.

(c)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent the General Assembly from repealing or amending, in whole or in part, any local law that is suspended pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section through the enactment of local legislation.

(2) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent a county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government from enacting any salary or compensation changes for any state, county, or local officer, official, or employee that may otherwise be authorized by general or local law."

SECTION 1-6.

Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Georgia Code Annotated, relating to Georgia Judicial Retirement System, is amended by revising Code Section 47-23-102, relating to vesting, benefits upon retirement, compliance with federal income tax laws, as follows:

"47-23-102.

(a) The right of a member to receive benefits under this chapter shall vest after the member obtains ten years of creditable service; provided, however, that no member shall receive a retirement benefit prior to attaining the age of 60 years. Except as otherwise

provided in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title, a member's accumulated contributions shall be 100 percent vested and nonforfeitable at all times. Any member retiring on or after July 1, 1996, and any member who was retired on July 1, 1996, with 16 years or more of creditable service shall receive a benefit equal to 66.66 percent, plus 1 percent for each year of creditable service over 16 years, of the member's salary; provided, however, that no member shall receive more than 24 years of creditable service. Any member retiring with less than 16 years of creditable service may retire at a reduced benefit pursuant to Code Section 47-23-103. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, normal ~~Normal~~ retirement age under this retirement system shall be the date the member has reached ~~age~~ 60 years of age, provided that he or she has at least ten years of creditable service. For purposes of Section 402(1) of the federal Internal Revenue Code regarding distributions from governmental plans for health and long-term care insurance for public safety officers, normal retirement age shall be the earliest date when the member has satisfied the requirements for a retirement under this or the predecessor retirement system. Except as otherwise provided in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title, a member's right to his or her retirement allowance is nonforfeitable upon attainment of normal retirement age. Any member who was retired on July 1, 1996, with more than 16 years of creditable service shall receive in July, 1998, a one-time benefit payment equal to two times the product of 1 percent of the salary paid to such judge at the time of his or her retirement multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in excess of 16 years.

(b) The board is authorized to provide by rule or regulation for the payment of benefits to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system at a time and under circumstances not provided for in this chapter to the extent that such payment is required to maintain the retirement system as a qualified retirement plan for the purposes of federal income tax laws and regulations.

(c) For any superior court judge first taking office on or after July 1, 2025, the normal retirement age under this retirement system shall be the date the member has reached 65 years of age. All other requirements to receive a retirement benefit under this Code section shall apply to such superior court judge."

SECTION 1-7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-103, relating to retirement based on age, application to retire, as follows:

"47-23-103.

(a) In lieu of retirement at the benefit level provided by Code Section 47-23-102, a member, except for any superior court judge first taking office on or after July 1, 2025, may retire at any time after attaining the age of 60 years and after obtaining a minimum of ten years of creditable service. The monthly retirement benefit for such early retirement shall be a percentage of the benefit under Code Section 47-23-102, and such percentage shall be the proportion which the number of years of creditable service the member has in the retirement system bears to 16.

(b) The effective date of retirement shall be the first day of the month in which the

application is received by the board of trustees, provided that no retirement shall, in any case, be effective earlier than the first day of the month following the final month of the applicant's employment. Applications for retirement shall not be accepted more than 90 days in advance of the effective date of retirement."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12, relating to bingo, by revising Code Section 16-12-50, relating to legislative intent, as follows:

"16-12-50.

(a) It is the intention of the General Assembly that, except for recreational bingo, only nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations which are properly licensed pursuant to this part shall be allowed to operate bingo games.

(b) The General Assembly recognizes that in certain counties the State of Georgia owns significant acreage of property that has been taken off of such counties' tax digests. It is the further intention of the General Assembly to provide a process and resource for those counties to mitigate the fiscal impact of not receiving tax revenue from such state owned property while also raising revenue to remove the burden of maintaining such property from the state government by authorizing certain local governments with highly impacted tax digests which are also properly licensed pursuant to this part to operate a bingo game."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 16-12-51, relating to definitions, as follows:

"16-12-51.

As used in this part, the term:

(.1) 'Adjusted net income' means the income generated by a bingo game operated pursuant to this part by a local government with a highly impacted tax digest less any costs associated with the administration, operation, or marketing of the bingo game.

(1) 'Bingo game' or 'nonprofit bingo game' means a game of chance played on cards or electronic bingo machines with numbered squares in which counters or indicators are placed on numbers chosen by lot and won by covering a previously specified number or order of numbered squares. A bingo game may be played manually or with an electronic ~~or computer device~~ bingo machine that stores the numbers from a player's card or cards, tracks the numbers chosen by lot when such numbers are entered by the player, and notifies the player of a winning combination; provided, however, that, except as provided for in this part, the numbers chosen by lot shall be chosen by a natural person who is physically located on the premises or property described in Code Section 16-12-57 on which the game is operated. Such words, terms, or phrases, as used in this paragraph, shall be strictly construed to include only the series of acts generally defined as bingo and shall exclude all other activity. Such term shall also include a game played on an electronic bingo machine.

(2) 'Bingo session' means a time period during which bingo games are played.
(2.1) 'Electronic bingo machine' means a stand-alone electronic or computer device on which a bingo based game is played, provided that the person playing such game is physically located within three feet of the machine and further provided that the numbers chosen in such game need not be chosen by a natural person who is physically located on the premises or property described in subsection (a) of Code Section 16-12-57 on which the game is operated.
(2.2) 'Local government with a highly impacted tax digest' means a county that meets the requirements established pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-14-1 or any municipal corporation located within such county.
(3) 'Nonprofit, tax-exempt organization' means an organization, association, corporation, or other legal entity which has been determined by the federal Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from taxation under federal tax law and which is exempt from taxation under the income tax laws of this state under Code Section 48-7-25; which is organized or incorporated in this state or authorized to do business in this state; and which uses the proceeds from any bingo games conducted or operated by such organization solely within this state.
(4) 'Operate,' 'operated,' or 'operating' means the direction, supervision, management, operation, control, or guidance of activity.
(5) 'Recreational bingo' means a bingo session operated by any person or entity at no charge to participants in which the prizes for each bingo game during the bingo session shall be noncash prizes and the total of such prizes for each such game shall not exceed the amount established pursuant to regulations established by the Secretary of State. No such noncash prize awarded in recreational bingo shall be exchanged or redeemed for money or for any other prize with a value in excess of the amount established pursuant to regulations established by the Secretary of State. Recreational bingo shall also include a bingo session operated by a nonprofit, tax-exempt licensed operator of bingo games at no charge to participants in which the participants are senior citizens attending a function at a facility of the tax-exempt licensed organization or are residents of nursing homes, retirement homes, senior centers, or hospitals and in which the prizes for each bingo game during the bingo session shall be nominal cash prizes not to exceed $5.00 for any single prize and the total of such prizes for each such game shall not exceed the amount established pursuant to regulations established by the Secretary of State. Recreational bingo shall also include a bingo session operated by an employer with ten or more full-time employees for the purposes of providing a safe workplace incentive and in which the prizes are determined by the employer; provided, however, that no monetary consideration is required by any participant other than the employer and the employer expressly prohibits any monetary consideration from any employee. Recreational bingo shall not be considered a lottery as defined in paragraph (4) of Code Section 16-12-20 or a form of gambling as defined in Code Section 16-12-21."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in said part by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"16-12-53.1.

(a) Any local government with a highly impacted tax digest desiring to obtain a license to operate bingo games shall make application to the Secretary of State on forms prescribed by the Secretary of State and shall pay an annual fee of $1,000.00. A bingo license issued pursuant to this Code section shall be valid for ten years. Applications for renewal of a bingo license shall be submitted to the Secretary of State not less than 60 days prior to the expiration of the bingo license on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(b) Each application for a bingo license and each application for renewal of a bingo license shall contain the following information:

(1) The name and mailing address of the applicant local government entity;

(2) The names, titles, and contact information of the persons who will be supervising the operation of the bingo games for the local government entity;

(3) A statement affirming that the applicant meets the requirements established pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-14-1 or is a municipal corporation located within a county that meets such requirements;

(4) The location at which the applicant will operate the bingo games and, if the premises on which the games are to be operated are to be leased, a copy of the lease or rental agreement; and

(5) Any other necessary and reasonable information which the Secretary of State may require.

(c) The Secretary of State shall grant a bingo license to any applicant that provides fully the information required by this Code section.

16-12-53.2.

(a) No electronic bingo machine shall be sold, leased, or otherwise furnished in the State of Georgia without the Secretary of State first inspecting and testing the model of machine that is being proposed for use in order to ensure that such machine is designed and shall function for no purpose other than the game of bingo.

(b) The Secretary of State may examine and inspect any portion of an electronic bingo machine at any time. Such examination and inspection includes immediate access to any portion of the electronic bingo machine the Secretary of State determines needs to be inspected or any system that is related to such machine.

(c) If the Secretary of State detects or discovers any problem with an electronic bingo machine or its associated system that affects the security or integrity of the bingo game or the system, the Secretary of State may direct the bingo location to cease the use of the device or system as applicable. The Secretary of State may require the facility utilizing such electronic bingo machine to correct the problem or recall the device or system immediately upon notification by the Secretary of State to the licensee that is responsible for the electronic bingo game. If the bingo location detects or discovers any defect, malfunction, or problem with any component of the system, the bingo location shall immediately remove the component from use or play and immediately notify the Secretary of State of such action.

(d) A licensee utilizing electronic bingo machines and the associated system must maintain a log showing the date, model, and serial number of every machine that is in use at its facility. This information is required to be reported monthly to the Secretary of State.

(e) Each manufacturer or distributor selling electronic bingo machines and the associated system must maintain a log showing the date, model, serial number, and to whom they were sold. This information is required to be reported monthly to the Secretary of State.

(f) Each licensee utilizing electronic bingo machines must maintain a record showing the date, model number, and serial number for each machine it is utilizing. Additionally, all records, reports, and receipts relating to an electronic bingo machine or its associated system's sales, maintenance, and repairs must be retained by the entity licensed to operate an electronic bingo game.

(g) No electronic bingo location may display, use, or otherwise furnish an electronic bingo device having been marked, defaced, tampered with, or altered in any manner which may deceive the public or affect a participant's chances of winning.

(h) The participant in any electronic bingo machine shall be physically present at the electronic bingo location where the game is actually conducted and when the game is called.

(i) An electronic bingo machine shall not be capable of dispensing currency by any means or any other form of automatic payout.

(j) A licensee shall maintain a record of each payout that is made from any electronic bingo machine at its facility. The Secretary of State shall inspect such records not less than once per year. The Secretary of State may inspect the payout records required pursuant to this subsection at any time he or she deems necessary.

(k) The Secretary of State shall develop a process to maintain records and receipts for all payments made out to participants in electronic bingo. Such process shall contain, but not be limited to, receipts that include:

(1) Name of the licensee;

(2) Session number;

(3) Time and date of purchase. The circuitry and programs that maintain and control the time and date must be of the type that can only be reset by service personnel and must retain the last transaction number issued even throughout adverse conditions or power interruptions;

(4) Amount paid for the opportunity to play each game or game pack;

(5) Total amount paid; and

(6) A record of all voided transactions.

(l) In addition to any rules or regulations the Secretary of State adopts pursuant to Code Section 16-12-61, the Secretary of State shall establish rules and regulations regarding the minimum standards for electronic bingo machines.

(m) Any violation of this Code section shall be punished by a fine of no more than $5,000.00."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 16-12-57, relating to restrictions as to ownership of premises utilized, as follows:

"16-12-57.

(a) Bingo games shall be operated only on premises owned by the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization operating the bingo game, on property leased by the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization ~~and used regularly by that organization for purposes other than the operation of a bingo game~~, or on property leased by the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization operating the bingo game from another nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section to the contrary, a local government with a highly impacted tax digest licensed pursuant to this part may operate a bingo game pursuant to this part and shall be authorized to contract with a private entity to operate such bingo game. The adjusted net income from a bingo game operated pursuant to this part shall be used for a public purpose. A bingo game operated pursuant to this part may utilize one or more electronic bingo machines."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 16-12-60, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"16-12-60.

(a) A licensee that conducts or operates a bingo session shall maintain the following records for at least three years from the date on which the bingo session is conducted or operated:

(1) An itemized list of the gross receipts for each session;

(2) An itemized list of all expenses other than prizes that are incurred in the conducting or operation of the bingo session as well as the name of each person to whom the expenses are paid and a receipt for all of the expenses;

(3) A list of all prizes awarded during the bingo session and the name and address of all persons who are winners of prizes of $50.00 or more in value;

(4) An itemized list of the recipients other than the licensee of the proceeds of the bingo game, including the name and address of each recipient to whom such funds are distributed; and

(5) A record of the number of persons who participate in any bingo session conducted or operated by the licensee.

(b) A licensee shall:

(1) Own all the equipment used to conduct or operate a bingo game or lease such equipment;

(2) Display its bingo license conspicuously at the location where the bingo game is conducted or operated;

(3) Conduct or operate bingo games only at the ~~single~~ location or locations specified in the licensee's application; and

(4) Not conduct or operate more than ~~one~~ three bingo ~~session~~ sessions during any one calendar day, ~~which~~ provided that each session shall not exceed five hours.

(c) ~~No nonprofit, tax-exempt organization shall enter into any contract with any individual, firm, association, or corporation to have such individual, firm, association, or corporation operate bingo games or concessions on behalf of the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.~~

~~(d)~~ A nonprofit, tax-exempt organization shall not lend its name nor allow its identity to be used by any individual, firm, association, or corporation in the operating or advertising of a bingo game in which said nonprofit, tax-exempt organization is not directly and solely operating the bingo game.

~~(e) It shall be unlawful for two or more nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations which are properly licensed pursuant to this part to operate bingo games jointly or to operate bingo games upon the same premises during any 18 hour period.~~

~~(f)~~(d) It shall be unlawful to award prizes in excess of ~~$3,000.00~~ $6,000.00 in cash or gifts of equivalent value during any calendar week. It shall be unlawful to exceed such limitation at any combination of locations operated by a single licensee or such licensee's agents or employees. It shall be unlawful for two or more licensees to pyramid the valuation of prizes in such manner as to exceed the limitation contained in this Code section. The term 'equivalent value' shall mean the fair market value of the gift on the date the gift is given as the prize in a bingo game.

~~(g)~~(e) No person or organization by whatever name or composition thereof shall ~~take any salary, expense money, or fees for the operation of any bingo game, except that not more than $30.00 per day may be paid to one or more individuals for assisting in the conduct of such games on such day~~ receive any of the proceeds of a bingo game; provided, however, that a commercially reasonable amount may be paid for the skill and tasks required for conducting or operating a bingo game; provided, further, that such amount is a fixed sum or fixed hourly rate agreed upon in advance and not determined as a percentage of the proceeds.

~~(h)~~(f) No person shall pay consulting fees to any person for any services performed in relation to the ~~operation or conduct~~ conduct or operation of a bingo game.

~~(i)~~(g) A person who is a member of more than one nonprofit, tax-exempt organization shall be permitted to participate in the bingo operations of only two organizations of which such person is a member; provided, however, that such person shall not receive ~~more than $30.00 per day~~ any payment or proceeds in violation of subsection (e) of this Code section for assisting in the conduct or operation of bingo games regardless of whether such person assists both organizations in the same day.

(h) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to a local government with a highly impacted tax digest licensed pursuant to this part."

SECTION 2-6.

Code Section 48-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to counties containing more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land not subject to taxation, limit on amount of grants, evaluation and assessment, and procedure for billing State Forestry Commission, is amended as follows:

"48-14-1.

(a)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Bingo license' means a license granted to a qualified county pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16.

(B) 'Grant' means funds granted to a county by the State Forestry Commission for state owned land.

(C) 'Qualified county' means a county which consists of at least 50,000 acres of state owned land on which such county is not lawfully able to collect tax revenue.

(D) 'State owned land' means land in a qualified county that the State of Georgia owns from which the county receives no tax revenue.

(2) The governing authority of a qualified county may receive a grant for state owned land. The amount of funds to be granted pursuant to such grant shall not exceed the amount the qualified county would have received were the land subject to taxation during the applicable time period based on property evaluation and millage assessment.

(3) A qualified county that has a bingo license and is operating one or more bingo games shall not receive a grant pursuant to this subsection. After a qualified county has collected proceeds from its bingo game or games in an amount greater than the amount it otherwise would have been qualified to receive from a grant pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection for that fiscal year, the qualified county shall remit to the State of Georgia 5 percent of its adjusted net income from bingo games for that fiscal year.

~~Each county in which is located land belonging to the state which consists of 20,000 acres and from which the county receives no tax revenue may receive from the State Forestry Commission a grant of funds for such land. The amount of funds to be granted may not exceed the amount the county would have received were the land subject to taxation during the applicable time period based on property evaluation and millage assessment.~~

(b) Immediately upon an evaluation of the property involved and a determination of the millage assessment for the property, the county tax official for the county involved shall bill the State Forestry Commission for the proper amount as determined under this Code section. The county tax official shall send the bill to the State Forestry Commission at the same time as the county tax bills are sent to the property owners of the county who are subject to county taxation."

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the amendment #2.

The President ruled the amendment germane.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 479 as amended by amendment #2:

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	E Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 479 as amended by the Senate.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table:

HB 451. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Kennard of the 101st, Hitchens of the 161st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees, so as to require the provision of supplemental, illness-specific insurance to certain first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain insurance benefits to eligible first responders; to provide for limitations and restrictions of such benefits; to provide for methods of funding; to provide for treatment of premiums; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received from such insurance

coverage for first responders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Robertson of the 29th.

The consent was granted, and HB 451 was taken from the Table.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 451. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Kennard of the 101st, Hitchens of the 161st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees, so as to require the provision of supplemental, illness-specific insurance to certain first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain insurance benefits to eligible first responders; to provide for limitations and restrictions of such benefits; to provide for methods of funding; to provide for treatment of premiums; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received from such insurance coverage for first responders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Robertson of the 29th.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to HB 451:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to require the provision of certain insurance benefits to certain first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and restrictions of such benefits; to provide for methods of funding; to provide for treatment of premiums; to provide for annual reporting; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received from such insurance coverage for first responders; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known as the "Ashley Wilson Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 25

45-25-1.

The Georgia General Assembly finds that:

(1) First responders are often exposed to traumatic events in the line of duty and are at risk of developing post-traumatic stress disorder, which, if untreated, can result in the inability to serve as a first responder as well as grave health consequences, including death by suicide;

(2) Major medical insurance provides coverage for mental health treatment on parity with other illnesses, and major medical insurance companies are best suited to help first responders identify healthcare providers who can treat post-traumatic stress disorder and provide coverage for treatment by such providers;

(3) The Office of Public Safety Support within the Department of Public Safety was established to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to first responders exposed to traumatic events at work. The intent of this chapter is to expand on this existing support by ensuring that, after a qualifying diagnosis of occupational post-traumatic stress disorder, such first responders have financial resources readily available to them;

(4) Having financial resources readily available to meet the financial needs of first responders at the critically important time of identifying the mental healthcare provider of their choice and beginning treatment, as well as having additional financial resources available for the continuation of treatment, pursuit of recovery, and return to service as first responders, will better serve first responders and their families; and

(5) Nothing in this chapter is intended to reimburse for or provide mental healthcare treatment or replace or disrupt coverage for mental health treatment under major medical insurance.

45-25-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Covered condition' means an eligible first responder's occupational post-traumatic stress disorder that is the direct result of an experience of or an exposure to a traumatic event, wherein such experience or exposure takes place during the normal course of the first responder's regular occupational or volunteer duties on behalf of a public entity and the diagnosis is made no later than two years after the date of the traumatic event.

(2) 'Eligible first responder' means a first responder who experienced or was exposed to a traumatic event during the normal course of performing regular occupational or

volunteer duties on behalf of a public entity and such experience or exposure resulted in post-traumatic stress disorder, if the first responder received a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder arising from such experience or exposure no later than two years after the traumatic event.

(3) 'First responder' means any of the following:

(A) 'Communications officer' as defined in Code Section 37-12-1;

(B) 'Correctional officer' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8;

(C) 'Emergency medical professional' as defined in Code Section 16-10-24.2;

(D) 'Emergency medical technician' as defined in Code Section 16-10-24.2;

(E) 'Firefighter' as defined in Code Section 25-4-2;

(F) 'Highway emergency response operator' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8;

(G) 'Jail officer' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8;

(H) 'Juvenile correctional officer' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8;

(I) 'Peace officer' as defined in Code Section 35-8-2;

(J) 'Probation officer' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8; and

(K) Law enforcement officer with the Department of Natural Resources.

(4) 'Monthly salary' means regular monthly earnings excluding overtime, bonuses, and commissions.

(5) 'Post-traumatic stress disorder' means an anxiety disorder caused by experiencing or being exposed to a traumatic event and which satisfies the clinical diagnostic criteria set forth in the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, in effect on January 1, 2024.

(6) 'Public entity' means a department, agency, board, bureau, commission, authority, or instrumentality of the State of Georgia, any local government or authority, including a county, municipal, or consolidated government in this state, or any other political division in this state. Such term includes a school district, independent school district, or other local school system in this state.

(7) 'Qualified diagnostician' means a physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist who is duly authorized to practice in this state and is certified in a medical specialty appropriate for trauma related mental health diagnoses.

(8) 'Traumatic event' means an actual or threatened death, serious injury, or act of sexual violence that occurs on or after July 1, 2024, and which the first responder experienced or was exposed to during the normal course of the first responder's regular occupational or volunteer duties on behalf of a public entity. In cases involving multiple traumatic events occurring on or after July 1, 2024, the traumatic event is the most recent event determined by the qualified diagnostician to be related to the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

45-25-3.

(a) A public entity shall provide and maintain sufficient insurance coverage on each of its first responders to pay the benefits described in subsection (b) of this Code section to eligible first responders with covered conditions arising from a traumatic event which the first responder experienced or was exposed to while performing first responder services

for such public entity. Such coverage shall also pay such benefits for covered conditions arising from an employed first responder's services as a volunteer first responder for the same or another public entity. In the event a volunteer first responder of one public entity is simultaneously employed as a first responder by another public entity, the public entity for which such person is a volunteer shall not be required to maintain the coverage on such volunteer otherwise required under this Code section during the period of such employment with the other public entity. In no circumstance shall a first responder be entitled, as a result of this chapter, to more than the lifetime benefits described under this chapter.

(b) An eligible first responder with a covered condition shall be entitled to the following benefits:

(1) A supplemental illness-specific benefit, with a lifetime limit of $3,000.00, payable to an eligible first responder upon submission to the insurer of:

(A) Acceptable proof of a clinical diagnosis of a covered condition by a qualified diagnostician as provided for in subsection (f) of this Code section; and

(B) Invoices or other acceptable documentation of out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred as a result of such condition; and

(2) An income replacement disability benefit payable as a result of a clinical diagnosis of a covered condition, which disability benefit is payable as described below:

(A) If the first responder's qualified diagnostician determines that the covered condition precludes continuation of the first responder's regular occupational or volunteer duties as a first responder and provides proof acceptable to the insurer, including evidence of appropriate care and treatment, then the disability benefit shall begin 90 days after the date the covered condition first precludes continuation of such duties;

(B) The disability benefit shall continue, subject to standard requirements of disability insurances and subject to the cumulative lifetime disability benefit limit described in subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, during the period of continuous disability arising from the covered condition;

(C) The disability benefit shall cease when the first responder's qualified diagnostician determines that the eligible first responder has regained the ability to perform the duties previously performed as a first responder;

(D) Subject to the cumulative lifetime disability benefit limit provided for in subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, the disability benefit shall recommence if the first responder's qualified diagnostician determines that the eligible first responder has again become unable to perform his or her regular occupational or volunteer duties as a first responder due to a covered condition and provides proof acceptable to the insurer; and

(E) The disability benefit shall end after a total of 36 monthly payments in the amount set forth below have been made to the eligible first responder:

(i) If the eligible first responder is employed by a public entity, a monthly benefit equal to 60 percent of the eligible first responder's combined monthly salary for all public entities for which the first responder is employed as a first responder or a

monthly benefit of $5,000.00, whichever is less; or

(ii) If the eligible first responder is a volunteer first responder and not employed as a first responder by any public entity, a monthly benefit of $1,500.00.

(c) Any first responder who receives income replacement disability benefits under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section may be required by the insurer providing such benefits to have his or her condition reevaluated by a qualified diagnostician selected by the insurer. In the event any such reevaluation reveals that such first responder has regained the ability to perform the duties previously performed as a first responder, then such benefits shall cease.

(d) The benefits under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, as applicable, shall be subordinate to any other insurance benefit payable to the first responder for medical expenses incurred as a result of the covered condition.

(e) The benefits under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, as applicable, shall be subordinate to any other income replacement disability benefit payable to the first responder for such disability from any employer funded group long-term disability plan or workers' compensation benefit, not including any disability insurance purchased in whole or in part by the first responder, and shall be limited to the difference between the amount of such other paid benefit and the amount specified under subparagraph (b)(2)(E) of this Code section, as applicable.

(f) Proof of a first responder's covered condition requires both of the following:

(1) A clinical diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder made by a qualified diagnostician which substantiates that the clinical diagnosis is the direct result of experiencing or being exposed to a traumatic event, or repeated experiences or exposures to traumatic events, during his or her regular occupational or volunteer duties on behalf of a public entity. Such clinical diagnosis shall be made within two years following the date of the traumatic event, and such clinical diagnosis shall include documentation indicating the date and nature of the traumatic event or the most recent traumatic event related to the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder if due to repeated experiences or exposures; and

(2) Written documentation of criteria required for the diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder under the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, in effect on January 1, 2024.

(g) Information that could reasonably be used to identify individuals making claims or who have made claims or who have received benefits under this Code section shall be treated as sensitive mental health information and, absent express authorization by the individual, shall only be used and shared for administration of benefits, underwriting, and for purposes of aggregation and de-identification or for purposes of compliance with Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or other applicable laws. Communications, in any form, between such individuals and the administrator or insurer of the benefits shall be confidential and privileged.

(h) The benefits shall be administered in a manner designed to ensure that first responders are able to obtain the lump sum benefit provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section in a confidential manner similar to receiving mental

health benefits under an employer sponsored major medical health plan or employee assistance program, or, for the disability benefit provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, in a confidential manner similar to receiving other employer sponsored disability benefits involving mental health issues. In no event shall information solely about an individual's diagnosis, claims, or benefits be used for any employment action.

(i) The benefits shall be administered in a manner designed to enforce lifetime limits and to coordinate benefits. Any insurer or self-insurer of the benefits shall disclose the amount of benefits already paid to an individual upon written request by another insurer or self-insurer that is evaluating a claim by such individual as provided under subsection (b) of this Code section.

45-25-4.

The governing authority of any county, municipality, or consolidated government is authorized to use available revenues, including, but not limited to, proceeds from county and municipal taxes imposed under Chapter 8 of Title 33, for purposes of providing insurance under this chapter.

45-25-5.

Funds received as premiums for the coverages specified in this chapter shall not be subject to premium taxes under Chapter 8 of Title 33.

45-25-6.

The computation of premium amounts by an insurer for the coverages specified in this chapter shall be subject to generally accepted adjustments from insurance underwriting.

45-25-7.

The Commissioner of Insurance shall submit an annual report summarizing the use of the benefits provided for in this chapter to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Insurance and the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee no later than July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter. The Commissioner of Insurance shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the annual report in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective and efficient."

SECTION 3.

Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, is amended in subsection (a) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(12.5) Payments received by a first responder pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 45-25-3, to any extent such amounts are included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income and are not otherwise exempt under any other provision of this Code section;"

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025. Section 2 of this Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Robertson of the 29th and Walker III of the 20th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 451 (LC 46 0914S) by inserting "and may be cited" *on line 14 after* "known".
By replacing lines 104 through 109 with the following:

(1) One lump sum benefit per lifetime of $3,000.00 payable to the eligible first responder upon submission to the insurer of acceptable proof of a clinical diagnosis of a covered condition by a qualified diagnostician as provided for in subsection (f) of this Code section; and

By replacing "Section 2" *on line 216 with* "Section 3".

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Robertson amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	E Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	E Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate

Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 451, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 429. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 28, 31, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the General Assembly, health, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for procedures and processes concerning the enactment of legislation and the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide definitions; to provide for the preparation and submission of small business impact analyses for bills introduced during sessions of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 228. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Taylor of the 173rd, Prince of the 132nd, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

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

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 978 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 28, 2024.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, March 28, 2024
Fortieth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Brass of the 28th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

March 27, 2024

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Assignments has had under consideration the following appointments to the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission made by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Supreme Court of Georgia, and the Council of Superior Court Judges, that require Senate confirmation:

- Speaker of the House Jon Burns appointed **Robert "Bobby" Marshall Kutchey, III** on July 24, 2023.
- Former Chief Justice David Nahmias appointed **Judge Todd Markle** of the Court of Appeals on July 1, 2022.
- Governor Brian Kemp appointed Deputy Executive Counsel **Evan Meyers** on June 29, 2022.
- Former Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan appointed then General Counsel **Regina Quick** on August 15, 2022.
- Former Council of Superior Court Judges President Judge Arthur Lee Smith, III appointed **Judge Robert Chasteen** of the Cordele Judicial Circuit effective on July 1, 2022.

and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

That the appointments be confirmed as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Burt Jones
Hon. Burt Jones, Chairman

Consideration of these appointments is made a special order of business for Thursday, March 28, 2024, immediately preceding Third Reading and Consideration of General Bills and Resolutions.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that Senator Hatchett of the 50th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hatchett was excused.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Merritt of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Merritt was excused.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harbin	Parent
Anavitarte	Harbison	Payne
Anderson, L.	Harrell	Rahman
Anderson, T.	Hickman	Rhett
Beach	Hodges	Robertson
Bearden	Hufstetler	Seay
Brass	Islam Parkes	Setzler
Burns	Jackson	Sims
Cowsert	James	Still
Davenport	Jones, E.	Strickland
Dixon	Jones, H.	Summers
Dolezal	Kennedy	Tate
Echols	Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Esteves	Lucas	Watson, B.
Ginn	Mallow	Watson, S.
Gooch	McLaurin	Williams
Goodman	Moore	

Not answering were Senators:

Hatchett (Excused)	Merritt (Excused)	Walker III (Excused)
Butler	Halpern	Orrock

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of the State of Georgia.

Senator Strickland of the 17th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Jeff Daws of

McDonough, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

David A. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, gave his farewell address to the Senate.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Daniel Lopez, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Tate of the 38th gave her farewell address to the Senate.

Senator Ginn of the 47th recognized Senate Photographer and Broadcast Specialist, Keenan Rogers.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 105. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-4-101 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement benefits payable upon normal, early, or delayed retirement in the Public School Employees Retirement System, so as to revise the minimum and maximum allowable benefit multiplier for current and future retirees; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 203. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to industry services training program, so as to provide for tuition-free programs that relate to the operation of a commercial motor vehicle for veterans; to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to repeal provisions authorizing joinder of motor carriers and their insurance carriers in tort and contract causes of action; to provide for standards of service hours for motor carriers operating solely intrastate; to provide for hiring standards for commercial driver's license holders; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 138. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Beach of the 21st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 15-16-8 and 45-5-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to how vacancies filled, failure to appoint, and certification required and public official investigated by special commission upon indictment, gubernatorial review if commission recommends suspension, suspension, reinstatement, and replacement or temporary officer, respectively, so as to revise the procedure for filling vacancies in the office of sheriff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 198. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Butler of the 55th, Dugan of the 30th, Rahman of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to governing and regulation of mental health, so as to create the Georgians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Innovation Commission; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for members and officers; to provide for meetings, agendas, quorum, and compensation; to provide for the commission's duties and powers; to provide for consultation with subject matter experts designated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Community Health; to provide for subcommittees; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 237. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th and Hodges of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for student loan repayment for peace officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for continued eligibility requirements; to provide for student loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for maximum student loan repayment amounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 347. By Senator Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 351. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20 and 39 of the O.C.G.A, relating to education and minors, respectively, so as to provide for social media platform access by minors; to require local boards of education to adopt, implement, and enforce social media policies; to authorize the Attorney General and the Department of Education to consult with and assist local boards of education in the development and implementation of such policies; to require social medial platforms to provide certain information to parents upon request; to provide for enforcement authority of the Attorney General; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for definitions; to provide for effective dates; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 863. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson for his outstanding public service and dedication to social justice; and for other purposes.

SR 864. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the DeKalb Public Health Department on its centennial anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 865. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of David E. Harris; and for other purposes.

SR 866. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Anderson of the 24th, Hickman of the 4th, Williams of the 25th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending C&H Precision's dedication to the State of Georgia and recognizing March 26, 2024, as C&H Precision Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 867. By Senator Rahman of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Bangladesh Association of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 868. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Sims of the 12th, Seay of the 34th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing September 2024 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

SR 869. By Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and Rahman of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the City of Suwanee on the occasion of its 75th birthday; and for other purposes.

SR 870. By Senators Harbison of the 15th and Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of African American music to global culture and encouraging the people of Georgia to celebrate African American music; and for other purposes.

SR 871. By Senators Butler of the 55th and Parent of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Judge Angela Butts on her outstanding public service as a judge; and for other purposes.

SR 872. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Davenport of the 44th, Harbison of the 15th, Merritt of the 9th and Esteves of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Charles O'Berry, Jr.; and for other purposes.

SR 873. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Davenport of the 44th, Harbison of the 15th, Merritt of the 9th and Esteves of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending James Anthony Jenkins, Jr.; and for other purposes.

SR 874. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th, Kennedy of the 18th and Robertson of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the North Paulding Lady Wolfpack for winning the GHSA 7A Region 3 Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 875. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Mallow of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration, 1924 to 2024; and for other purposes.

SR 876. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd, Harrell of the 40th and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rear Admiral Earl L. Gay; and for other purposes.

SR 877. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Samuel Pieh; and for other purposes.

SR 878. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 11 as National Dream Day; and for other purposes.

SR 879. By Senator Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Troy Rahn on his outstanding service as Glennville's dentist for 53 years; and for other purposes.

SR 880. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Dolezal of the 27th, Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Keenan Rogers; and for other purposes.

SR 881. By Senator Setzler of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Mount Paran Christian School Volleyball Team for winning the 2023 GHSA Class AA State Volleyball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 882. By Senator Setzler of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Mount Paran Christian School Competition Cheerleading Team for winning the 2023 GHSA Class AA State Competition Cheerleading Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 883. By Senator Setzler of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Mount Paran Christian School Girls Basketball Team for winning the 2024 GHSA Class AA State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 884. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Esteves of the 6th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th and Parent of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sharon Henry; and for other purposes.

SR 885. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd and Setzler of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Major General Tom Carden, Jr.; and for other purposes.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that HB 1241 and HB 1337 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations from the General Calendar. The consent was granted, and HB 1241 and HB 1337 were recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

Senator Tate of the 38th asked unanimous consent that HB 1330, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1330, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1330. By Representatives Stoner of the 40th, Cummings of the 39th and Anulewicz of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "South Cobb Development Authority Act," approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 3772), as amended, so as to change the name of the authority to the Mableton Development Authority; to revise the short title; to revise provisions related to the selection of membership of the authority; to provide for continuation in office of current board members; to provide for the selection of board officers; to revise the geographical area of operations of the authority; to revise the purposes and objectives of the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Rhett of the 33rd.

Senator Tate of the 38th asked unanimous consent that HB 1330 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations. The consent was granted, and HB 1330 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

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(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 1444 Seay of the 34th
Davenport of the 44th
CLAYTON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, approved February 8, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, so as to provide a code of ethics; to establish a board of ethics; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1450 Jones of the 10th
Strickland of the 17th
Williams of the 25th
HENRY COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), so as to provide for an ex-officio member; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
SUBSTITUTE

HB 1478 Kennedy of the 18th
Walker III of the 20th
Lucas of the 26th
Williams of the 25th
TWIGGS COUNTY, PULASKI COUNTY, PEACH COUNTY, LAURENS COUNTY, HOUSTON COUNTY, DODGE COUNTY, BLECKLY COUNTY, BIBB COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Mid-State Energy Authority as an institution performing an essential governmental function; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for members of the Authority and meetings; to provide for powers of the Authority; to provide that the Authority replaces the Commission; to provide for tort immunity; to provide contracting requirements; to provide for supplemental powers; to deny taxing powers; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1487 Brass of the 28th
Bearden of the 30th
CITY OF VILLA RICA

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Villa Rica, approved May 8, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3869), so as to provide that the mayor shall appoint and remove the city manager; to provide for the city council to override such actions with a supermajority vote; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1488 Dolezal of the 27th
Still of the 48th
FORSYTH COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize Forsyth County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to define an area where such powers may be exercised; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1489 Hodges of the 3rd
CAMDEN COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Camden County Spaceport Authority, approved May 6, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 3952); to provide for assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1494 Mallow of the 2nd
Hickman of the 4th
CITY OF GARDEN CITY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended, so as to revise provisions regarding the mayor and the mayor pro tempore and organizational meetings of the city council; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1496 Cowsert of the 46th
OCONEE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Oconee County; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal a local constitutional amendment proposed by a certain resolution act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1501 McLaurin of the 14th
Beach of the 21st
Albers of the 56th
CITY OF ROSWELL

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Roswell Public Facilities Authority; to provide for a short title and legislative findings; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership and the appointment of members of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, and compensation; to provide for charges; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemptions and exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for supplemental powers; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1502 Bearden of the 30th
Anavitarte of the 31st
PAULDING COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Paulding County Airport Authority, approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3645), so as to revise the membership of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1504 Harbin of the 16th
Williams of the 25th
Kennedy of the 18th
SPALDING COUNTY, CITY OF GRIFFIN, BUTTS COUNTY, LAMAR COUNTY, PIKE COUNTY, MONROE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create and establish the Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority, a new regional airport authority in and for the County of Spalding, the City of Griffin, the County of Butts, the County of Lamar, the County of Pike, and the County of Monroe; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
SUBSTITUTE

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

*HB 1450:

Senators Strickland of the 17th, Williams of the 25th, and Jones of the 10th offered the following substitute to HB 1450:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), so as to provide for an ex-officio member; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), is amended by revising paragraph (b)(1) of Section 3 as follows:

"(b)(1) The authority shall consist of seven members who shall serve without pay, and the county manager of Henry County shall serve as an ex-officio member. The executive director of the Henry County Development Authority shall serve as an ex-officio member. At least four of the five members of the authority shall reside in Henry County. One authority member shall be appointed by the governing authority of Henry County from one or more nominations made by the representatives in the Henry County delegation. One authority member shall be appointed by the governing authority of Henry County from one or more nominations made by the senators in the Henry County delegation. The Henry County legislative delegation shall be composed of all senators and representatives in the General Assembly whose districts are wholly or partially in Henry County. The governing authority of Henry County shall appoint two authority members and one ex-officio member, and such appointments shall not require nominations from outside entities. In the event of a tie vote for an appointment to the authority, the vote of the chairperson of the governing authority shall be controlling."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the substitute was adopted.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

*HB 1504:

Senators Harbin of the 16th, Williams of the 25th, and Kennedy of the 18th offered the following substitute to HB 1504:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To create and establish the Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority, a new regional airport authority in and for the County of Spalding, the City of Griffin, the County of Butts, the County of Lamar, the County of Pike, and the County of Monroe; to authorize such authority to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, operate, own, and improve airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft which shall include related buildings, equipment, and the usual and convenient facilities appertaining to such undertaking; to authorize the authority to acquire, lease, own, and hold a fee simple title, or any interest therein, to all necessary property therefor, both real and personal, within and outside the confines of Spalding County and to convey, lease, and sell any and all such facilities including real property; to confer powers and to impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership and for the appointment of members of the authority and their term of tenure and their compensation; to authorize the authority to contract with others, both within and outside the confines of the aforementioned counties, pertaining to airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft and to execute leases of such facilities and to do all things deemed necessary or convenient for the operation of such undertaking; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds or obligations of the authority payable from the revenues, tolls, fees, charges, and earnings of the authority, including, but not limited to, earnings derived from leases and the use of the facilities, to pay the costs of such undertakings and to authorize the collection and pledging of the revenues and earnings of the authority for the payment of such bonds or obligations or to secure the payment thereof by contract, mortgage, deed to secure debt, security deed note, or trust deed and to define the rights of the holders of such bonds and securities; to provide that no liability or debt against the aforementioned city or counties shall be incurred in the exercise of any powers granted by this Act; to make the bonds, securities, or obligations of the authority exempt from taxation; to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds, securities, or other obligations; to provide that such bonds, securities, or other obligations be validated as authorized by the "Revenue Bond Law"; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Short title.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority Act."

SECTION 2.
Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority; creation.

There is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority, which shall be deemed to be a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and a public corporation by that name, style, and title, and said body may contract and be contracted with, bring and defend actions, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts of law and equity, except that the authority of the trustee acting under the trust indenture herein provided for shall in no event be liable for any torts committed by any of the officers, agents, and employees of the authority. The authority shall have perpetual existence.

SECTION 3.
Membership.

The Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority shall be composed of 11 members who shall be appointed by the governing authorities of the County of Spalding, City of Griffin, County of Butts, County of Lamar, County of Pike, and County of Monroe as hereinafter set out. Within 60 days after the approval of this Act, it shall be the duty of said governing authorities to appoint the membership of the authority. The authority shall be composed of 11 members to be designated as Post No. 1, Post No. 2, Post No. 3, Post No. 4, Post No. 5, Post No. 6, Post No. 7, Post No. 8, Post No. 9, Post No. 10, and Post No. 11. The County Manager of Spalding County or designee shall be appointed to Post No. 1. The City Manager for the City of Griffin or designee shall be appointed to Post No. 2. The County Manager of Butts County or designee shall be appointed to Post No. 3. The County Manager of Lamar County or designee shall be appointed to Post No. 4. The County Manager of Pike County or designee shall be appointed to Post No. 5. The County Manager of Monroe County or designee shall be appointed to Post No. 6. The member from Post No. 7 shall be appointed by the governing authority of Spalding County, and its initial appointment shall be the same as its current appointment to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for Post No. 5, for a term which shall expire on December 31, 2024, or when his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The member from Post No. 8 shall be appointed by the governing authority of the City of Griffin, and its initial appointment shall be the same as its current appointment to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for Post No. 6, for a term which shall expire on December 31, 2025, or when his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The member from Post No. 9 shall be appointed by the governing authority of Spalding County, and its initial appointment shall be the same as its current appointment to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for Post No. 7, for a term which shall expire on December 31, 2026, or when his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The member from Post No. 10 shall be appointed by the governing authority of the City of Griffin, and its initial appointment shall be the same as its current appointment to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for Post No. 8, for a term which shall expire on December 31, 2027, or when his or her

successor is appointed and qualified. The member from Post No. 11 shall be appointed by the governing authority of the City of Griffin, and its initial appointment shall be the same as its current appointment to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for Post No. 9, for a term which shall expire on December 31, 2028, or when his or her successor is appointed and qualified; thereafter, such member from Post No. 11 shall be appointed to a full four-year term by the governing authority of Spalding County. Future appointments to Post No. 11 shall alternate between the governing authority of the City of Griffin and the governing authority of Spalding County. For Posts No. 7 through 11, the term of each member shall be four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified, except that the initial terms shall be as aforesaid. Following initial appointments, vacancies in each post, other than Post No. 11, shall be filled by the governing authority making the initial appointment.

SECTION 4.

Meetings.

The authority shall hold its organizational meeting on April 30, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in the City Courtroom, One Griffin Center, 100 S. Hill Street, Griffin, Georgia. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the local organ of each county not less than 15 days prior thereto, and a notice shall be posted on the website for each county and the City of Griffin. The authority shall meet at such times as may be necessary to transact the business coming before it, but not less than quarterly. All meetings shall be called, noticed, and conducted in accordance with Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., the "Open Meetings Law." At its organizational meeting and its first regular meeting in January of each year thereafter, the authority shall elect one of its members as its chairperson and another member as secretary-treasurer. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to prepare or oversee the preparation of written minutes of all meetings of the authority. Only one person shall hold the office of secretary-treasurer. These officers shall be elected for a term ending on December 31 of the year in which they were elected or until their successors are elected and qualified. Five members of the authority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business coming before it. The members of the authority may be compensated as determined from time to time by said governing authorities; however, it is expressly provided that they shall be reimbursed for all actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 5.

Vacancies in office.

In the event of a vacancy on the authority by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by the governing authority which appointed such member, and the person so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 6.
Definitions.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Authority" means the "Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority" created in Section 2 of this Act.

(2) "Cost of the project" means the cost of construction; the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements, and franchises acquired; the cost of all machinery, equipment, financing charges, and interest prior to and during construction; the cost of engineering, architectural, fiscal, and legal expenses; the cost of plans and specifications; and such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the financing herein authorized, the construction or improvement of any project, and the placing of the same in operation. Any obligation or expense incurred for any of the foregoing purposes shall be regarded as a part of the cost of the project and may be paid or reimbursed as such out of any funds of the authority including the proceeds from any revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act for any such project or projects.

(3) "Project" means and includes the leasing, acquisition, construction, equipping, maintenance, improving, and operation of public airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft, related buildings, and the usual and convenient facilities appertaining to such undertakings; extensions and improvements of such facilities; the acquisition of necessary property, both real and personal; and the lease and sale of any part of or all of such facilities, including real and personal property, so as to assure the efficient and proper development, maintenance, and operation of such airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft, deemed by the authority to be necessary, convenient, or desirable for the operation of such airports and landing fields anywhere within Spalding County.

(4) "Revenue bonds," "bonds," or "obligations" mean revenue bonds as defined and provided for in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law," and such type of obligations may be issued by the authority as authorized under said "Revenue Bond Law" and any amendments thereto, and in addition shall also mean obligations of the authority the issuance of which are hereinafter authorized in this Act.

(b) Any project shall be deemed "self-liquidating" if, in the judgment of the authority, the revenues and earnings to be derived by the authority therefrom and all properties used, leased, and sold in connection therewith will be sufficient to pay the cost of constructing, operating, maintaining, repairing, improving, and extending the project and to pay the principal and interest of the revenue bonds which may be issued to finance, in whole or in part, the cost of such project or projects.

SECTION 7.
Powers.

(a) The authority shall have power:

(1) To have a seal and alter the same at its pleasure;

(2) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise and to hold, lease, and, subject to review

and approval by the Federal Aviation Administration, dispose of real and personal property of every kind and character for its corporate purposes;

(3) To acquire in its own name by purchase, gift, or otherwise on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper, real property or rights or easements therein or franchises necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes, and to use the same so long as its corporate existence shall continue, and to lease or make contracts with respect to the use of or disposition of the same in any manner it deems to the best advantage of the authority;

(4) To appoint, select, and employ officers and employees, or, in the alternative, the authority may contract with the City of Griffin for its officers and employees or may contract with the city for personnel services and benefits, including payroll, insurance, and retirement programs. The authority may enter into contracts with consultants and independent contractors, including engineering, architectural, and construction experts, fiscal agents, and attorneys, and fix their respective compensation;

(5) To make contracts, leases, and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient including contracts for construction of projects or leases of projects or contracts with respect to the use of projects which it causes to be erected or acquired and any and all persons, firms, and corporations and any and all political subdivisions, departments, institutions, or agencies of the state are authorized to enter into contracts, leases, or agreements with the authority upon such terms and for such purposes as they may deem advisable; the authority is further granted the authority to make contracts, leases, and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient with the United States government or any agency or department thereof concerning the projects of the authority, subject to the rights and interests of the holder of any of the bonds or obligations authorized to be issued hereunder, and by the resolution or trust indenture of the authority authorizing the issuance of any of its bonds or obligations as provided for in this Act;

(6) To construct, erect, acquire, own, repair, remodel, maintain, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate, and manage projects, as hereinabove defined, the cost of any such project to be paid in whole or in part from the proceeds of revenue bonds or other funds of the authority or from such proceeds or other funds and any grant from the United States of America, State of Georgia, County of Spalding, City of Griffin, or any agency or instrumentality thereof;

(7) To accept loans and grants, or to accept loans or grants of money or materials or property of any kind from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality or political subdivision thereof or from any other source, upon such terms and conditions as the United States of America or such agency or instrumentality or other source may impose;

(8) To accept loans and grants, or to accept loans or grants of money or materials or property of any kind from the State of Georgia or any agency or instrumentality or political subdivision thereof or from any other source, upon such terms and conditions as the State of Georgia or such agency or instrumentality or political subdivision or any other source may impose;

(9) To borrow money for any of its corporate purposes and to execute evidence of such

indebtedness by promissory notes, or otherwise, and to secure the same and to issue negotiable revenue bonds payable solely from funds pledged for that purpose, and to provide for the payment of the same and for the rights of the holders thereof;

(10) To exercise any power usually possessed by private corporations performing similar functions, which is not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this state, except the right of eminent domain;

(11) The authority and the trustee acting under the trust indenture are specifically authorized from time to time, subject to review and approval by the Federal Aviation Administration, to sell, lease, grant, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any surplus property, both real or personal, or interest therein not required in the normal operation of and usable in the furtherance of the purpose for which the authority was created;

(12) To do all things necessary or convenient to exercise and carry out the powers especially given in this Act;

(13) To make rules and bylaws for the orderly operation of the authority; and

(14) To request the city or county to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any private real property or any rights or interests therein including any easements, as necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Act, in accordance with the provisions of any and all existing laws applicable to the exercise of such power. The authority shall pay the condemning authority for any property condemned under this power, including legal fees and expenses (such as surveys and appraisals), from its own funds and in proceedings to condemn pursuant to this section, the court having jurisdiction of the suit, action, or proceeding may enter such orders regarding the payment for such property or interest therein as may be fair and just to the city or county, the authority, and the owners of the property being condemned. Any such procedure may suggest the method of payment by the authority to persons who shall own or have an interest in the property.

(b) The authority, notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, is authorized to exercise each and every power conferred upon it by this Act, specifically including the issuance of revenue bonds, both within and outside the confines of Spalding County, and to contract with any other entity, governmental or otherwise, for the joint acquisition, construction, use, or operation of airports and related facilities outside the limits of Spalding County. Prior to exercising any of said powers outside the limits of Spalding County, said authority shall be required to obtain the approval of the governing authorities of both the City of Griffin and Spalding County.

SECTION 8.

Revenue bonds.

The authority, or any authority or body which has or which may in the future succeed to the powers, duties, and liabilities vested in the authority created hereby, shall have power and is authorized at one time, or from time to time, to provide by resolution for the issuance of negotiable revenue bonds, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost as herein defined of any one or more projects. The principal and interest of such revenue bonds shall

be payable solely from the special fund herein provided for such payment. The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be authorized by the authority from time to time, shall be payable as provided by resolution of the authority, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 30 years from their date or dates, shall be payable in such medium of payment as to both principal and interest as may be determined by the authority, and may be made redeemable before maturity at the option of the authority, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the authority in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds. Such revenue bonds or obligations shall be issued pursuant to and in conformity with Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law," and all procedures pertaining to such issuance and the conditions thereof shall be the same as those contained in said "Revenue Bond Law" and any amendments thereof.

SECTION 9.

Form, denominations, registration, place of payment.

The authority shall determine the form of the bonds, shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds, and the place or places of payment of principal and interest thereof, which may be at any bank or trust company within or outside the state. The bonds may be issued in coupon or registered form, or both, as the authority may determine, and provision may be made for the registration of any coupon bond as to principal alone and also as to both the principal and interest.

SECTION 10.

Signatures, seal.

In case any officer whose signature shall appear on any bonds or whose facsimile signature shall appear on any coupon shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he or she had remained in office until such delivery. All such bonds shall be signed by the chairperson of the authority and attested by the secretary-treasurer of the authority, and the official seal of the authority shall be affixed thereto, and any coupons attached thereto shall bear the facsimile signatures of the chairperson and secretary-treasurer of the authority. Any bond may be signed, sealed, and attested on behalf of the authority by such persons as at the actual time of the execution of such bonds shall be duly authorized or hold the proper office, although at the date of delivery and payment of such bonds such persons may not have been so authorized or shall not have held such office.

SECTION 11.

Negotiability, exemption from taxation.

All revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall have and are declared to have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the negotiable

instrument law of the state. Such bonds are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and the said bonds, their transfer, and the income thereof shall be exempt from all taxation within the state.

SECTION 12.
Sale, price.

The authority may sell such bonds in such manner and for such price as it may determine to be in the best interest of the authority.

SECTION 13.
Proceeds of bonds.

The proceeds of such bonds shall be used solely for the payment of the cost of the project or projects, and unless otherwise provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture, additional bonds may in like manner be issued to provide the amount of any deficit for the cost of the project or projects which, unless otherwise provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture, shall be deemed to be of the same issue and shall be entitled to payment from the same fund without preference or priority of the bonds first issued for the same purposes. If the proceeds of the bonds of any issue shall exceed the amount required for the purpose for which such bonds are issued, the surplus shall be paid into a sinking fund or used for additional construction as may be provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture.

SECTION 14.
Interim receipts and certificates or temporary bonds.

Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the authority may, under like restrictions, issue interim receipts, interim certificates, or temporary bonds, with or without coupons exchangeable for definitive bonds upon the issuance of the latter.

SECTION 15.
Replacement of lost or mutilated bonds.

The authority may also provide for the replacement of any bond which shall become mutilated or be destroyed or lost.

SECTION 16.
Conditions precedent to issuance, object of issuance.

Such revenue bonds may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things than those proceedings, conditions, and things which are

specified or required by this Act. In the discretion of the authority, revenue bonds of a single issue may be issued for the purpose of any particular project. Any resolution providing for the issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of this Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and need not be published or posted, and any such resolution may be passed at any regular or special or adjourned meeting of the authority by a majority of the quorum as in this Act provided.

SECTION 17.

Credit not pledged.

Revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of either the City of Griffin or Spalding County, or any municipality therein, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the fund hereinafter provided for and the issuance of such revenue bonds shall not directly, indirectly, or contingently obligate the said city or county, or any municipality therein, to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for such payment, and all such bonds shall contain recitals on their face covering substantially the foregoing provisions of this section.

SECTION 18.

Trust indenture as security.

In the discretion of the authority, any issue of such revenue bonds may be secured by a trust indenture by and between the authority and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or outside of the state. Such trust indenture may pledge or assign fees, tolls, revenues, and earnings to be received by the authority, including the proceeds derived from the sale from time to time of any surplus property of the authority, both real and personal. Either the resolution providing for the issuance of revenue bonds or such trust indenture may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondholders as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including covenants setting forth the duties of the authority in relation to the acquisition of property, the construction of the project, the maintenance, operation, repair, and insuring of the property, and the custody, safeguarding, and application of all moneys, including the proceeds derived from the sale or lease of property of the authority, both real and personal, and may also provide that any project shall be constructed and paid for under the supervision and approval of consulting engineers or architects employed or designated by the authority, and satisfactory to the original purchasers of the bonds issued therefor and may also require that the security given by contractors and by any depository of the proceeds of the bonds or revenues or other moneys be satisfactory to such purchasers, and may also contain provisions concerning the conditions, if any, upon which additional revenue bonds may be issued. It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of this state to act as such depository and to furnish such indemnifying bonds or pledge such securities as may be required by the authority. Such indenture may set forth the rights and remedies of the

bondholders and of the trustee and may restrict the individual right of action of bondholders as is customary in trust indentures securing bonds and debentures of corporations. In addition to the foregoing, such trust indenture may contain such other provisions as the authority may deem reasonable and proper for the security of the bondholders. All expenses incurred in carrying out such trust indenture may be treated as a part of the cost of maintenance, operation, and repair of the project affected by such indenture.

SECTION 19.
To whom proceeds of bonds shall be paid.

The authority shall, in the resolution providing for the issuance of revenue bonds or in the trust indenture, provide for the payment of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds to any officer or person who, or any agency, bank, or trust company which, shall act as trustee of such funds to hold and apply the same to the purposes thereof, subject to such regulations as this Act and such resolutions or trust indentures may provide.

SECTION 20.
Sinking fund.

The revenues, fees, tolls, and earnings derived from any particular project or projects, regardless of whether or not such fees, earnings, and revenues were produced by a particular project for which bonds have been issued and any moneys derived from the sale or lease of any properties, both real and personal, of the authority, unless otherwise pledged and allocated, may be pledged and allocated by the authority to the payment of the principal and interest on such revenue bonds of the authority as the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or the trust instrument may provide, and such funds so pledged from whatever source received, which said pledge may include funds received from one or more or all sources, shall be set aside at regular intervals as may be provided in the resolution or trust indenture into a sinking fund, which said sinking fund shall be pledged to, and charged with, the payment of:

(1) The interest upon such revenue bonds as such interest shall fall due;
(2) The principal of the bonds as the same shall fall due;
(3) The necessary charges of a paying agent or agents for paying interest and principal;
(4) Any premium upon bonds retired by call or purchase as hereinabove provided; and
(5) Any other reasonable or necessary costs or expenses relating to such bond issue.

The use and disposition of such sinking fund shall be subject to such regulations as may be provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the revenue bonds or in the trust indenture, however, except as may otherwise be provided in such resolution or trust indenture, such sinking fund shall be a fund for the benefit of all revenue bonds without distinction or priority of one over another. Subject to the provisions of the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust indenture, surplus moneys in the sinking fund may be applied to the purchase or redemption of bonds and any such bonds so purchased or redeemed shall forthwith be canceled and shall not again be issued.

SECTION 21.
Remedies of bondholders.

Any holder of revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act or any of the coupons appertaining thereto, and the trustee under the trust indenture, if any, except to the extent the rights herein given may be restricted by resolution passed before the issuance of the bonds or by the trust indenture, may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceedings protect and enforce any and all rights under the laws of the State of Georgia or granted hereunder or under such resolution or trust indenture, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this Act or by such resolution or trust indenture, to be performed by the authority, or any officer thereof, including the fixing, charging, and collecting of revenues, fees, tolls, and other charges for the use of the facilities and services furnished.

SECTION 22.
Refunding bonds.

The authority is authorized to provide by resolution for the issuance of revenue refunding bonds of the authority for the purpose of refunding any revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act and then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon. The issuance of such revenue refunding bonds, the maturities, and all other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof, and the duties of the authority in respect to the same shall be governed by the foregoing provisions of this Act insofar as the same may be applicable.

SECTION 23.
Validation.

Bonds of the authority shall be confirmed and validated in accordance with said "Revenue Bond Law." The petition for validation shall also make party defendant to such action any municipality, county, authority, subdivision, or instrumentality of the State of Georgia or the United States government or any department or agency of the United States government, if subject to be sued, which has contracted with the authority for the services and facilities of the project for which bonds are to be issued and sought to be validated and such municipality, county, authority, subdivision, or instrumentality shall be required to show cause, if any, why such contract or contracts and the terms and conditions thereof should not be inquired into by the court and the validity of the terms thereof be determined and the contract or contracts adjudicated as security for the payment of any such bonds of the authority. The bonds when validated and the judgment of validation shall be final and conclusive with respect to such bonds against the authority issuing the same, and any municipality, county, authority, subdivision, or instrumentality of this state or the United States government if a party to the validation proceedings, contracting with the said Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority.

SECTION 24.
Venue and jurisdiction.

Any action to protect or enforce any rights under the provisions of this Act or any suit or action against such authority shall be brought in the Superior Court of Spalding County, Georgia, and any action pertaining to validation of any bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall likewise be brought in said court.

SECTION 25.
Interest of bondholders protected.

While any of the bonds issued by the authority remain outstanding, the powers, duties, or existence of said authority or of its officers, employees, or agents shall not be diminished or impaired in any manner that will affect adversely the interest and rights of the holders of such bonds, and no other entity, department, agency, or authority shall be created which will compete with the authority to such an extent as to affect adversely the interest and rights of the holders of such bonds and, upon the issuance of bonds hereunder, the provisions hereof shall constitute a contract with the holders of such bonds.

SECTION 26.
Moneys received considered trust funds.

All moneys received pursuant to the authority of this Act, whether as proceeds from the sale of revenue bonds, as grants or other contributions, or as revenues, income, fees, and earnings shall be deemed to be trust funds to be held and applied solely as provided in this Act.

SECTION 27.
Purpose of the authority.

Without limiting the generality of any provisions of this Act, the general purpose of the authority is declared to be that of acquiring, constructing, equipping, maintaining, improving, and operating new regional public use, general aviation airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft, including any related buildings and the usual and convenient facilities appertaining to such undertakings and extensions and improvements of such facilities, acquiring the necessary property therefor, both real and personal, and to lease or, subject to review and approval by the Federal Aviation Administration, sell any or all of such facilities including real property, and to do any and all things deemed by the authority necessary, convenient, or desirable for and incident to the efficient and proper development and operation of such types of undertakings.

SECTION 28.

Rates, charges, and revenues; use.

The authority is authorized to prescribe and fix and collect rates, fees, tolls, and charges, and to revise, from time to time, and collect such rates, fees, tolls, and charges for the services, facilities, or commodities furnished, including leases, concessions, or subleases of its lands or facilities in accordance with assurances set forth in airport improvement and assistance agreements entered into between the authority and the Federal Aviation Administration, the Georgia Department of Transportation, or the United States Department of Transportation. This authority assumes no liability for the operation and maintenance of the general aviation airport currently located in Spalding County, Georgia designated as 6 Alpha 2. This authority shall maintain a fee and rental structure for the use of its land and facilities sufficient to make any airport or landing field operated by the authority as self-sustaining as possible under the circumstances existing at the particular airport, consistent with the obligation to operate such airports or landing fields for public use, on reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination, to all types, kinds, and classes of aeronautical activities, including commercial aeronautical activities offering services to the public at such airport or landing field.

SECTION 29.

Rules and regulations for operation of projects.

It shall be the duty of the authority to prescribe rules and regulations for the operation of the project or projects constructed under the provisions of this Act, including the basis on which airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft shall be furnished. Before undertaking performance of any airport or landing field operations, the authority shall procure and maintain in force at all times sufficient liability insurance covering aviation related risks for their operations. At all times relevant hereto, the authority shall operate its airports and landing fields in accordance with grant assurances entered into with the Federal Aviation Administration, the Georgia Department of Transportation, or the United States Department of Transportation.

SECTION 30.

Powers declared supplemental and additional.

The foregoing sections of this Act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized thereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing.

SECTION 31.
Liberal construction of Act.

This Act being for the purpose of promoting the health, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the United States, of the State of Georgia, of Spalding, Butts, Lamar, Pike, and Monroe Counties, and of the City of Griffin shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof.

SECTION 32.
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 33.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bills as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Local Consent Calendar, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	Y Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local bills, the yeas were 54, nays 1.

The bills on the Local Consent Calendar, except HB 1450 and HB 1504, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

HB 1450 and HB 1504, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed by substitute.

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: DAVID COOK

DATE: MARCH 28, 2024

RE: CONSIDERATION OF JUDICIAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Consideration of the confirmation of the following appointments to the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission has been made a special order of business for today just prior to Third Reading and Consideration of General Bills and Resolutions:

- Speaker of the House Jon Burns appointed **Robert "Bobby" Marshall Kutchey, III** on July 24, 2023.
- Former Chief Justice David Nahmias appointed **Judge Todd Markle** of the Court of Appeals on July 1, 2022.
- Governor Brian Kemp appointed Deputy Executive Counsel **Evan Meyers** on June 29, 2022.
- Former Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan appointed then General Counsel **Regina Quick** on August 15, 2022.

- Former Council of Superior Court Judges President Judge Arthur Lee Smith, III appointed **Judge Robert Chasteen** of the Cordele Judicial Circuit effective on July 1, 2022.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that the Senate dispense with the reading of the appointments to the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission.

There was no objection, and the reading of the appointments to the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission was dispensed with.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that one roll call suffice for the confirmation of the appointments in their entirety, unless a Senator designated that an appointee be removed from the list and voted on separately.

There was no objection, and the Senate agreed to consider the appointments with one roll call.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the appointments to the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission be confirmed as submitted.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	Y Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	C Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 54, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the appointments to the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission were confirmed.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that HB 218, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 218, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 218. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, Leverett of the 123rd, Silcox of the 53rd and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to admissions and confessions, so as to provide for sexual assault hearsay for disabled adults and 17 year olds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	Y Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	C Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

HB 218, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th asked unanimous consent that HB 905, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 905, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 905. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd, Leverett of the 123rd, LaHood of the 175th, Washburn of the 144th and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to repeal provisions authorizing administrative officers to exercise zoning powers; to repeal provisions authorizing quasi-judicial boards and agencies to hear and render decisions on applications for special administrative permits and conditional permits; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dixon of the 45th.

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations offered the following substitute to HB 905:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 8 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal deannexation, so as to provide for municipal deannexation of property by application of 100 percent of property owners in certain circumstances; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for automatic repeal; to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to repeal provisions authorizing administrative officers to exercise zoning powers; to repeal provisions authorizing quasi-judicial boards and agencies to hear and render decisions on applications for special administrative permits; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 8 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal deannexation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-36-135.

(a) Authority is granted to the governing authority of any municipality initially chartered on or after January 1, 2016, to deannex an area of the existing corporate limits thereof, in accordance with the procedures provided in this Code section and in Article 1 of this chapter, upon the written and signed applications of the owners of all of the land, except the owners of any public street, road, highway, or right of way, proposed to be deannexed, containing a complete description of the lands to be deannexed; provided, however, that no more than one parcel of property may be deannexed in one action. If the proposed deannexation conforms with the requirements of this Code section, the governing authority of the municipality shall approve such deannexation within 90 days of the submission of the application unless it finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the deannexation would be detrimental to the health and safety of the area remaining within the municipality.

(b) To be eligible for deannexation under the provisions of this Code section, the application provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section shall show that the following conditions have been met:

(1) The parcel does not exceed ten acres in area;

(2) The boundaries of such parcel abut the boundaries of an adjacent municipality, and if the parcel exceeds two acres in size, more than 50 percent of the boundaries of such parcel abut the boundaries of an adjacent municipality. A parcel shall be deemed to abut the municipal boundary if it is otherwise separated from the municipal boundary by the definite width of:

(A) Any street or right of way;

(B) Any creek or river; or

(C) Any right of way of a railroad or other public service corporation;

(3) The parcel is proposed or utilized for commercial development as a portion of a commercial development of which not less than 75 percent of the area is located or proposed to be located within the adjacent municipality and which adjoins such parcel;

(4) The parcel does not provide access from the area proposed or utilized for commercial development to a public street or road; and

(5) The governing authority of the adjacent municipality has adopted an ordinance or resolution annexing such parcel conditioned upon and effective immediately upon the deannexation of such parcel by the municipality in which it is located.

(c) Deannexation under the provisions of this Code section shall be permitted for one year following the adoption of the conditional ordinance or resolution provided for in paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of this Code section. If such deannexation is not completed within one year of such adoption, such conditional ordinance or resolution shall be null and void and such deannexation under the provisions of this Code section shall require adoption of another such ordinance or resolution by the adjacent municipality.

(d) This Code section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2029."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 36-66-2, relating to legislative purpose and local government zoning powers, as follows:

"(b) Consistent with the minimum procedures required by this chapter, local governments may:

(1) Provide by ordinance or resolution for such administrative ~~officers,~~ boards~~,~~ or agencies as may be expedient for the efficient exercise of delegated, quasi-judicial zoning powers and to establish procedures and notice requirements for hearings before such quasi-judicial ~~officers,~~ boards~~,~~ or agencies that are consistent with the minimum procedures provided for in this chapter to assure due process is afforded the general public; and

(2) Provide by ordinance or resolution for procedures and requirements in addition to or supplemental to those required by this chapter and, where so adopted, thereby establish the minimum procedures for such local government's exercise of zoning powers."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraphs (1.1) and (4) of Code Section 36-66-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(1.1) 'Quasi-judicial ~~officers,~~ boards~~,~~ or agencies' means ~~an officer,~~ a board~~,~~ or agency appointed by a local government to exercise delegated, quasi-judicial zoning powers, including hearing and rendering decisions on appeals of administrative decisions, ~~by such officers, boards, or agencies and hearing and rendering decisions on~~ applications for variances, ~~special administrative permits,~~ special exceptions, conditional use permits, or other similar permits not enumerated herein as a zoning decision, pursuant to standards for the exercise of such quasi-judicial authority adopted by a local government."

"(4) 'Zoning decision' means final legislative action by a local government which results in:

(A) The adoption or repeal of a zoning ordinance;

(B) The adoption of an amendment to a zoning ordinance which changes the text of the zoning ordinance;

(C) The adoption or denial of an amendment to a zoning ordinance to rezone property from one zoning classification to another;

(D) The adoption or denial of an amendment to a zoning ordinance by a municipal local government to zone property to be annexed into the municipality;

(E) The grant or denial of a permit relating to a special use of property; or

(F) The grant or denial of a variance or conditions concurrent and in conjunction with a decision pursuant to subparagraph (C) or (E) of this paragraph."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 36-66-4, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and procedure on zoning, as follows:

"(g) A local government delegating decision-making power to a quasi-judicial ~~officer,~~ board~~,~~ or agency shall provide for a hearing on each proposed action described in paragraph (1.1) of Code Section 36-66-3. Notice of such hearing shall be provided at least 30 days prior to the quasi-judicial hearing, with such notice being made as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section and with additional notice being mailed to the owner of the property that is the subject of the proposed action."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b.1) of Code Section 36-66-5, relating to adoption of hearing policies and procedures and standards for exercise of zoning power, as follows:

"(b.1) In addition to policies and procedures required by subsection (a) of this Code section, each local government providing for a quasi-judicial ~~officer's,~~ board's~~,~~ or agency's grant, denial, or review of a quasi-judicial matter may adopt specific standards and criteria governing the exercise of such quasi-judicial decision-making authority, and such standards shall include the factors by which the local government directs the evaluation of a quasi-judicial matter. Such standards shall be printed and copies thereof made available for distribution to the general public."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 36-66-5.1, relating to judicial review and procedures, as follows:

"(d) An appeal or challenge by an opponent filed pursuant to this chapter shall stay all legal proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from or challenged, unless the local government, ~~officer,~~ board, or agency from which ~~or from whom~~ the appeal or challenge is taken certifies that, by reason of the facts stated in the certificate, a stay would cause imminent peril to life or property. In such actions, the applicant for the zoning decision or the quasi-judicial decision shall be a necessary party and shall be named as a defendant in the action and served in accordance with the requirements of Title 5 or Title 9, as appropriate."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 2024, and Sections 2 through 6 of this Act shall apply to all zoning and quasi-judicial decisions occurring on and after that date; however, no zoning or quasi-judicial decision prior to July 1, 2025, shall be rendered invalid or void because of a local government's failure to implement language in their ordinances accomplishing the provisions of Code Section 36-66-5.1.

SECTION 8.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Dixon of the 45th, and Gooch of the 51st offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to HB 905 (LC 44 2816S) by inserting "and before July 1, 2017," *after* "2016," *on line 17.*

By replacing "July 1, 2029" *with* "December 31, 2027" *on line 53.*

Senators Halpern of the 39th, Kennedy of the 18th, Esteves of the 6th, and James of the 35th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the substitute to HB 905 (LC 44 2816S) by inserting "In addition, the governing authority of the municipality may deny such deannexation within 90 days of the submission of the application upon a finding that the deannexation would be detrimental to any outstanding bonds issued by the municipality or that the municipality could by law issue." *after* "municipality." *on line 26.*

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Kennedy amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2, there were no objections, and the Halpern amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims

Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	N Tate
N Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	C Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 35, nays 20.

HB 905, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The President recognized former Senator Dean Burke.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that HB 500, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 500, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 500. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Cheokas of the 151st and Daniel of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arson and explosives, so as to provide for the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle; to provide for a penalty; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, so as to include the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne

N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	Y Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	C Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 36, nays 18.

HB 500, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Watson of the 1st asked unanimous consent that HB 1146, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1146, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1146. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ground-water use generally, so as to require the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources to issue water permits to private companies in areas where no public service can be provided within a period of 12 months; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

A Minority Report was filed with HB 1146.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that Senator Brass of the 28th be

excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Brass was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	N Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	N Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
N Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 32, nays 22.

HB 1146, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolutions of the Senate:

SR 158. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th, Moore of the 53rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION designating the Northwest Georgia Logistics Corridor as an official logistics growth corridor in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 609. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Princess Trahlyta and dedicating a roundabout in her memory; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 512. By Senators Still of the 48th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Esteves of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, so as to create the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund and the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund Commission; to amend Code Section 16-6-13.3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to civil forfeiture of proceeds and property, so as to provide for the forfeiture of proceeds or money which is used, intended for use, used in any manner to facilitate, or derived from the criminal offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 542. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water rights, so as to remove references to the public trust doctrine; to provide legislative findings relative to the public's right to use navigable streams; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 583. By Senator Hatchett of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Dr. Robert F. Sullivan and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Senator Hickman of the 4th asked unanimous consent that HB 970, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 970, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 970. By Representatives Dickey of the 145th, Knight of the 134th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dempsey of the 13th, Mathis of the 149th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholarship, so as to provide that victims of human trafficking are eligible for such scholarship; to provide for the designation of REACH scholars; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hickman of the 4th.

Senator Esteves of the 6th asked unanimous consent that Senator Rahman of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rahman was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Rhett of the 33rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Rhett was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	E Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
E Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	Y Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 970, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 344. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories during an 11 day period each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 344:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxation of corporations, so as to exclude from taxable income certain grants for broadband investments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxation of corporations, is amended by adding a new paragraph in subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(18) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and prior to January 1, 2029, there shall be subtracted from taxable income any grant or subgrant pursuant to the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program established pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 1702, or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, received for the purpose of making investments in broadband infrastructure but only to the extent that such grant or subgrant is included in the corporation's taxable income, as defined under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 344.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	Y Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 53, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 344.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

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Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 344. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

/s/ Ginn of the 47th

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 293. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Hodges of the 3rd, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of health, so as to provide that operational policies and procedures of the Department of Public Health apply to local personnel; to authorize the department to establish health districts; to revise the manner of selection and qualifications of district health directors; to provide for a chief medical officer for a health district under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 293:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of health, so as to revise the manner of selection and qualifications of district health directors; to provide for the appointment of an interim district health director; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-3-11, relating to appointments of director and staff and supervision, as follows:

"31-3-11.

~~(a) The county board of health shall appoint as its chief executive officer a director who shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 and who otherwise meets the requirements of the rules of the State Personnel Board. The director, subject to the approval of the county board of health, shall designate aides and assistants pursuant to the budget adopted by the county board of health in accordance with Code Section 31-3-14.~~

~~(b)~~ Each employee of a county board of health whose duties include enforcing those environmental health laws of this state or environmental health regulations of that board of health relating to septic tanks or individual sewage management systems shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the district director of environmental health, although the hiring and termination from employment of such employee shall be subject to the director of that county board of health. The employment activities of such

employee with regard to environmental health shall be reported to the director of environmental health through the district director of environmental health at least quarterly. The director of environmental health may recommend to that director of that county board of health personnel actions, including but not limited to termination, which the director of environmental health deems appropriate for such employee's failure or refusal to comply with the direction of the director of environmental health in the carrying out of the environmental health employment duties of such employee. As used in this subsection, the term 'director of environmental health' means the director of environmental health of the Department of Public Health."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 31-3-12, relating to duties of director, as follows:

"31-3-12.

(a) The commissioner shall appoint a district health director for each health district to serve as the chief executive officer of each local health department in that district. The county boards of health of the constituent counties shall, at the call of the commissioner, meet in joint session to approve, by a majority vote, the selection of a director appointed by the commissioner to serve such boards in common. A county board of health is authorized to appoint one of its members to represent the board at a joint meeting for this purpose.

(b) The district health director must meet the requirements and rules of the State Personnel Board and either be licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, or if not so licensed, at a minimum, have a master's degree in public health or another related field. If not licensed, the district health director shall select a physician who is licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 to serve as the chief medical officer overseeing the clinical programs within local health departments. The district health director may also serve as the chief medical officer if he or she is licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 and meets the requirements of the rules of the State Personnel Board. The district health director shall serve under the supervision of the commissioner and is subject to personnel action by the commissioner. The district health director shall designate such personnel necessary for the appropriate performance of duties and proper exercise of powers subject to the budget.

(c) Upon a vacancy of a district health director for any reason, the commissioner is authorized to appoint an interim district health director without county board of health approval until a permanent district health director is appointed and approved by vote of the county boards of health. If a permanent district health director is not appointed or approved within one year of vacancy, the department shall provide quarterly updates to the county boards of health on recruitment efforts until a permanent district health director is appointed and approved.

(d) Subject to the policies and directives of the county board of health and the policies and directives of the multiple county districts served, the director shall perform the functions and exercise the powers set forth in this chapter except the power to adopt

bylaws and to adopt rules and regulations and may delegate the powers and authority conferred, or any part thereof, to one or more individuals as he or she may deem appropriate. The director shall devote his or her entire time to the service of the county board of health and to the multiple county districts, where created, and shall be vigilant in procuring compliance with its rules and regulations and with Georgia health laws and rules and regulations adopted thereunder that have application within the county and district. He or she shall make reports to the county board of health and the agency in charge of the multiple county district in such manner and form and with such frequency as required by it and shall also report to the department in such manner, detail, and form as the department may specify."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 31-3-12.1, relating to contracts between county boards and authorization for and provisions applicable to county board of health serving as community service board, as follows:

"(a) In addition to any other power authorized by law, the county governing authority may authorize the county board of health to enter into a contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities or a community mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases service board created under Chapter 2 of Title 37 to provide certain mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases services based on the contractual agreement between the parties. In the event that the county governing authority exercises the authority granted by this subsection, the county board of health shall appoint a director for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases or a supervisor of the specific service which is being provided by the county board of health, whichever is applicable, who shall meet the requirements established by this subsection. The director for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases, or the service supervisor, shall not be required to be a physician and shall be a person other than the director of the county board of health appointed pursuant to Code Section ~~31-3-11~~ 31-3-12. Further, such director for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases or such supervisor of the specific service shall report directly to the county board of health and shall have no formal reporting relationship with the director of the county board of health."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 31-3-15, relating to establishment of health districts, as follows:

"31-3-15.

The department is authorized, with the consent of the boards of health and the county authorities of the counties involved, to establish health districts composed of one or more counties. ~~The county boards of health of the constituent counties shall, at the call of the commissioner, meet in joint session to approve the selection of a director appointed by the commissioner to serve such boards in common. A county board of health is authorized to appoint one of its members to represent the board at a joint meeting for this purpose.~~

~~The director shall be a physician who is licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43 and who otherwise meets the requirements of the rules of the State Personnel Board. The district director shall have the same powers, duties, and responsibility as a director serving a single county board of health.~~ To further the purposes of this Code section, county boards of health may contract with each other for the provision of multicounty services and also exercise any additional powers as authorized by paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-3-4; and in the performance of such contracts a county board of health may utilize its employees in other counties."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Watson of the 1st moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 293. On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	E Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	N Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 5; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 293.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 10. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Albers of the 56th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an offense of knowingly attending and facilitating an illegal drag race or a laying drags exhibition; to provide for punishment; to provide for offenses which disqualify certain drivers from obtaining a Class C or D driver's license; to increase the punishment for the offenses of reckless stunt driving; to provide for minimum periods of imprisonment for such offenses in certain instances; to provide for motor vehicle forfeiture in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 10:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an offense of knowingly attending and facilitating an illegal drag race or a laying drags exhibition; to provide for punishment; to provide for offenses which disqualify certain drivers from obtaining a Class C or D driver's license; to increase the punishment for the offenses of reckless stunt driving; to provide for minimum periods of imprisonment for such offenses in certain instances; to provide for motor vehicle forfeiture in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, is amended by revising Code Section 16-11-43.1, relating to promoting or organizing drag races or laying drags exhibitions, as follows:

"16-11-43.1.

(a) Any person who knowingly promotes or organizes an exhibition of illegal drag racing, in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, or of laying drags, in violation of Code Section 40-6-251, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(b) Any person who is knowingly present and actively facilitating an exhibition of illegal drag racing, in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, or of laying drags, in violation of

Code Section 40-6-251, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than $250.00. For purposes of this subsection, active facilitation may be evidenced by using a vehicle to block the portion of the roadway closest to exhibition participants allowing the event to take place."

SECTION 2.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-5-24, relating to instruction permits, graduated licensing and related restrictions, and temporary licenses, by revising division (b)(1)(A)(i) and paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(i) For a period of not less than 12 consecutive months prior to making application for a Class D driver's license, not been convicted of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391, hit and run or leaving the scene of an accident in violation of Code Section 40-6-270, racing on highways or streets in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, using a motor vehicle in fleeing or attempting to elude an officer in violation of Code Section 40-6-395, reckless driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390, reckless stunt driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390.1, or convicted of any offense for which four or more points are assessable under subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-57; and"

"(3) A person who has been issued a Class D driver's license under this subsection and has never been issued a Class C driver's license under this chapter will become eligible for a Class C driver's license under this chapter only if such person has a valid Class D driver's license which is not under suspension and, for a period of not less than 12 consecutive months prior to making application for a Class C driver's license, has not been convicted of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391, hit and run or leaving the scene of an accident in violation of Code Section 40-6-270, racing on highways or streets in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, using a motor vehicle in fleeing or attempting to elude an officer in violation of Code Section 40-6-395, reckless driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390, reckless stunt driving in violation of Code Section 40-6-390.1, or convicted of any offense for which four or more points are assessable under subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-57 and is at least 18 years of age; provided, however, that any person at least 17 years of age who provides proof of military enlistment and meets all other qualifications of this paragraph, except that such person has held a Class D driver's license for a period of less than 12 consecutive months, shall be eligible for a Class C driver's license."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-6-390.1, relating to reckless stunt driving, as follows:

"40-6-390.1.

(a) Any person who operates any vehicle while drag racing, in violation of Code Section 40-6-186, or laying drags, in violation of Code Section 40-6-251, in reckless disregard for the safety of persons on a highway or upon private property without express

authorization from the owner of such property commits the offense of reckless stunt driving and, upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of:

(1) For the first conviction with no conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to a charge of violating this Code section within the previous ten years, a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature to be punished by:

(A) A fine of not less than ~~$300.00 but no~~ $500.00 and not more than ~~$750.00~~ $1,000.00; and

(B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than ten days nor more than six months;

(2) For the second conviction in a ten-year period of time, a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature to be punished by:

(A) A fine of not less than ~~$600.00~~ $750.00 and not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $1,500.00; and

(B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than 90 days and not more than 12 months;

(3) For the third conviction in a ten-year period of time, a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature to be punished by:

(A) A fine of not less than ~~$1,000.00~~ $2,500.00 and not more than $5,000.00; and

(B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than 120 days and not more than 12 months; and

(4) For a fourth or subsequent conviction in a ten-year period of time, a felony to be punished by:

(A) A fine of not less than ~~$1,000.00~~ $5,000.00 and not more than ~~$5,000.00~~ $7,500.00; and

(B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than one year and not more than five years; provided, however, that when a violation of this paragraph results in an injury to another or damage to property over $1,000.00, the first 12 months of such sentence shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld by a sentencing court.

(b)~~(1)~~ Notwithstanding the limits set forth in any municipal charter, any municipal court of any municipality shall be authorized to impose the misdemeanor or high and aggravated misdemeanor punishments provided for in this Code section upon a conviction of violating this Code section or upon a conviction of violating any ordinance adopting the provisions of this Code section.

~~(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section to the contrary, any court authorized to hear misdemeanor or high and aggravated misdemeanor cases involving violations of this Code section shall be authorized to exercise the power to probate, suspend, or stay any sentence imposed.~~

(c)(1) Any motor vehicle operated by a person who has been ~~declared a habitual violator for three violations of this Code section, whose license has been revoked,~~ previously convicted of a violation of this Code section and who is arrested and charged with a violation of this Code section is declared to be contraband and subject to forfeiture in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 16 of Title 9.

(2) In any case where a vehicle which is the only family vehicle is determined to be subject to forfeiture, the court may, if it determines that the financial hardship to the family as a result of the forfeiture and sale outweighs the benefit to the state from such

forfeiture, order the title to the vehicle transferred to such other family member who is a duly licensed operator and who requires the use of such vehicle for employment or family transportation purposes. Such transfer shall be subject to any valid liens and shall be granted only once.

(d) For purposes of this Code section, the occurrence of a previous conviction shall be measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Jones of the 10th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 10.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	E Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	Y Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 10.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 454. By Senators Strickland of the 17th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alimony and child support, so as to provide for guidelines for child support award calculations; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 454:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alimony and child support, so as to provide for guidelines for child support award calculations; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alimony and child support, is amended by revising Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support guidelines for determining amount of award, continuation of duty of support, and duration of support, as follows:

"(a) **Definitions.** As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) Reserved.

(2) 'Adjusted income' means the determination of a parent's monthly gross income, calculated by deducting from that parent's monthly gross income one-half of the amount of any applicable self-employment taxes being paid by the parent, any preexisting order for current child support which is being paid by the parent, and any theoretical child support order for other qualified children, if allowed by the court. For further reference see paragraph (5) of subsection (f) of this Code section.

(3) 'Basic child support obligation' means the monthly amount of support displayed on the basic child support obligation table which corresponds to the parents' combined adjusted gross income and the number of children for whom child support is being determined.

(4) Reserved.

(5) Reserved.

(6) ~~'Child~~ 'Basic child support obligation table' means the chart set forth in subsection (o) of this Code section.

(6.1) 'Child support services' means the entity within the Department of Human Services and its contractors that are authorized to enforce a duty of support.

(7) 'Combined adjusted gross income' means the amount of adjusted gross income of the custodial parent added to the amount of adjusted gross income of the noncustodial parent.

(8) 'Court' means a judge of any court of record or an administrative law judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings.

(9) 'Custodial parent' means:

(A) The ~~the~~ parent with whom the child resides more than 50 percent of the time~~.~~; or

(B) If ~~When a custodial parent has not been designated or when~~ a child resides ~~an equal amount of time, the court shall designate the custodial parent as the parent with the lesser support obligation and the other parent as the noncustodial parent.~~ equally with both parents, the parent who earns the lesser amount of gross income; or

(C) If a ~~When the~~ child resides equally with both parents and neither parent can be determined as ~~owing a greater amount than the other~~ earning the lesser amount of gross income, the court shall determine which parent to designate as the custodial parent for the purpose of this Code section.

(10) 'Deviation' means an increase or decrease from the presumptive amount of child support if the presumed ~~order~~ child support amount is rebutted by evidence and the required findings of fact are made by the court or the jury pursuant to subsection (i) of this Code section.

(11) 'Final child support amount' means the presumptive amount of child support adjusted by ~~any deviations~~:

(A) Any deviations, if applicable;

(B) A low-income adjustment, if applicable;

(C) A credit to the noncustodial parent for any Social Security Administration payments paid to the child from such parent's social security account; and

(D) A credit to the noncustodial parent for any U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs disability payments paid to the child from such parent's veterans affairs account.

A final child support amount is determined for each parent, which reflects each parent's child support responsibility.

(11.1) 'Future uninsured healthcare expenses' means a child's uninsured medical expenses, including, but not limited to, health insurance copayments, deductibles, and such other costs as are reasonably necessary for orthodontia, dental treatment, asthma treatments, physical therapy, vision care, and any acute or chronic medical or health problem or mental health illness, including counseling and other medical or mental health expenses, that are not covered by insurance. For further reference, see paragraph (3) of subsection (h) of this Code section.

(12) 'Gross income' means all income to be included in the calculation of child support as set forth in subsection (f) of this Code section.

(13) 'Health insurance' means any general health or medical policy. For further reference see paragraph (2) of subsection (h) of this Code section.

(13.1) 'Low-income adjustment table' means the chart set forth in subsection (p) of this

Code section.

(14) 'Noncustodial parent' means:

(A) The ~~the~~ parent with whom the child resides less than 50 percent of the time; ~~or~~

(B) If a child resides equally with both parents, the parent who ~~has~~ earns the greater ~~payment obligation for child support.~~ amount of gross income; or

(C) If a ~~When the~~ child resides equally with both parents and neither parent can be determined as ~~owing a lesser amount than the other~~ earning the greater amount of gross income, the court shall determine which parent to designate as the noncustodial parent for the purpose of this Code section.

(15) 'Nonparent custodian' means an individual who has been granted legal custody of a child, or an individual who has a legal right to seek, modify, or enforce a child support order.

(16) 'Parent' means a person who owes a child a duty of support pursuant to Code Section 19-7-2.

(17) 'Parenting time adjustment' means an adjustment reducing the basic child support obligation amount owed by the noncustodial parent to account for expenses incurred during that parent's court ordered parenting time ~~deviation' means a deviation allowed for the noncustodial parent based upon the noncustodial parent's court ordered visitation with the child~~. For further reference see ~~subsections~~ subsection (g) ~~and (i)~~ of this Code section.

(17.1) 'Parenting time unit of measurement' means the unit of measurement used to determine the amount of time each parent has with the child for purposes of calculating the parenting time adjustment. Parenting time shall be determined by calculating the number of days a parent spends with a child in a two-year period for an annual average.

(A) For the purposes of this Code section, 'days' means:

(i) The total number of overnights a parent spends with the child; or

(ii) In circumstances where a parent has shorter but regular and recurring daytime periods with a child, the total hours of parenting time in the annual average divided by 24 hours, including any hours spent overnight, if applicable;

(17.2) 'Payer' means the parent required to physically pay his or her share of child support to either the child's other parent or a nonparent custodian. Typically, but not always, the payer is the same parent who is the noncustodial parent as defined in paragraph (14) of subsection (a) of this Code Section. If, after completing all the applicable schedules of the child support worksheet, the noncustodial parent's child support obligation is a positive number, the noncustodial parent is the payer. If, after completing all the applicable schedules of the child support worksheet, the noncustodial parent's child support obligation is a negative number, then the negative number becomes its positive equivalent and the custodial parent is the payer. For further reference, see paragraph (9) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(18) 'Preexisting order' means:

(A) An order in another case that requires a parent to make child support payments for another child, which child support the parent is actually paying, as evidenced by documentation as provided in division (f)(5)(B)(iii) of this Code section; and

(B) That the date and time of filing with the clerk of court of the initial order for each such other case is earlier than the date and time of filing with the clerk of court of the initial order in the case immediately before the court, regardless of the age of any child in any of the cases.

(19) 'Presumptive amount of child support' means the basic child support obligation including health insurance and work related child care costs.

(20) 'Qualified child' or 'qualified children' means any child:

(A) For whom the parent is legally responsible and in whose home the child resides;

(B) Who the parent is actually supporting;

(C) Who is not subject to a preexisting order; and

(D) Who is not before the court to set, modify, or enforce support in the case immediately under consideration.

Qualified children shall not include stepchildren or other minors in the home who the parent has no legal obligation to support.

(21) 'Split parenting' ~~can occur~~ only occurs in a child support case ~~only~~ if there are two or more children of the same parents, when one parent is the custodial parent for at least one ~~child~~ of the children of the parents, and the other parent is the custodial parent for at least one of the other ~~child of the parents~~ children. In a split parenting case, there shall be a separate worksheet for each custodial parent. For further reference, see subsection (l) of this Code section. ~~In a split parenting case, each parent is the custodial parent of any child spending more than 50 percent of the time with that parent and is the noncustodial parent of any child spending more than 50 percent of the time with the other parent. A split parenting situation shall have two custodial parents and two noncustodial parents, but no child shall have more than one custodial parent or noncustodial parent.~~

(22) 'Theoretical child support order' means a hypothetical child support order for qualified children as calculated in subparagraph (f)(5)(C) of this Code section which allows the court to determine the amount of child support as if a child support order existed.

~~(23) 'Uninsured health care expenses' means a child's uninsured medical expenses including, but not limited to, health insurance copayments, deductibles, and such other costs as are reasonably necessary for orthodontia, dental treatment, asthma treatments, physical therapy, vision care, and any acute or chronic medical or health problem or mental health illness, including counseling and other medical or mental health expenses, that are not covered by insurance. For further reference see paragraph (3) of subsection (h) of this Code section.~~

~~(24)~~(23) 'Work related child care costs' means expenses for the care of the child for whom support is being determined which are due to employment of either parent. In an appropriate case, the court may consider the child care costs associated with a parent's job search or the training or education of a parent necessary to obtain a job or enhance earning potential, not to exceed a reasonable time as determined by the court, if the parent proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the job search, job training, or education will benefit the child being supported. The term shall be projected for the

next consecutive 12 months and averaged to obtain a monthly amount. For further reference, see paragraph (1) of subsection (h) of this Code section.

~~(25)~~(24) 'Worksheet' or 'child support worksheet' means the document used to record information necessary to determine and calculate monthly child support. For further reference see subsection (m) of this Code section.

(a.1)(1) As used in this chapter, the term 'child' means child or children, including any unborn child with a detectable human heartbeat as such terms are defined in Code Section 1-2-1.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section to the contrary, the maximum amount of support which the court may impose on the father of an unborn child under this Code section shall be the amount of direct medical and pregnancy related expenses of the mother of the unborn child. After birth, the provisions of this Code section shall apply in full.

(b) **Process of calculating child support.** Pursuant to this Code section, the determination of monthly child support shall be calculated as follows:

(1) Determine the monthly gross income of both the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section. ~~Gross income may include imputed income, if applicable.~~ The determination of monthly gross income shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule A – Gross Income;

(2) Adjust each parent's monthly gross income by deducting the following from the parents' monthly gross income and entering it on the Child Support Schedule B – Adjusted Income if any of the following apply:

(A) One-half of the amount of self-employment taxes;

(B) Preexisting orders; and

(C) Theoretical child support order for qualified children, if allowed by the court;

(3) Add each parent's adjusted gross income together;

(4) Locate the basic child support obligation by referring to the basic child support obligation table. ~~Using~~ Locate the figure closest to the amount of the parents' combined adjusted gross income~~, locate the amount of the basic child support obligation~~ as found in the left-most column of the table and then locate the number of children for whom support is being determined in the top row. Locate where such column and such row intersect to identify the basic child support obligation amount. If the parents' combined adjusted gross income falls between the amounts shown in the table, then the basic child support obligation shall be based on the income bracket most closely matched to the parents' combined adjusted gross income. The basic child support obligation amount ~~stated~~ determined using this process and the basic child support obligation table located in subsection (o) of this Code section shall be rebuttably presumed to be ~~the~~ appropriate ~~amount of child support to be provided by the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent prior to consideration of health insurance, work related child care costs, and deviations~~;

(5) Calculate the pro rata share of the basic child support obligation for the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent by dividing the combined adjusted gross income into each parent's adjusted gross income to arrive at each parent's pro rata percentage of the

basic child support obligation;

(5.1) Adjust the noncustodial parent's share of the basic child support obligation amount to account for such parent's expenses incurred during his or her court ordered parenting time by following the steps in subsection (g) of this Code section, and the determination of the parenting time adjustment shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule C – Parenting Time Adjustment;

(6) Find ~~the adjusted child support obligation amount~~ the presumptive amount of child support by adding the additional expenses of ~~the costs of~~ health insurance premiums for the child and work related child care costs~~, prorating such expenses in accordance with each parent's pro rata share of the obligation and adding such expenses to the pro rata share of the basic child support obligation. The monthly cost of health insurance premiums and work related child care costs shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule D – Additional Expenses. The pro rata share of the monthly basic child support obligation and the pro rata share of the combined additional expenses shall be added together to create the monthly adjusted child support obligation~~ following the steps in subsection (h) of this Code section, and the determination of the presumptive amount of child support shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule D – Additional Expenses;

(7) ~~Determine the amount of child support for the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent resulting in a monthly sum certain payment due to the custodial parent by assigning or deducting credit for actual payments for health insurance and work related child care costs from the basic child support obligation;~~

~~(8) In accordance with subsection (i) of this Code section, deviations subtracted from or added to the presumptive amount of child support shall be applied, if applicable, and if supported by the required findings of fact and application of the best interest of the child standard. The proposed deviations shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule E – Deviations.~~ Account for deviations, if applicable, as supported by the required findings of fact, and apply the best interest of the child standard by following the steps in subsection (i); the determination of any such deviation shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule E – Deviations. In the court's or the jury's discretion, deviations may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(A) High income;

~~(B) Low income;~~

~~(C)~~(B) Other health related insurance;

~~(D)~~(C) Life insurance;

~~(E)~~(D) Child and dependent care tax credit;

~~(F)~~(E) Travel expenses;

~~(G)~~(F) Alimony;

~~(H)~~(G) Mortgage;

~~(I)~~(H) Permanency plan or foster care plan;

~~(J)~~(I) Extraordinary expenses; and

~~(K) Parenting time; and~~

~~(L)~~(J) Nonspecific deviations;

(8) Make a low-income adjustment, if applicable, to the parent's presumptive amount of child support as changed by deviations, if applicable, by following the steps in subsection (i.1) of this Code section. The Georgia Child Support Calculator will automatically perform this function.

(9)(A) If the noncustodial parent's child support obligation is shown as a positive amount, then the noncustodial parent is the payer of child support;

(B) If the noncustodial parent's child support obligation is shown as a negative amount, then the custodial parent is the payer of child support. The child support amount owed from the custodial parent (payer) to the noncustodial parent is the positive equivalent of the negative amount, and this will be the amount to be paid to the noncustodial parent by the custodial parent.

~~(9)~~(10) Any benefits which the child receives under Title II of the federal Social Security Act or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs due to the noncustodial parent's disability shall be applied against the noncustodial parent's final child support amount. The final child support amount for each parent shall be entered on the child support worksheet, together with the information from each of the utilized schedules;

~~(10)~~(11) The parents shall allocate the future uninsured ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses which shall be based on the pro rata responsibility of the parents or as otherwise ordered by the court. Each parent's pro rata responsibility for future uninsured ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses shall be entered on the child support worksheet; and

~~(11) In a split parenting case, there shall be a separate calculation and final order for each parent; and~~

(12) When there is more than one child for whom support is being determined, the court shall establish the amount of support and the duration of such support in accordance with subsection (e) of this Code section. When, within two years of a final order being entered, there is a likelihood that a child will become ineligible to receive support, the court may allow for the use of separate worksheets. Separate worksheets shall show the final child support amount to be paid for all such children and the adjusted amount of support to be paid as each child becomes ineligible to receive support during such two-year period. Such worksheets shall be attached to the final order. Such order shall contain findings as required by law. A final order entered pursuant to this paragraph shall not preclude a petition for modification.

(c) **Applicability and required findings.**

(1) The child support guidelines contained in this Code section are a minimum basis for determining the amount of child support and shall apply as a rebuttable presumption in all legal proceedings involving the child support responsibility of a parent. This Code section shall be used when the court enters a temporary or permanent child support order in a contested or noncontested hearing or order in a civil action filed pursuant to Code Section 19-13-4. The rebuttable presumptive amount of child support provided by this Code section may be increased or decreased according to the best interest of the child for whom support is being considered, the circumstances of the parties, the grounds for deviation set forth in subsection (i) of this Code section, and to achieve the state policy of affording to children of unmarried parents, to the extent possible, the

same economic standard of living enjoyed by children living in intact families consisting of parents with similar financial means.

(2) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply with respect to any divorce case in which there are no minor children, except to the limited extent authorized by subsection (e) of this Code section. In the final judgment or decree in a divorce case in which there are minor children, or in other cases which are governed by the provisions of this Code section, the court shall:

(A) Specify in what sum certain amount, the duration of such support, and from which parent the child is entitled to permanent support as determined by use of the worksheet or multiple worksheets when ~~there is more than one minor child~~ paragraph (12) of subsection (b) of this Code section applies;

(B) Specify in what manner, how often, to whom, and until when the support shall be paid;

(C) Include a written finding of each parent's gross income as determined by the court or the jury;

(D) Determine whether health insurance for the child involved is reasonably available at a reasonable cost to either parent. If the health insurance is reasonably available at a reasonable cost to the parent, then the court shall order that the child be covered under such health insurance;

(E) Include written findings of fact as to whether one or more of the deviations allowed under this Code section are applicable, and if one or more such deviations are applicable as determined by the court or the jury, the written findings of fact shall further set forth:

(i) The reasons the court or the jury deviated from the presumptive amount of child support;

(ii) The amount of child support that would have been required under this Code section if the presumptive amount of child support had not been rebutted; and

(iii) A finding that states how the court's or the jury's application of the child support guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate considering the relative ability of each parent to provide support and how the best interest of the child who is subject to the child support determination is served by deviation from the presumptive amount of child support;

(F) Specify the amount of the noncustodial parent's court ordered parenting time ~~as set forth in the order of visitation~~;

(G) If any credit is given to the noncustodial parent as provided in paragraphs (3) and (3.1) of subsection (f) of this Code section, include ~~Include~~ a written finding regarding the use of benefits received under Title II of the federal Social Security Act and the use of benefits received under the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Disability in the calculation of the amount of child support; and

(H) Specify the percentage of future uninsured ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses for which each parent shall be responsible.

(3) When child support is ordered, the party who is required to pay the child support shall not be liable to third persons for necessaries furnished to the child embraced in the

judgment or decree.

(4) In all cases, the parties shall submit to the court their worksheets and schedules and the presence or absence of other factors to be considered by the court or the jury pursuant to the provisions of this Code section.

(5) In any case in which the gross income of the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent is determined by a jury, the court shall charge the provisions of this Code section applicable to the determination of gross income. The jury shall be required to return a special interrogatory determining gross income. The court shall determine adjusted gross income, health insurance costs, and work related child care costs. Based upon the jury's verdict as to gross income, the court shall determine the presumptive amount of child support in accordance with the provisions of this Code section. The court shall inform the jury of the presumptive amount of child support and the identity of the custodial and noncustodial parents. In the final instructions to the jury, the court shall charge the provisions of this Code section applicable to the determination of deviations and the jury shall be required to return a special interrogatory as to deviations and the final award of child support. The court shall include its findings and the jury's verdict on the child support worksheet in accordance with this Code section and Code Section 19-5-12.

(6) Nothing contained within this Code section shall prevent the parties from entering into an enforceable agreement contrary to the presumptive amount of child support which may be made the order of the court pursuant to review by the court of the adequacy of the child support amounts negotiated by the parties, including the provision for medical expenses and health insurance; provided, however, that if the agreement negotiated by the parties does not comply with the provisions contained in this Code section and does not contain findings of fact as required to support a deviation, the court shall reject such agreement.

(7) In any case filed pursuant to Chapter 11 of this title, relating to the 'Child Support Recovery Act,' the 'Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act,' or the 'Uniform Interstate Family Support Act,' the court shall make all determinations of fact, including gross income and deviations, and a jury shall not hear any issue related to such cases.

(d) **Nature of guidelines; court's discretion.** In the event of a hearing or trial on the issue of child support, the guidelines enumerated in this Code section are intended by the General Assembly to be guidelines only and any court so applying such guidelines shall not abrogate its responsibility in making the final determination of child support based on the evidence presented to it at the time of the hearing or trial. A court's final determination of child support shall take into account the ~~obligor's~~ noncustodial parent's earnings, income, and other evidence of the ~~obligor's~~ noncustodial parent's ability to pay. The court or the jury shall also consider the basic subsistence needs of the parents and the child for whom support is to be provided.

(e) **Duration of child support responsibility.** The duty to provide support for a minor child shall continue until the child reaches the age of majority, dies, marries, or becomes emancipated, whichever first occurs; provided, however, that, in any temporary, final, or modified order for child support with respect to any proceeding for divorce, separate

maintenance, legitimacy, or paternity entered on or after July 1, 1992, the court, in the exercise of sound discretion, may direct either or both parents to provide financial assistance to a child who has not previously married or become emancipated, who is enrolled in and attending a secondary school, and who has attained the age of majority before completing his or her secondary school education, provided that such financial assistance shall not be required after a child attains 20 years of age. The provisions for child support provided in this subsection may be enforced by either parent, by any nonparent custodian, by a guardian appointed to receive child support for the child for whose benefit the child support is ordered, or by the child for whose benefit the child support is ordered.

(f) **Gross income.**

(1) **Inclusion to gross income.**

(A) **Attributable income.** Gross income of each parent shall be determined in the process of setting the presumptive amount of child support and shall include all income from any source, before deductions for taxes and other deductions such as preexisting orders for child support and credits for other qualified children, whether earned or unearned, and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(i) Salaries;

(ii) Commissions, fees, and tips;

(iii) Income from self-employment;

(iv) Bonuses;

(v) Overtime payments;

(vi) Severance pay;

(vii) Recurring income from pensions or retirement plans, including, but not limited to, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, Keoghs, and individual retirement accounts;

(viii) Interest income;

(ix) Dividend income;

(x) Trust income;

(xi) Income from annuities;

(xii) Capital gains;

(xiii) Disability or retirement benefits that are received from the Social Security Administration pursuant to Title II of the federal Social Security Act;

(xiv) Disability benefits that are received pursuant to the federal Veterans' Benefits Act of 2010, 38 U.S.C. Section 101, et seq.;

(xv) Workers' compensation benefits, whether temporary or permanent;

(xvi) Unemployment insurance benefits;

(xvii) Judgments recovered for personal injuries and awards from other civil actions;

(xviii) Gifts that consist of cash or other liquid instruments, or which can be converted to cash;

(xix) Prizes;

(xx) Lottery winnings;

(xxi) Alimony or maintenance received from persons other than parties to the proceeding before the court;

(xxii) Assets which are used for the support of the family; and

(xxiii) Other income.

(B) **Self-employment income.** Income from self-employment includes income from, but not limited to, business operations, work as an independent contractor or consultant, sales of goods or services, and rental properties, less ordinary and reasonable expenses necessary to produce such income. Income from self-employment, rent, royalties, proprietorship of a business, or joint ownership of a partnership, limited liability company, or closely held corporation is defined as gross receipts minus ordinary and reasonable expenses required for self-employment or business operations. Ordinary and reasonable expenses of self-employment or business operations necessary to produce income do not include:

(i) Excessive promotional, travel, vehicle, or personal living expenses, depreciation on equipment, or costs of operation of home offices; or

(ii) Amounts allowable by the Internal Revenue Service for the accelerated component of depreciation expenses, investment tax credits, or any other business expenses determined by the court or the jury to be inappropriate for determining gross income.

In general, income and expenses from self-employment or operation of a business should be carefully reviewed by the court or the jury to determine an appropriate level of gross income available to the parent to satisfy a child support obligation. Generally, this amount will differ from a determination of business income for tax purposes.

(C) **Fringe benefits.** Fringe benefits for inclusion as income or 'in kind' remuneration received by a parent in the course of employment, or operation of a trade or business, shall be counted as income if the benefits significantly reduce personal living expenses. Such fringe benefits might include, but are not limited to, use of a company car, housing, or room and board. Fringe benefits shall not include employee benefits that are typically added to the salary, wage, or other compensation that a parent may receive as a standard added benefit, including, but not limited to, employer paid portions of health insurance premiums or employer contributions to a retirement or pension plan.

(D) **Variable income.** Variable income such as commissions, bonuses, overtime pay, military bonuses, and dividends shall be averaged by the court or the jury over a reasonable period of time consistent with the circumstances of the case and added to a parent's fixed salary or wages to determine gross income. When income is received on an irregular, nonrecurring, or one-time basis, the court or the jury may, but is not required to, average or prorate the income over a reasonable specified period of time or require the parent to pay as a one-time support amount a percentage of his or her nonrecurring income, taking into consideration the percentage of recurring income of that parent.

(E) **Military compensation and allowances.** Income for a parent who is an active

duty member of the regular or reserve component of the United States armed forces, the United States Coast Guard, the merchant marine of the United States, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Guard, or the Air National Guard shall include:

(i) Base pay;

(ii) Drill pay;

(iii) Basic allowance for subsistence, whether paid directly to the parent or received in-kind; and

(iv) Basic allowance for housing, whether paid directly to the parent or received in-kind, determined at the parent's pay grade at the without dependent rate, but shall include only so much of the allowance that is not attributable to area variable housing costs.

Except as determined by the court or the jury, special pay or incentive pay, allowances for clothing or family separation, and reimbursed expenses related to the parent's assignment to a high cost of living location shall not be considered income for the purpose of determining gross income.

(2) **Exclusions from gross income.** Excluded from gross income are the following:

(A) Child support payments received by either parent for the benefit of a child of another relationship;

(B) Benefits received from means-tested public assistance programs such as, but not limited to:

(i) PeachCare for Kids Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, or similar programs in other states or territories under Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act;

(ii) Food stamps or the value of food assistance provided by way of electronic benefits transfer procedures by the Department of Human Services;

(iii) Supplemental security income received under Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act;

(iv) Benefits received under Section 402(d) of the federal Social Security Act for disabled adult children of deceased disabled workers; and

(v) Low-income heating and energy assistance program payments;

(C) Foster care payments paid by the Department of Human Services or a licensed child-placing agency for providing foster care to a foster child in the custody of the Department of Human Services;

(D) A nonparent custodian's gross income; and

(E) Benefits received under Title IV-B or IV-E of the federal Social Security Act and state funding associated therewith for adoption assistance.

(3) **Social Security benefits.**

(A) Benefits received under Title II of the federal Social Security Act by a child on the ~~obligor's~~ noncustodial parent's account shall be counted as child support payments and shall be applied against the final child support amount to be paid by the ~~obligor~~ noncustodial parent for the child.

(B) After calculating the ~~obligor's~~ noncustodial parent's monthly gross income, including the countable social security benefits as specified in division (1)(A)(xiii) of this subsection, and after calculating the amount of child support, if the presumptive amount of child support, as increased or decreased by deviations, is greater than the social security benefits paid on behalf of the child on the ~~obligor's~~ noncustodial parent's account, the ~~obligor~~ noncustodial parent shall be required to pay the amount exceeding the social security benefit as part of the final order in the case.

(C) After calculating the ~~obligor's~~ noncustodial parent's monthly gross income, including the countable social security benefits as specified in division (1)(A)(xiii) of this subsection, and after calculating the amount of child support, if the presumptive amount of child support, as increased or decreased by deviations, is equal to or less than the social security benefits paid to the nonparent custodian or custodial parent on behalf of the child on the ~~obligor's~~ noncustodial parent's account, the child support responsibility of that parent shall have been met and no further child support shall be paid.

(D) Any benefit amounts under Title II of the federal Social Security Act as determined by the Social Security Administration sent to the nonparent custodian or custodial parent by the Social Security Administration for the child's benefit which are greater than the final child support amount shall be retained by the nonparent custodian or custodial parent for the child's benefit and shall not be used as a reason for decreasing the final child support amount or reducing arrearages.

(3.1) United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits.

(A) Benefits received under the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability benefits by a child on the noncustodial parent's account shall be counted as child support payments and shall be applied against the final child support amount to be paid by the noncustodial parent for the child.

(B) After determining the noncustodial parent's monthly gross income, including the VA disability benefits and after calculating the amount of child support per subsection (b) of this Code section, if the presumptive amount of child support, as increased or decreased by deviations, is greater than the VA disability benefits paid on behalf of the child on the noncustodial parent's account, the noncustodial parent shall be required to pay the amount exceeding the VA disability benefit as the final child support amount.

(C) After determining the noncustodial parent's monthly gross income, including the countable VA disability benefits paid, and after calculating the amount of child support per subsection (b) of this Code section, if the presumptive amount of child support, as increased or decreased by deviations, is equal to or less than the VA disability benefits paid on behalf of the child on the noncustodial parent's account, the child support responsibility of the noncustodial parent shall have been met and no further child support shall be paid.

(D) Any benefit amounts received under the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability sent to the nonparent custodian or custodial parent by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for the child's benefit which are greater

than the final child support amount shall be retained by the nonparent custodian or custodial parent for the child's benefit and shall not be used as a reason for decreasing the final child support amount or reducing arrearages.

(4) **Reliable evidence of income.**

(A) **Imputed income.** When establishing the amount of child support, if a parent fails to produce reliable evidence of income, such as tax returns for prior years, check stubs, or other information for determining current ability to pay child support or ability to pay child support in prior years, and the court or the jury has no other reliable evidence of the parent's income or income potential, gross income for the current year may be imputed. When imputing income, the court or the jury shall take into account the specific circumstances of the parent to the extent known, including such factors as the parent's assets, residence, employment and earnings history, job skills, educational attainment, literacy, age, health, criminal record and other employment barriers, and record of seeking work, as well as the local job market, the availability of employers willing to hire the parent, prevailing earnings level in the local community, and other relevant background factors in the case. If a parent is incarcerated, the court or the jury shall not assume an ability for earning capacity based upon pre-incarceration wages or other employment related income, but income may be imputed based upon the actual income and assets available to such incarcerated parent.

(B) **Modification.** When cases with established orders are reviewed for modification and a parent fails to produce reliable evidence of income, such as tax returns for prior years, check stubs, or other information for determining current ability to pay child support or ability to pay child support in prior years, and the court or the jury has no other reliable evidence of such parent's income or income potential, the court or the jury may impute income as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, or may increase the child support of the parent failing or refusing to produce evidence of income by an increment of at least 10 percent per year of such parent's gross income for each year since the final order was entered or last modified and shall calculate the basic child support obligation using the increased amount as such parent's gross income.

(C) **Rehearing.** If income is imputed pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the party believing the income of the other party is higher than the amount imputed may provide within 90 days, upon motion to the court, evidence necessary to determine the appropriate amount of child support based upon reliable evidence. A hearing shall be scheduled after the motion is filed. The court may increase, decrease, or leave unchanged the amount of current child support from the date of filing of either parent's initial filing or motion for reconsideration. While the motion for reconsideration is pending, the ~~obligor~~ noncustodial parent shall be responsible for the amount of child support originally ordered. Arrearages entered in the original child support order based upon imputed income shall not be forgiven. When there is reliable evidence to support a motion for reconsideration of the amount of income imputed, the party seeking reconsideration shall not be required to prove the existence

of grounds for modification of an order pursuant to subsection (k) of this Code section.

(D) **Willful or voluntary unemployment or underemployment.** In determining whether a parent is willfully or voluntarily unemployed or underemployed, the court or the jury shall ascertain the reasons for the parent's occupational choices and assess the reasonableness of these choices in light of the parent's responsibility to support his or her child and whether such choices benefit the child. A determination of willful or voluntary unemployment or underemployment shall not be limited to occupational choices motivated only by an intent to avoid or reduce the payment of child support but can be based on any intentional choice or act that affects a parent's income. A determination of willful or voluntary unemployment or underemployment shall not be made when an individual's incarceration prevents employment. In determining willful or voluntary unemployment or underemployment, the court or the jury may examine whether there is a substantial likelihood that the parent could, with reasonable effort, apply his or her education, skills, or training to produce income. Specific factors for the court or the jury to consider when determining willful or voluntary unemployment or underemployment include, but are not limited to:

(i) The parent's past and present employment;

(ii) The parent's education and training;

(iii) Whether unemployment or underemployment for the purpose of pursuing additional training or education is reasonable in light of the parent's responsibility to support his or her child and, to this end, whether the training or education may ultimately benefit the child in the case immediately under consideration by increasing the parent's level of support for that child in the future;

(iv) A parent's ownership of valuable assets and resources, such as an expensive home or automobile, that appear inappropriate or unreasonable for the income claimed by the parent;

(v) The parent's own health and ability to work outside the home; and

(vi) The parent's role as caretaker of a child of that parent, a disabled or seriously ill child of that parent, or a disabled or seriously ill adult child of that parent, or any other disabled or seriously ill relative for whom that parent has assumed the role of caretaker, which eliminates or substantially reduces the parent's ability to work outside the home, and the need of that parent to continue in the role of caretaker in the future. When considering the income potential of a parent whose work experience is limited due to the caretaker role of that parent, the court or the jury shall consider the following factors:

(I) Whether the parent acted in the role of full-time caretaker immediately prior to separation by the married parties or prior to the divorce or annulment of the marriage or dissolution of another relationship in which the parent was a full-time caretaker;

(II) The length of time the parent staying at home has remained out of the work force for this purpose;

(III) The parent's education, training, and ability to work; and

(IV) Whether the parent is caring for a child who is four years of age or younger. If the court or the jury determines that a parent is willfully or voluntarily unemployed or underemployed, child support shall be calculated based on a determination of earning capacity, as evidenced by educational level or previous work experience. In the absence of any other reliable evidence, income may be imputed to the parent as provided for in subparagraph (f)(4)(A) of this Code section.

A determination of willful and voluntary unemployment or underemployment shall not be made when an individual is activated from the National Guard or other armed forces unit or enlists or is drafted for full-time service in the armed forces of the United States.

(5) **Adjustments to gross income.**

(A) **Self-employment.** One-half of the self-employment and Medicare taxes shall be calculated as follows:

(i) Six and two-tenths percent of self-employment income up to the maximum amount to which federal old age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) applies; plus

(ii) One and forty-five one-hundredths of a percent of self-employment income for Medicare

and this amount shall be deducted from a self-employed parent's monthly gross income.

(B) **Preexisting orders.** An adjustment to the parent's monthly gross income shall be made on the Child Support Schedule B – Adjusted Income for current preexisting orders for a period of not less than 12 months immediately prior to the date of the hearing or such period that an order has been in effect if less than 12 months prior to the date of the hearing before the court to set, modify, or enforce child support.

(i) In calculating the adjustment for preexisting orders, the court shall include only those preexisting orders meeting the criteria set forth in subparagraph (a)(18)(B) of this Code section;

(ii) The priority for preexisting orders shall be determined by the date and time of filing with the clerk of court of the initial order in each case. Subsequent modifications of the initial support order shall not affect the priority position established by the date and time of the initial order. In any modification proceeding, the court rendering the decision shall make a specific finding of the date, and time if known, of the initial order of the case;

(iii) Adjustments shall be allowed for current preexisting support only to the extent that the payments are actually being paid as evidenced by documentation including, but not limited to, payment history from a court clerk, the child support services' computer data base, the child support payment history, or canceled checks or other written proof of payments paid directly to the other parent. The maximum credit allowed for a preexisting order is an average of the amount of current support actually paid under the preexisting order over the past 12 months prior to the hearing date;

(iv) All preexisting orders shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule B – Adjusted Income for the purpose of calculating the total amount of the credit to be included on the child support worksheet; and

(v) Payments being made by a parent on any arrearages shall not be considered payments on preexisting orders or subsequent orders and shall not be used as a basis for reducing gross income.

(C) **Theoretical child support orders.** In addition to the adjustments to monthly gross income for self-employment taxes provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and for preexisting orders provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, credits for either parent's other qualified child living in the parent's home for whom the parent owes a legal duty of support may be considered by the court for the purpose of reducing the parent's gross income. To consider a parent's other qualified children for determining the theoretical child support order, a parent shall present documentary evidence of the parent-child relationship to the court. Adjustments to income pursuant to this subparagraph may be considered in such circumstances in which the failure to consider a qualified child would cause substantial hardship to the parent; provided, however, that such consideration of an adjustment shall be based upon the best interest of the child for whom child support is being awarded. If the court, in its discretion, decides to apply the qualified child adjustment, the basic child support obligation of the parent for the number of other qualified children living with such parent shall be determined based upon that parent's monthly gross income. Except for self-employment taxes paid, no other amounts shall be subtracted from the parent's monthly gross income when calculating a theoretical child support order under this subparagraph. The basic child support obligation for such parent shall be multiplied by 75 percent and the resulting amount shall be subtracted from such parent's monthly gross income and entered on the Child Support Schedule B – Adjusted Income.

(D) **Multiple family situations.** In multiple family situations, the priority of adjustments to a parent's monthly gross income shall be calculated in the following order:

(i) Preexisting orders according to the date and time of the initial order as set forth in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph; and

(ii) Application of any credit for a parent's other qualified children using the procedure set forth in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(g)(1) **Parenting time ~~deviation~~ adjustment.** ~~The court or the jury may deviate from the presumptive amount of child support as set forth in subparagraph (i)(2)(K) of this Code section.~~

(A) The amounts listed in Georgia's basic child support obligation table are based on commensurate expenses for a child in intact families. Accordingly, there is no accounting for parenting time built into the basic child support obligation table. When a noncustodial parent has court ordered parenting time with a child, some of the expenses represented by the amount in the basic child support obligation table are incurred by the noncustodial parent. Those expenses incurred by the noncustodial parent are accounted for in the parenting time adjustment.

(B) The parenting time adjustment reduces the basic child support obligation amount for the noncustodial parent to account for court ordered parenting time as defined by the term parenting time unit of measurement in paragraph (17.1) of subsection (a) of this Code section. This adjustment could reduce the noncustodial parent's share of the basic child support obligation amount to zero or, in some circumstances where the custodial parent's gross income exceeds the noncustodial parent's gross income, increase the custodial parent's amount of the basic child support obligation to an amount higher than the noncustodial parent.

(C) For purposes of this Code section, the amount of a parent's parenting time is measured as defined by the term parenting time unit of measurement in subparagraph (17.1) of subsection (a) of this Code section. Parenting time includes time with the child whether it is designated as visitation, physical custody, or parenting time. This parenting time adjustment shall only be used to account for court ordered parenting time. If there is no court order awarding parenting time, the court shall determine the child support obligation without the use of this parenting time adjustment.

(2) Calculation of parenting time adjustment.

(A) In the calculation below:

(i) If there are multiple children with varying degrees of court ordered parenting time, use the average number of court ordered days;

(ii) In split parenting cases, as provided for in subsection (l) of this Code section, where two worksheets are prepared, the parenting time adjustment as outlined in this subsection shall be used when preparing both worksheets;

(B) The court shall apply the following formula to determine the parenting time adjustment:

(i) Raise to the power of 2.5 the number of court ordered days the noncustodial parent has with the child;

(ii) Raise to the power of 2.5 the number of court ordered days the custodial parent has with the child;

(iii) Multiply the result of clause (i) by the dollar amount of the custodial parent's share of the basic child support obligation;

(iv) Multiply the result of clause (ii) by the dollar amount of the noncustodial parent's share of the basic child support obligation;

(v) Subtract the result of clause (iv) from the result of clause (iii);

(vi) Divide the result of clause (v) by the sum of clauses (i) and (ii);

(vii) Add the result of clause (vi) to the noncustodial parent's basic child support obligation amount; and

(viii) The amount of the noncustodial parent's parenting time adjustment is the result of clause (vii).

(C) The determination of the parenting time adjustment shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule C - Parenting Time Adjustment.

(h) ~~**Adjusted support obligation**~~ **Additional expenses.** The basic child support obligation table does not include the cost of the parent's work related child care costs, health insurance premiums, or future uninsured ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses. The

additional expenses for the child's health insurance premiums and work related child care costs shall be included in the calculations to determine child support~~.~~, including a ~~A~~ nonparent custodian's expenses for work related child care costs and health insurance premiums, which shall be taken into account when establishing a final order. Calculate the amount of the additional expenses for the costs of health insurance and work related child care, prorating such expenses in accordance with each parent's pro rata share of the obligation and adding such expenses to the pro rata share of the basic child support obligation. The monthly cost of health insurance premiums and work related child care costs shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule D - Additional Expenses. The pro rata share of the monthly basic child support obligation and the pro rata share of the combined additional expenses shall be added together to create the presumptive amount of child support.

(1) **Work related child care costs.**

(A) Work related child care costs necessary for the parent's employment, education, or vocational training that are determined by the court to be appropriate, and that are appropriate to the parents' financial abilities and to the lifestyle of the child if the parents and child were living together, shall be averaged for a monthly amount and entered on ~~the child support worksheet in~~ Schedule D under the column of the parent initially paying the expense. Work related child care costs of a nonparent custodian shall be considered when determining the amount of this expense.

(B) If a child care subsidy is being provided pursuant to a means-tested public assistance program, only the amount of the child care expense actually paid by either parent or a nonparent custodian shall be included in the calculation.

(C) If either parent is the provider of child care services to the child for whom support is being determined, the value of those services shall not be an adjustment to the basic child support obligation when calculating the support award.

(D) If child care is provided without charge to the parent, the value of these services shall not be an adjustment to the basic child support obligation. If child care is or will be provided by a person who is paid for his or her services, proof of actual cost or payment shall be shown to the court before the court includes such payment in its consideration.

(E) The amount of work related child care costs shall be determined and added as an adjustment to the basic child support obligation as 'additional expenses' whether paid directly by the parent or through a payroll deduction.

(F)(i) The total amount of work related child care costs shall be divided between the parents pro rata to determine the presumptive amount of child support and shall be included in the worksheet and the final order.

(ii) In situations in which work related child care costs may be variable, the court or the jury may, in its discretion, remove work related child care costs from the calculation of support, and divide the work related child care costs pro rata, to be paid within a time specified in the final order. If a parent or nonparent custodian fails to comply with the final order:

(I) The other parent or nonparent custodian may enforce payment of the work

related child care costs by any means permitted by law; or

(II) Child support services shall pursue enforcement when such unpaid costs have been reduced to a judgment in a sum certain.

(2) **Cost of health insurance premiums.**

(A)(i) The amount that is, or will be, paid by a parent for health insurance for the child for whom support is being determined shall be an adjustment to the basic child support obligation and prorated between the parents based upon their respective incomes. Payments made by a parent's employer for health insurance and not deducted from the parent's wages shall not be included. When a child for whom support is being determined is covered by a family policy, only the health insurance premium actually attributable to that child shall be added.

(ii) The amount of the cost for the child's health insurance premium shall be determined and added as an adjustment to the basic child support obligation as 'additional expenses' whether paid directly by the parent or through a payroll deduction.

(iii) The total amount of the cost for the child's health insurance premium shall be divided between the parents pro rata to determine the total presumptive amount of child support and shall be included in the Child Support Schedule D – Additional Expenses and written order of the court together with the amount of the basic child support obligation.

(B)(i) If either parent has health insurance reasonably available at reasonable cost that provides for the ~~health care~~ healthcare needs of the child, then an amount to cover the cost of the premium shall be added as an adjustment to the basic child support obligation. A health insurance premium paid by a nonparent custodian shall be included when determining the amount of health insurance expense. In determining the amount to be added to the order for the health insurance cost, only the amount of the health insurance cost attributable to the child who is the subject of the order shall be included.

(ii) If coverage is applicable to other persons and the amount of the health insurance premium attributable to the child who is the subject of the current action for support is not verifiable, the total cost to the parent paying the premium shall be prorated by the number of persons covered so that only the cost attributable to the child who is the subject of the order under consideration is included. The amount of health insurance premium shall be determined by dividing the total amount of the insurance premium by the number of persons covered by the insurance policy and multiplying the resulting amount by the number of children for whom support is being determined and who are covered by the insurance policy. The monthly cost of health insurance premium shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule D – Additional Expenses in the column of the parent paying the premium.

(iii) Eligibility for or enrollment of the child in Medicaid, the PeachCare for Kids Program, or other public ~~health care~~ healthcare program shall satisfy the requirement that the final order provide for the child's ~~health care~~ healthcare needs. Health coverage through Medicaid, the PeachCare for Kids Program, or other public

~~health care~~ healthcare program shall not prevent a court from also ordering either or both parents to obtain other health insurance for the child.

(3) Future uninsured healthcare ~~Uninsured health care~~ expenses.

(A) The child's future uninsured ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses shall be the financial responsibility of both parents. The final order shall include provisions for payment of future uninsured ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses; provided, however, that future uninsured ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses shall not be used for the purpose of calculating the amount of child support. The parents shall divide the future uninsured ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses pro rata, unless otherwise specifically ordered by the court.

(B) If a parent fails to pay his or her pro rata share of the child's future uninsured ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses, as specified in the final order, within a reasonable time after receipt of evidence documenting the uninsured portion of the expense:

(i) The other parent or the nonparent custodian may enforce payment of the expense by any means permitted by law; or

(ii) Child support services shall pursue enforcement of payment of such unpaid expenses only if the unpaid expenses have been reduced to a judgment in a sum certain amount.

(i) **Grounds for deviation.**

(1) **General principles.**

(A) The amount of child support established by this Code section and the presumptive amount of child support are rebuttable and the court or the jury may deviate from the presumptive amount of child support in compliance with this subsection. In deviating from the presumptive amount of child support, consideration shall be given to the best interest of the child for whom support under this Code section is being determined. A nonparent custodian's expenses may be the basis for a deviation as well as a noncustodial parent's ability or inability to pay the presumptive amount of child support.

(B) When ordering a deviation from the presumptive amount of child support, the court or the jury shall consider all available income of the parents and shall make written findings or special interrogatory findings that an amount of child support other than the amount calculated is reasonably necessary to provide for the needs of the child for whom child support is being determined and the order or special interrogatory shall state:

(i) The reasons for the deviation from the presumptive amount of child support;

(ii) The amount of child support that would have been required under this Code section if the presumptive amount of child support had not been rebutted; and

(iii) How, in its determination:

(I) Application of the presumptive amount of child support would be unjust or inappropriate; and

(II) The best interest of the child for whom support is being determined will be served by deviation from the presumptive amount of child support.

(C) No deviation in the presumptive amount of child support shall be made which

seriously impairs the ability of the custodial parent to maintain minimally adequate housing, food, and clothing for the child being supported by the order and to provide other basic necessities, as determined by the court or the jury.

(D) If the circumstances which supported the deviation cease to exist, the final order may be modified as set forth in subsection (k) of this Code section to eliminate the deviation.

(2) **Specific deviations.**

(A) **High income.** For purposes of this subparagraph, parents are considered to be high-income parents if their combined adjusted gross income exceeds ~~$30,000.00~~ $40,000.00 per month. For high-income parents, the court shall set the basic child support obligation at the highest amount allowed by the basic child support obligation table but the court or the jury may consider an upward deviation to attain an appropriate award of child support for high-income parents which is consistent with the best interest of the child.

(B) ~~**Low income.**~~

~~(i) If the noncustodial parent can provide evidence sufficient to demonstrate no earning capacity or that his or her pro rata share of the presumptive amount of child support would create an extreme economic hardship for such parent, the court or the jury may consider a low-income deviation.~~

~~(ii) A noncustodial parent whose sole source of income is supplemental security income received under Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act shall be considered to have no earning capacity.~~

~~(iii) The court or the jury shall examine all attributable and excluded sources of income, assets, and benefits available to the noncustodial parent and may consider the noncustodial parent's basic subsistence needs and all of his or her reasonable expenses, ensuring that such expenses are actually paid by the noncustodial parent and are clearly justified expenses.~~

~~(iv) In considering a request for a low-income deviation, the court or the jury shall then weigh the income and all attributable and excluded sources of income, assets, and benefits and all reasonable expenses of each parent, the relative hardship that a reduction in the amount of child support paid to the custodial parent would have on the custodial parent's household, the needs of each parent, the needs of the child for whom child support is being determined, and the ability of the noncustodial parent to pay child support.~~

~~(v) Following a review of the noncustodial parent's gross income and expenses, and taking into account each parent's basic child support obligation adjusted by health insurance and work related child care costs and the relative hardships on the parents and the child, the court or the jury, upon request by either party or upon the court's initiative, may consider a downward deviation to attain an appropriate award of child support which is consistent with the best interest of the child.~~

~~(vi) For the purpose of calculating a low-income deviation, the noncustodial parent's minimum child support for one child shall be not less than $100.00 per month, and such amount shall be increased by at least $50.00 for each additional~~

~~child for the same case for which child support is being ordered.~~

~~(vii) A low-income deviation granted pursuant to this subparagraph shall apply only to the current child support amount and shall not prohibit an additional amount being ordered to reduce a noncustodial parent's arrears.~~

~~(viii) If a low-income deviation is granted pursuant to this subparagraph, such deviation shall not prohibit the court or the jury from granting an increase or decrease to the presumptive amount of child support by the use of any other specific or nonspecific deviation.~~

~~(C)~~ **Other health related insurance.** If the court or the jury finds that either parent has vision or dental insurance available at a reasonable cost for the child, the court or the jury may deviate from the presumptive amount of child support for the cost of such insurance.

~~(D)~~(C) **Life insurance.** In accordance with Code Section 19-6-34, if the court or the jury finds that either parent has purchased life insurance on the life of either parent or the lives of both parents for the benefit of the child, the court may deviate from the presumptive amount of child support for the cost of such insurance by either adding or subtracting the amount of the premium.

~~(E)~~(D) **Child and dependent care tax credit.** If the court or the jury finds that one of the parents is entitled to the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, the court or the jury may deviate from the presumptive amount of child support in consideration of such credit.

~~(F)~~(E) **Travel expenses.** If court ordered ~~visitation~~ parenting time related travel expenses are substantial due to the distance between the parents, the court may order the allocation of such costs or the jury may, by a finding in its special interrogatory, allocate such costs by deviation from the presumptive amount of child support, taking into consideration the circumstances of the respective parents as well as which parent moved and the reason for such move.

~~(G)~~(F) **Alimony.** Actual payments of alimony shall not be considered as a deduction from gross income but may be considered as a deviation from the presumptive amount of child support. If the court or the jury considers the actual payment of alimony, the court shall make a written finding of such consideration or the jury, in its special interrogatory, shall make a written finding of such consideration as a basis for deviation from the presumptive amount of child support.

~~(H)~~(G) **Mortgage.** If the noncustodial parent is providing shelter, such as paying the mortgage of the home, or has provided a home at no cost to the custodial parent in which the child resides, the court or the jury may allocate such costs or an amount equivalent to such costs by deviation from the presumptive amount of child support, taking into consideration the circumstances of the respective parents and the best interest of the child.

~~(I)~~(H) **Permanency plan or foster care plan.** In cases when the child is in the legal custody of the Department of Human Services, the child protection or foster care agency of another state or territory, or any other child-caring entity, public or private, the court or the jury may consider a deviation from the presumptive amount of child

support if the deviation will assist in accomplishing a permanency plan or foster care plan for the child that has a goal of returning the child to the parent or parents and the parent's need to establish an adequate household or to otherwise adequately prepare herself or himself for the return of the child clearly justifies a deviation for this purpose.

~~(J)~~(I) **Extraordinary expenses.** The basic child support obligation table includes average child-rearing expenditures for families given the parents' combined adjusted gross income and number of children. Extraordinary expenses are in excess of average amounts estimated in the basic child support obligation table and are highly variable among families. Extraordinary expenses shall be considered on a case-by-case basis in the calculation of support and may form the basis for deviation from the presumptive amount of child support so that the actual amount of such expense is considered in the final order for only those families actually incurring the expense. Extraordinary expenses shall be prorated between the parents by assigning or deducting credit for actual payments for extraordinary expenses.

(i) **Extraordinary educational expenses.** Extraordinary educational expenses may be a basis for deviation from the presumptive amount of child support. Extraordinary educational expenses include, but are not limited to, tuition, room and board, lab fees, books, fees, and other reasonable and necessary expenses associated with special needs education or private elementary and secondary schooling that are appropriate to the parent's financial abilities and to the lifestyle of the child if the parents and the child were living together.

(I) In determining the amount of deviation for extraordinary educational expenses, scholarships, grants, stipends, and other cost-reducing programs received by or on behalf of the child shall be considered; and

(II) If a deviation is allowed for extraordinary educational expenses, a monthly average of the extraordinary educational expenses shall be based on evidence of prior or anticipated expenses and entered on the Child Support Schedule E – Deviations.

(ii) **Special expenses incurred for child-rearing.** Special expenses incurred for child-rearing, including, but not limited to, quantifiable expense variations related to the food, clothing, and hygiene costs of children at different age levels, may be a basis for a deviation from the presumptive amount of child support. Such expenses include, but are not limited to, summer camp; music or art lessons; travel; school sponsored extracurricular activities, such as band, clubs, and athletics; and other activities intended to enhance the athletic, social, or cultural development of a child but not otherwise required to be used in calculating the presumptive amount of child support as are health insurance premiums and work related child care costs. A portion of the basic child support obligation is intended to cover average amounts of special expenses incurred in the rearing of a child. In order to determine if a deviation for special expenses is warranted, the court or the jury shall consider the full amount of the special expenses as described in this division; and when such special expenses exceed 7 percent of the basic child support obligation, then the

additional amount of special expenses shall be considered as a deviation to cover the full amount of the special expenses.

(iii) **Extraordinary medical expenses.** In instances of extreme economic hardship involving extraordinary medical expenses not covered by insurance, the court or the jury may consider a deviation from the presumptive amount of child support for extraordinary medical expenses. Such expenses may include, but are not limited to, extraordinary medical expenses of the child or a parent of the child; provided, however, that any such deviation:

(I) Shall not act to leave a child unsupported; and

(II) May be ordered for a specific period of time measured in months.

When extraordinary medical expenses are claimed, the court or the jury shall consider the resources available for meeting such needs, including sources available from agencies and other adults.

~~(K) **Parenting time.**~~

~~(i) The child support obligation table is based upon expenditures for a child in intact households. The court may order or the jury may find by special interrogatory a deviation from the presumptive amount of child support when special circumstances make the presumptive amount of child support excessive or inadequate due to extended parenting time as set forth in the order of visitation, the child residing with both parents equally, or visitation rights not being utilized.~~

~~(ii) If the court or the jury determines that a parenting time deviation is applicable, then such deviation shall be included with all other deviations.~~

~~(iii) In accordance with subsection (d) of Code Section 19-11-8, if any action or claim for parenting time or a parenting time deviation is brought under this subparagraph, it shall be an action or claim solely between the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent, and not any third parties, including child support services.~~

(3) **Nonspecific deviations.** Deviations from the presumptive amount of child support may be appropriate for reasons in addition to those established under this subsection when the court or the jury finds it is in the best interest of the child.

(i.1) Low-income adjustment.

In cases where the monthly adjusted gross income of a parent, considering the number of children for whom support is being determined, is less than the highest amount of monthly adjusted gross income shown in the low-income adjustment table in subsection (p) of this Code section, then the child support obligation of such parent(s) shall be the lesser of such parent's presumptive amount of child support or the amount determined using the low-income adjustment table. If the low-income adjustment table applies, the child support calculator will perform the needed comparison automatically and input the amount on the child support worksheet.

(j) **Involuntary loss of income.**

(1) In the event a parent suffers an involuntary termination of employment, has an extended involuntary loss of average weekly hours, is involved in an organized strike, incurs a loss of health, becomes incarcerated, or similar involuntary adversity resulting in a loss of income of 25 percent or more, then the portion of child support attributable

to lost income shall not accrue from the date of the service of the petition for modification, provided that service is made on the other parent. It shall not be considered an involuntary termination of employment if the parent has left the employer without good cause in connection with the parent's most recent work.

(2) In the event a modification action is filed pursuant to this subsection, the court shall make every effort to expedite hearing such action.

(3) The court may, at its discretion, phase in the new child support award over a period of up to one year with the phasing in being largely evenly distributed with at least an initial immediate adjustment of not less than 25 percent of the difference and at least one intermediate adjustment prior to the final adjustment at the end of the phase-in period.

(k) **Modification.**

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a parent shall not have the right to petition for modification of the child support award regardless of the length of time since the establishment of the child support award unless there is a substantial change in either parent's income and financial status or the needs of the child.

(2) No petition to modify child support may be filed by either parent within a period of two years from the date of the final order on a previous petition to modify by the same parent except when:

(A) A noncustodial parent has failed to exercise the court ordered ~~visitation~~ parenting time;

(B) A noncustodial parent has exercised a greater amount of ~~visitation~~ parenting time than was provided in the court order; or

(C) The motion to modify is based upon an involuntary loss of income as set forth in subsection (j) of this Code section.

(3)(A) If there is a difference of at least 15 percent but less than 30 percent between a new award and a Georgia child support order entered prior to January 1, 2007, the court may, at its discretion, phase in the new child support award over a period of up to one year with the phasing in being largely evenly distributed with at least an initial immediate adjustment of not less than 25 percent of the difference and at least one intermediate adjustment prior to the final adjustment at the end of the phase-in period.

(B) If there is a difference of 30 percent or more between a new award and a Georgia child support order entered prior to January 1, 2007, the court may, at its discretion, phase in the new child support award over a period of up to two years with the phasing in being largely evenly distributed with at least an initial immediate adjustment of not less than 25 percent of the difference and at least one intermediate adjustment prior to the final adjustment at the end of the phase-in period.

(C) All child support service's case reviews and modifications shall proceed and be governed by Code Section 19-11-12. Subsequent changes to the basic child support obligation table shall be a reason to request a review for modification from child support services to the extent that such changes are consistent with the requirements of Code Section 19-11-12.

(4) A petition for modification shall be filed under the same rules of procedure

applicable to divorce proceedings. The court may allow, upon motion, the temporary modification of a child support order pending the final trial on the petition. An order granting temporary modification shall be subject to revision by the court at any time before the final trial. A jury may be demanded on a petition for modification but the jury shall only be responsible for determining a parent's gross income and any deviations. In the hearing upon a petition for modification, testimony may be given and evidence introduced relative to the change of circumstances, income and financial status of either parent, or in the needs of the child. After hearing both parties and the evidence, the court may modify and revise the previous judgment, in accordance with the changed circumstances, income and financial status of either parent, or in the needs of the child, if such change or changes are satisfactorily proven so as to warrant the modification and revision and such modification and revisions are in the child's best interest. The court shall enter a written order specifying the basis for the modification, if any, and shall include all of the information set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(5) In proceedings for the modification of a child support award pursuant to the provisions of this Code section, the court may award attorney's fees, costs, and expenses of litigation to the prevailing party as the interests of justice may require. When a custodial parent prevails in an upward modification of child support based upon the noncustodial parent's failure to be available and willing to exercise court ordered ~~visitation~~ parenting time, reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and expenses of litigation shall be awarded to the custodial parent.

(l) **Split parenting.** In cases of split parenting, a worksheet shall be prepared separately by each custodial parent for each child for whom such parent is the custodial parent, and that worksheet shall be filed with the clerk of court. For each split parenting custodial situation, the court shall determine:

(1) Which parent is the ~~obligor~~ noncustodial parent;

(2) The presumptive amount of child support;

(3) The actual award of child support, if different from the presumptive amount of child support;

(4) How and when the sum certain amount of child support owed shall be paid; and

(5) Any other child support responsibilities for each parent.

(m) **Worksheets.**

(1) Schedules and worksheets shall be prepared by the parties for purposes of calculating the amount of child support. In child support services cases in which neither parent prepared a worksheet, the court may rely on the worksheet prepared by child support services as a basis for its order. Information from the schedules shall be entered on the child support worksheet. The child support worksheets and any schedule that was prepared for the purpose of calculating the amount of child support shall be attached to the final court order or judgment; provided, however, that any order entered pursuant to Code Section 19-13-4 shall not be required to have such worksheets and schedules attached thereto.

(2) The child support worksheet and schedules shall be promulgated by the Georgia

Child Support Commission.

(n) **Child support obligation table.** The child support obligation table shall be proposed by the Georgia Child Support Commission and shall be as codified in subsection (o) of this Code section.

(o) ~~Georgia Schedule of~~ Basic Child Support ~~Obligations~~ Obligation Table.

~~Georgia Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations~~						
~~Combined Adjusted Income~~	~~One Child~~	~~Two Children~~	~~Three Children~~	~~Four Children~~	~~Five Children~~	~~Six Children~~
~~$ 800.00~~	~~$ 197.00~~	~~$ 283.00~~	~~$ 330.00~~	~~$ 367.00~~	~~$ 404.00~~	~~$ 440.00~~
~~850.00~~	~~208.00~~	~~298.00~~	~~347.00~~	~~387.00~~	~~425.00~~	~~463.00~~
~~900.00~~	~~218.00~~	~~313.00~~	~~364.00~~	~~406.00~~	~~447.00~~	~~486.00~~
~~950.00~~	~~229.00~~	~~328.00~~	~~381.00~~	~~425.00~~	~~468.00~~	~~509.00~~
~~1,000.00~~	~~239.00~~	~~343.00~~	~~398.00~~	~~444.00~~	~~489.00~~	~~532.00~~
~~1,050.00~~	~~250.00~~	~~357.00~~	~~415.00~~	~~463.00~~	~~510.00~~	~~554.00~~
~~1,100.00~~	~~260.00~~	~~372.00~~	~~432.00~~	~~482.00~~	~~530.00~~	~~577.00~~
~~1,150.00~~	~~270.00~~	~~387.00~~	~~449.00~~	~~501.00~~	~~551.00~~	~~600.00~~
~~1,200.00~~	~~280.00~~	~~401.00~~	~~466.00~~	~~520.00~~	~~572.00~~	~~622.00~~
~~1,250.00~~	~~291.00~~	~~416.00~~	~~483.00~~	~~539.00~~	~~593.00~~	~~645.00~~
~~1,300.00~~	~~301.00~~	~~431.00~~	~~500.00~~	~~558.00~~	~~614.00~~	~~668.00~~
~~1,350.00~~	~~311.00~~	~~445.00~~	~~517.00~~	~~577.00~~	~~634.00~~	~~690.00~~
~~1,400.00~~	~~321.00~~	~~459.00~~	~~533.00~~	~~594.00~~	~~654.00~~	~~711.00~~
~~1,450.00~~	~~331.00~~	~~473.00~~	~~549.00~~	~~612.00~~	~~673.00~~	~~733.00~~
~~1,500.00~~	~~340.00~~	~~487.00~~	~~565.00~~	~~630.00~~	~~693.00~~	~~754.00~~
~~1,550.00~~	~~350.00~~	~~500.00~~	~~581.00~~	~~647.00~~	~~712.00~~	~~775.00~~
~~1,600.00~~	~~360.00~~	~~514.00~~	~~597.00~~	~~665.00~~	~~732.00~~	~~796.00~~
~~1,650.00~~	~~369.00~~	~~528.00~~	~~612.00~~	~~683.00~~	~~751.00~~	~~817.00~~
~~1,700.00~~	~~379.00~~	~~542.00~~	~~628.00~~	~~701.00~~	~~771.00~~	~~838.00~~
~~1,750.00~~	~~389.00~~	~~555.00~~	~~644.00~~	~~718.00~~	~~790.00~~	~~860.00~~
~~1,800.00~~	~~398.00~~	~~569.00~~	~~660.00~~	~~736.00~~	~~809.00~~	~~881.00~~

1,850.00	408.00	583.00	676.00	754.00	829.00	902.00
1,900.00	418.00	596.00	692.00	771.00	848.00	923.00
1,950.00	427.00	610.00	708.00	789.00	868.00	944.00
2,000.00	437.00	624.00	723.00	807.00	887.00	965.00
2,050.00	446.00	637.00	739.00	824.00	906.00	986.00
2,100.00	455.00	650.00	754.00	840.00	924.00	1,006.00
2,150.00	465.00	663.00	769.00	857.00	943.00	1,026.00
2,200.00	474.00	676.00	783.00	873.00	961.00	1,045.00
2,250.00	483.00	688.00	798.00	890.00	979.00	1,065.00
2,300.00	492.00	701.00	813.00	907.00	997.00	1,085.00
2,350.00	501.00	714.00	828.00	923.00	1,016.00	1,105.00
2,400.00	510.00	727.00	843.00	940.00	1,034.00	1,125.00
2,450.00	519.00	740.00	858.00	956.00	1,052.00	1,145.00
2,500.00	528.00	752.00	873.00	973.00	1,070.00	1,165.00
2,550.00	537.00	765.00	888.00	990.00	1,089.00	1,184.00
2,600.00	547.00	778.00	902.00	1,006.00	1,107.00	1,204.00
2,650.00	556.00	791.00	917.00	1,023.00	1,125.00	1,224.00
2,700.00	565.00	804.00	932.00	1,039.00	1,143.00	1,244.00
2,750.00	574.00	816.00	947.00	1,056.00	1,162.00	1,264.00
2,800.00	583.00	829.00	962.00	1,073.00	1,180.00	1,284.00
2,850.00	592.00	842.00	977.00	1,089.00	1,198.00	1,303.00
2,900.00	601.00	855.00	992.00	1,106.00	1,216.00	1,323.00
2,950.00	611.00	868.00	1,006.00	1,122.00	1,234.00	1,343.00
3,000.00	620.00	881.00	1,021.00	1,139.00	1,253.00	1,363.00
3,050.00	629.00	893.00	1,036.00	1,155.00	1,271.00	1,383.00
3,100.00	638.00	906.00	1,051.00	1,172.00	1,289.00	1,402.00
3,150.00	647.00	919.00	1,066.00	1,188.00	1,307.00	1,422.00

~~3,200.00~~	~~655.00~~	~~930.00~~	~~1,079.00~~	~~1,203.00~~	~~1,323.00~~	~~1,440.00~~
~~3,250.00~~	~~663.00~~	~~941.00~~	~~1,092.00~~	~~1,217.00~~	~~1,339.00~~	~~1,457.00~~
~~3,300.00~~	~~671.00~~	~~952.00~~	~~1,104.00~~	~~1,231.00~~	~~1,355.00~~	~~1,474.00~~
~~3,350.00~~	~~679.00~~	~~963.00~~	~~1,117.00~~	~~1,246.00~~	~~1,370.00~~	~~1,491.00~~
~~3,400.00~~	~~687.00~~	~~974.00~~	~~1,130.00~~	~~1,260.00~~	~~1,386.00~~	~~1,508.00~~
~~3,450.00~~	~~694.00~~	~~985.00~~	~~1,143.00~~	~~1,274.00~~	~~1,402.00~~	~~1,525.00~~
~~3,500.00~~	~~702.00~~	~~996.00~~	~~1,155.00~~	~~1,288.00~~	~~1,417.00~~	~~1,542.00~~
~~3,550.00~~	~~710.00~~	~~1,008.00~~	~~1,168.00~~	~~1,303.00~~	~~1,433.00~~	~~1,559.00~~
~~3,600.00~~	~~718.00~~	~~1,019.00~~	~~1,181.00~~	~~1,317.00~~	~~1,448.00~~	~~1,576.00~~
~~3,650.00~~	~~726.00~~	~~1,030.00~~	~~1,194.00~~	~~1,331.00~~	~~1,464.00~~	~~1,593.00~~
~~3,700.00~~	~~734.00~~	~~1,041.00~~	~~1,207.00~~	~~1,345.00~~	~~1,480.00~~	~~1,610.00~~
~~3,750.00~~	~~741.00~~	~~1,051.00~~	~~1,219.00~~	~~1,359.00~~	~~1,495.00~~	~~1,627.00~~
~~3,800.00~~	~~749.00~~	~~1,062.00~~	~~1,231.00~~	~~1,373.00~~	~~1,510.00~~	~~1,643.00~~
~~3,850.00~~	~~756.00~~	~~1,072.00~~	~~1,243.00~~	~~1,386.00~~	~~1,525.00~~	~~1,659.00~~
~~3,900.00~~	~~764.00~~	~~1,083.00~~	~~1,255.00~~	~~1,400.00~~	~~1,540.00~~	~~1,675.00~~
~~3,950.00~~	~~771.00~~	~~1,093.00~~	~~1,267.00~~	~~1,413.00~~	~~1,555.00~~	~~1,691.00~~
~~4,000.00~~	~~779.00~~	~~1,104.00~~	~~1,280.00~~	~~1,427.00~~	~~1,569.00~~	~~1,707.00~~
~~4,050.00~~	~~786.00~~	~~1,114.00~~	~~1,292.00~~	~~1,440.00~~	~~1,584.00~~	~~1,724.00~~
~~4,100.00~~	~~794.00~~	~~1,125.00~~	~~1,304.00~~	~~1,454.00~~	~~1,599.00~~	~~1,740.00~~
~~4,150.00~~	~~801.00~~	~~1,135.00~~	~~1,316.00~~	~~1,467.00~~	~~1,614.00~~	~~1,756.00~~
~~4,200.00~~	~~809.00~~	~~1,146.00~~	~~1,328.00~~	~~1,481.00~~	~~1,629.00~~	~~1,772.00~~
~~4,250.00~~	~~816.00~~	~~1,156.00~~	~~1,340.00~~	~~1,494.00~~	~~1,643.00~~	~~1,788.00~~
~~4,300.00~~	~~824.00~~	~~1,167.00~~	~~1,352.00~~	~~1,508.00~~	~~1,658.00~~	~~1,804.00~~
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Basic Child Support Obligation Table						
Combined Adjusted Gross Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
$ 800.00	$ 170.00	$ 259.00	$ 313.00	$ 349.00	$ 384.00	$ 417.00
850.00	180.00	275.00	332.00	371.00	408.00	443.00
900.00	191.00	291.00	351.00	392.00	431.00	468.00
950.00	201.00	306.00	370.00	413.00	454.00	494.00
1,000.00	211.00	322.00	389.00	434.00	477.00	519.00
1,050.00	222.00	337.00	408.00	455.00	500.00	544.00
1,100.00	231.00	352.00	426.00	475.00	522.00	568.00
1,150.00	240.00	366.00	442.00	493.00	543.00	590.00
1,200.00	249.00	379.00	459.00	512.00	563.00	612.00
1,250.00	258.00	393.00	475.00	530.00	583.00	634.00
1,300.00	267.00	407.00	492.00	548.00	603.00	655.00
1,350.00	276.00	420.00	508.00	566.00	623.00	677.00
1,400.00	285.00	433.00	524.00	584.00	643.00	699.00
1,450.00	293.00	447.00	540.00	603.00	663.00	720.00
1,500.00	302.00	460.00	557.00	621.00	683.00	742.00
1,550.00	311.00	474.00	573.00	639.00	703.00	764.00
1,600.00	320.00	487.00	589.00	657.00	723.00	786.00
1,650.00	329.00	501.00	606.00	675.00	743.00	807.00
1,700.00	338.00	514.00	622.00	693.00	763.00	829.00
1,750.00	346.00	528.00	638.00	711.00	783.00	851.00
1,800.00	355.00	541.00	654.00	730.00	802.00	872.00
1,850.00	364.00	555.00	671.00	748.00	822.00	894.00
1,900.00	373.00	568.00	687.00	766.00	842.00	916.00
1,950.00	382.00	581.00	703.00	784.00	862.00	937.00
2,000.00	390.00	594.00	719.00	802.00	882.00	958.00
2,050.00	399.00	608.00	735.00	819.00	901.00	979.00
2,100.00	407.00	621.00	751.00	837.00	921.00	1,001.00
2,150.00	416.00	634.00	766.00	855.00	940.00	1,022.00
2,200.00	425.00	647.00	782.00	872.00	959.00	1,043.00
2,250.00	433.00	660.00	798.00	890.00	979.00	1,064.00
2,300.00	442.00	673.00	814.00	908.00	998.00	1,085.00
2,350.00	450.00	686.00	830.00	925.00	1,018.00	1,106.00
2,400.00	459.00	699.00	846.00	943.00	1,037.00	1,127.00
2,450.00	468.00	712.00	862.00	961.00	1,057.00	1,149.00
2,500.00	476.00	726.00	877.00	978.00	1,076.00	1,170.00
2,550.00	485.00	739.00	893.00	996.00	1,095.00	1,191.00

2,600.00	494.00	752.00	909.00	1,014.00	1,115.00	1,212.00
2,650.00	502.00	765.00	925.00	1,031.00	1,134.00	1,233.00
2,700.00	511.00	778.00	941.00	1,049.00	1,154.00	1,254.00
2,750.00	519.00	791.00	957.00	1,067.00	1,173.00	1,275.00
2,800.00	528.00	804.00	973.00	1,084.00	1,193.00	1,296.00
2,850.00	537.00	817.00	988.00	1,102.00	1,212.00	1,318.00
2,900.00	545.00	830.00	1,004.00	1,120.00	1,232.00	1,339.00
2,950.00	554.00	844.00	1,020.00	1,137.00	1,251.00	1,360.00
3,000.00	562.00	857.00	1,036.00	1,155.00	1,270.00	1,381.00
3,050.00	571.00	870.00	1,052.00	1,173.00	1,290.00	1,402.00
3,100.00	580.00	883.00	1,068.00	1,190.00	1,309.00	1,423.00
3,150.00	588.00	896.00	1,084.00	1,208.00	1,329.00	1,444.00
3,200.00	597.00	909.00	1,099.00	1,226.00	1,348.00	1,465.00
3,250.00	605.00	922.00	1,115.00	1,243.00	1,368.00	1,487.00
3,300.00	614.00	935.00	1,131.00	1,261.00	1,387.00	1,508.00
3,350.00	623.00	948.00	1,147.00	1,279.00	1,406.00	1,529.00
3,400.00	631.00	962.00	1,163.00	1,296.00	1,426.00	1,550.00
3,450.00	640.00	975.00	1,179.00	1,314.00	1,445.00	1,571.00
3,500.00	648.00	988.00	1,194.00	1,332.00	1,465.00	1,592.00
3,550.00	657.00	1,001.00	1,210.00	1,349.00	1,484.00	1,613.00
3,600.00	666.00	1,014.00	1,226.00	1,367.00	1,504.00	1,635.00
3,650.00	674.00	1,027.00	1,242.00	1,385.00	1,523.00	1,656.00
3,700.00	683.00	1,040.00	1,258.00	1,402.00	1,543.00	1,677.00
3,750.00	691.00	1,053.00	1,274.00	1,420.00	1,562.00	1,698.00
3,800.00	700.00	1,066.00	1,290.00	1,438.00	1,581.00	1,719.00
3,850.00	709.00	1,079.00	1,305.00	1,455.00	1,601.00	1,740.00
3,900.00	717.00	1,093.00	1,321.00	1,473.00	1,620.00	1,761.00
3,950.00	726.00	1,105.00	1,336.00	1,492.00	1,641.00	1,784.00
4,000.00	733.00	1,116.00	1,349.00	1,507.00	1,657.00	1,802.00
4,050.00	741.00	1,128.00	1,362.00	1,521.00	1,674.00	1,819.00
4,100.00	749.00	1,139.00	1,375.00	1,536.00	1,690.00	1,837.00
4,150.00	757.00	1,151.00	1,388.00	1,551.00	1,706.00	1,854.00
4,200.00	765.00	1,162.00	1,401.00	1,565.00	1,722.00	1,872.00
4,250.00	773.00	1,173.00	1,414.00	1,580.00	1,738.00	1,889.00
4,300.00	781.00	1,185.00	1,428.00	1,595.00	1,754.00	1,907.00
4,350.00	788.00	1,196.00	1,441.00	1,609.00	1,770.00	1,924.00
4,400.00	796.00	1,208.00	1,454.00	1,624.00	1,786.00	1,942.00
4,450.00	804.00	1,219.00	1,467.00	1,638.00	1,802.00	1,959.00
4,500.00	812.00	1,230.00	1,480.00	1,653.00	1,818.00	1,977.00
4,550.00	820.00	1,242.00	1,493.00	1,668.00	1,834.00	1,994.00
4,600.00	828.00	1,253.00	1,506.00	1,682.00	1,850.00	2,011.00

4,650.00	835.00	1,264.00	1,519.00	1,696.00	1,866.00	2,028.00
4,700.00	843.00	1,275.00	1,532.00	1,711.00	1,882.00	2,046.00
4,750.00	850.00	1,286.00	1,545.00	1,726.00	1,898.00	2,063.00
4,800.00	857.00	1,297.00	1,558.00	1,740.00	1,914.00	2,081.00
4,850.00	865.00	1,308.00	1,571.00	1,755.00	1,930.00	2,098.00
4,900.00	872.00	1,319.00	1,584.00	1,770.00	1,947.00	2,116.00
4,950.00	880.00	1,330.00	1,597.00	1,784.00	1,963.00	2,133.00
5,000.00	887.00	1,341.00	1,610.00	1,799.00	1,979.00	2,151.00
5,050.00	894.00	1,352.00	1,624.00	1,814.00	1,995.00	2,168.00
5,100.00	902.00	1,363.00	1,637.00	1,828.00	2,011.00	2,186.00
5,150.00	909.00	1,374.00	1,650.00	1,843.00	2,027.00	2,203.00
5,200.00	917.00	1,385.00	1,663.00	1,857.00	2,043.00	2,221.00
5,250.00	924.00	1,396.00	1,676.00	1,872.00	2,059.00	2,238.00
5,300.00	931.00	1,407.00	1,689.00	1,887.00	2,075.00	2,256.00
5,350.00	937.00	1,416.00	1,700.00	1,899.00	2,089.00	2,271.00
5,400.00	943.00	1,424.00	1,710.00	1,910.00	2,101.00	2,284.00
5,450.00	948.00	1,433.00	1,719.00	1,921.00	2,113.00	2,297.00
5,500.00	954.00	1,441.00	1,729.00	1,931.00	2,125.00	2,309.00
5,550.00	959.00	1,449.00	1,739.00	1,942.00	2,136.00	2,322.00
5,600.00	965.00	1,457.00	1,748.00	1,953.00	2,148.00	2,335.00
5,650.00	970.00	1,466.00	1,758.00	1,964.00	2,160.00	2,348.00
5,700.00	976.00	1,474.00	1,768.00	1,975.00	2,172.00	2,361.00
5,750.00	981.00	1,482.00	1,777.00	1,985.00	2,184.00	2,374.00
5,800.00	987.00	1,490.00	1,787.00	1,996.00	2,196.00	2,387.00
5,850.00	992.00	1,498.00	1,797.00	2,007.00	2,208.00	2,400.00
5,900.00	998.00	1,507.00	1,806.00	2,018.00	2,220.00	2,413.00
5,950.00	1,003.00	1,515.00	1,816.00	2,029.00	2,231.00	2,426.00
6,000.00	1,009.00	1,523.00	1,826.00	2,039.00	2,243.00	2,438.00
6,050.00	1,014.00	1,531.00	1,835.00	2,050.00	2,255.00	2,451.00
6,100.00	1,018.00	1,537.00	1,842.00	2,058.00	2,264.00	2,460.00
6,150.00	1,022.00	1,542.00	1,848.00	2,064.00	2,270.00	2,468.00
6,200.00	1,025.00	1,547.00	1,853.00	2,070.00	2,277.00	2,475.00
6,250.00	1,028.00	1,552.00	1,859.00	2,076.00	2,284.00	2,483.00
6,300.00	1,032.00	1,557.00	1,864.00	2,082.00	2,291.00	2,490.00
6,350.00	1,035.00	1,561.00	1,870.00	2,089.00	2,298.00	2,497.00
6,400.00	1,038.00	1,566.00	1,875.00	2,095.00	2,304.00	2,505.00
6,450.00	1,042.00	1,571.00	1,881.00	2,101.00	2,311.00	2,512.00
6,500.00	1,045.00	1,576.00	1,886.00	2,107.00	2,318.00	2,520.00
6,550.00	1,049.00	1,581.00	1,892.00	2,113.00	2,325.00	2,527.00
6,600.00	1,052.00	1,586.00	1,898.00	2,120.00	2,331.00	2,534.00
6,650.00	1,055.00	1,591.00	1,903.00	2,126.00	2,338.00	2,542.00

6,700.00	1,059.00	1,595.00	1,909.00	2,132.00	2,345.00	2,549.00
6,750.00	1,062.00	1,600.00	1,914.00	2,138.00	2,352.00	2,556.00
6,800.00	1,066.00	1,605.00	1,920.00	2,144.00	2,359.00	2,564.00
6,850.00	1,069.00	1,609.00	1,923.00	2,148.00	2,363.00	2,569.00
6,900.00	1,072.00	1,613.00	1,926.00	2,152.00	2,367.00	2,573.00
6,950.00	1,075.00	1,616.00	1,929.00	2,155.00	2,370.00	2,577.00
7,000.00	1,078.00	1,620.00	1,932.00	2,158.00	2,374.00	2,581.00
7,050.00	1,081.00	1,624.00	1,935.00	2,162.00	2,378.00	2,585.00
7,100.00	1,084.00	1,627.00	1,938.00	2,165.00	2,382.00	2,589.00
7,150.00	1,087.00	1,631.00	1,941.00	2,169.00	2,385.00	2,593.00
7,200.00	1,090.00	1,634.00	1,944.00	2,172.00	2,389.00	2,597.00
7,250.00	1,093.00	1,638.00	1,947.00	2,175.00	2,393.00	2,601.00
7,300.00	1,097.00	1,642.00	1,950.00	2,179.00	2,397.00	2,605.00
7,350.00	1,100.00	1,645.00	1,953.00	2,182.00	2,400.00	2,609.00
7,400.00	1,103.00	1,649.00	1,956.00	2,185.00	2,404.00	2,613.00
7,450.00	1,106.00	1,652.00	1,960.00	2,189.00	2,408.00	2,617.00
7,500.00	1,109.00	1,656.00	1,963.00	2,192.00	2,411.00	2,621.00
7,550.00	1,112.00	1,660.00	1,966.00	2,196.00	2,415.00	2,625.00
7,600.00	1,116.00	1,666.00	1,974.00	2,205.00	2,426.00	2,637.00
7,650.00	1,120.00	1,673.00	1,984.00	2,216.00	2,437.00	2,649.00
7,700.00	1,125.00	1,681.00	1,993.00	2,226.00	2,449.00	2,662.00
7,750.00	1,129.00	1,688.00	2,003.00	2,237.00	2,461.00	2,675.00
7,800.00	1,133.00	1,695.00	2,012.00	2,247.00	2,472.00	2,687.00
7,850.00	1,137.00	1,702.00	2,022.00	2,258.00	2,484.00	2,700.00
7,900.00	1,142.00	1,709.00	2,031.00	2,269.00	2,495.00	2,713.00
7,950.00	1,146.00	1,716.00	2,040.00	2,279.00	2,507.00	2,725.00
8,000.00	1,150.00	1,723.00	2,050.00	2,290.00	2,519.00	2,738.00
8,050.00	1,154.00	1,731.00	2,059.00	2,300.00	2,530.00	2,750.00
8,100.00	1,159.00	1,738.00	2,069.00	2,311.00	2,542.00	2,763.00
8,150.00	1,163.00	1,745.00	2,078.00	2,321.00	2,554.00	2,776.00
8,200.00	1,167.00	1,752.00	2,088.00	2,332.00	2,565.00	2,788.00
8,250.00	1,171.00	1,759.00	2,097.00	2,342.00	2,577.00	2,801.00
8,300.00	1,176.00	1,766.00	2,107.00	2,353.00	2,588.00	2,814.00
8,350.00	1,178.00	1,769.00	2,109.00	2,356.00	2,592.00	2,817.00
8,400.00	1,181.00	1,772.00	2,112.00	2,359.00	2,595.00	2,820.00
8,450.00	1,183.00	1,775.00	2,114.00	2,361.00	2,598.00	2,824.00
8,500.00	1,186.00	1,778.00	2,117.00	2,364.00	2,601.00	2,827.00
8,550.00	1,189.00	1,781.00	2,119.00	2,367.00	2,604.00	2,830.00
8,600.00	1,191.00	1,784.00	2,121.00	2,370.00	2,606.00	2,833.00
8,650.00	1,194.00	1,787.00	2,124.00	2,372.00	2,609.00	2,836.00
8,700.00	1,196.00	1,790.00	2,126.00	2,375.00	2,612.00	2,840.00

8,750.00	1,199.00	1,793.00	2,128.00	2,377.00	2,615.00	2,843.00
8,800.00	1,201.00	1,796.00	2,131.00	2,380.00	2,618.00	2,846.00
8,850.00	1,204.00	1,799.00	2,133.00	2,383.00	2,621.00	2,849.00
8,900.00	1,206.00	1,801.00	2,136.00	2,385.00	2,624.00	2,852.00
8,950.00	1,209.00	1,804.00	2,138.00	2,388.00	2,627.00	2,855.00
9,000.00	1,211.00	1,807.00	2,140.00	2,391.00	2,630.00	2,859.00
9,050.00	1,214.00	1,810.00	2,143.00	2,393.00	2,633.00	2,862.00
9,100.00	1,217.00	1,814.00	2,147.00	2,398.00	2,638.00	2,867.00
9,150.00	1,220.00	1,819.00	2,151.00	2,403.00	2,643.00	2,873.00
9,200.00	1,224.00	1,823.00	2,156.00	2,408.00	2,649.00	2,880.00
9,250.00	1,227.00	1,828.00	2,161.00	2,413.00	2,655.00	2,886.00
9,300.00	1,231.00	1,833.00	2,165.00	2,419.00	2,661.00	2,892.00
9,350.00	1,234.00	1,837.00	2,170.00	2,424.00	2,666.00	2,898.00
9,400.00	1,238.00	1,842.00	2,175.00	2,429.00	2,672.00	2,904.00
9,450.00	1,241.00	1,846.00	2,179.00	2,434.00	2,678.00	2,911.00
9,500.00	1,245.00	1,851.00	2,184.00	2,440.00	2,683.00	2,917.00
9,550.00	1,248.00	1,856.00	2,189.00	2,445.00	2,689.00	2,923.00
9,600.00	1,252.00	1,860.00	2,193.00	2,450.00	2,695.00	2,929.00
9,650.00	1,255.00	1,865.00	2,198.00	2,455.00	2,701.00	2,936.00
9,700.00	1,259.00	1,869.00	2,203.00	2,460.00	2,706.00	2,942.00
9,750.00	1,262.00	1,874.00	2,207.00	2,466.00	2,712.00	2,948.00
9,800.00	1,266.00	1,879.00	2,212.00	2,471.00	2,718.00	2,954.00
9,850.00	1,270.00	1,884.00	2,218.00	2,477.00	2,725.00	2,962.00
9,900.00	1,275.00	1,891.00	2,226.00	2,486.00	2,735.00	2,973.00
9,950.00	1,280.00	1,899.00	2,234.00	2,495.00	2,745.00	2,984.00
10,000.00	1,285.00	1,906.00	2,242.00	2,505.00	2,755.00	2,995.00
10,050.00	1,291.00	1,913.00	2,250.00	2,514.00	2,765.00	3,006.00
10,100.00	1,296.00	1,921.00	2,258.00	2,523.00	2,775.00	3,016.00
10,150.00	1,301.00	1,928.00	2,267.00	2,532.00	2,785.00	3,027.00
10,200.00	1,306.00	1,935.00	2,275.00	2,541.00	2,795.00	3,038.00
10,250.00	1,311.00	1,943.00	2,283.00	2,550.00	2,805.00	3,049.00
10,300.00	1,317.00	1,950.00	2,291.00	2,559.00	2,815.00	3,060.00
10,350.00	1,322.00	1,957.00	2,299.00	2,568.00	2,825.00	3,071.00
10,400.00	1,327.00	1,965.00	2,307.00	2,577.00	2,835.00	3,082.00
10,450.00	1,332.00	1,972.00	2,315.00	2,586.00	2,845.00	3,092.00
10,500.00	1,337.00	1,979.00	2,324.00	2,595.00	2,855.00	3,103.00
10,550.00	1,343.00	1,987.00	2,332.00	2,605.00	2,865.00	3,114.00
10,600.00	1,348.00	1,994.00	2,340.00	2,614.00	2,875.00	3,125.00
10,650.00	1,353.00	2,001.00	2,348.00	2,623.00	2,885.00	3,136.00
10,700.00	1,358.00	2,009.00	2,356.00	2,632.00	2,895.00	3,147.00
10,750.00	1,363.00	2,016.00	2,364.00	2,641.00	2,905.00	3,158.00

10,800.00	1,369.00	2,023.00	2,372.00	2,650.00	2,915.00	3,169.00
10,850.00	1,374.00	2,031.00	2,381.00	2,659.00	2,925.00	3,179.00
10,900.00	1,379.00	2,038.00	2,389.00	2,668.00	2,935.00	3,190.00
10,950.00	1,384.00	2,045.00	2,397.00	2,677.00	2,945.00	3,201.00
11,000.00	1,389.00	2,052.00	2,405.00	2,686.00	2,955.00	3,212.00
11,050.00	1,393.00	2,058.00	2,413.00	2,695.00	2,965.00	3,223.00
11,100.00	1,397.00	2,065.00	2,421.00	2,704.00	2,975.00	3,234.00
11,150.00	1,400.00	2,071.00	2,429.00	2,713.00	2,985.00	3,244.00
11,200.00	1,404.00	2,077.00	2,437.00	2,722.00	2,995.00	3,255.00
11,250.00	1,408.00	2,083.00	2,445.00	2,731.00	3,005.00	3,266.00
11,300.00	1,412.00	2,090.00	2,453.00	2,740.00	3,014.00	3,277.00
11,350.00	1,416.00	2,096.00	2,461.00	2,749.00	3,024.00	3,287.00
11,400.00	1,419.00	2,102.00	2,470.00	2,758.00	3,034.00	3,298.00
11,450.00	1,423.00	2,108.00	2,478.00	2,767.00	3,044.00	3,309.00
11,500.00	1,427.00	2,114.00	2,486.00	2,776.00	3,054.00	3,320.00
11,550.00	1,431.00	2,121.00	2,494.00	2,786.00	3,064.00	3,331.00
11,600.00	1,434.00	2,127.00	2,502.00	2,795.00	3,074.00	3,341.00
11,650.00	1,438.00	2,133.00	2,510.00	2,804.00	3,084.00	3,352.00
11,700.00	1,442.00	2,139.00	2,518.00	2,813.00	3,094.00	3,363.00
11,750.00	1,446.00	2,145.00	2,526.00	2,822.00	3,104.00	3,374.00
11,800.00	1,449.00	2,152.00	2,534.00	2,831.00	3,114.00	3,385.00
11,850.00	1,453.00	2,158.00	2,542.00	2,840.00	3,124.00	3,395.00
11,900.00	1,457.00	2,164.00	2,550.00	2,849.00	3,134.00	3,406.00
11,950.00	1,461.00	2,170.00	2,558.00	2,858.00	3,143.00	3,417.00
12,000.00	1,465.00	2,176.00	2,566.00	2,867.00	3,153.00	3,428.00
12,050.00	1,468.00	2,183.00	2,574.00	2,876.00	3,163.00	3,438.00
12,100.00	1,472.00	2,189.00	2,583.00	2,885.00	3,173.00	3,449.00
12,150.00	1,476.00	2,195.00	2,590.00	2,893.00	3,182.00	3,459.00
12,200.00	1,479.00	2,199.00	2,594.00	2,898.00	3,188.00	3,465.00
12,250.00	1,482.00	2,203.00	2,599.00	2,904.00	3,194.00	3,472.00
12,300.00	1,485.00	2,207.00	2,604.00	2,909.00	3,199.00	3,478.00
12,350.00	1,488.00	2,212.00	2,609.00	2,914.00	3,205.00	3,484.00
12,400.00	1,491.00	2,216.00	2,614.00	2,920.00	3,212.00	3,491.00
12,450.00	1,495.00	2,221.00	2,619.00	2,925.00	3,218.00	3,497.00
12,500.00	1,498.00	2,225.00	2,624.00	2,931.00	3,224.00	3,504.00
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12,600.00	1,504.00	2,234.00	2,633.00	2,942.00	3,236.00	3,517.00
12,650.00	1,508.00	2,239.00	2,638.00	2,947.00	3,242.00	3,524.00
12,700.00	1,511.00	2,243.00	2,643.00	2,953.00	3,248.00	3,530.00
12,750.00	1,514.00	2,248.00	2,648.00	2,958.00	3,254.00	3,537.00
12,800.00	1,517.00	2,252.00	2,653.00	2,964.00	3,260.00	3,544.00

12,850.00	1,520.00	2,257.00	2,658.00	2,969.00	3,266.00	3,550.00
12,900.00	1,524.00	2,261.00	2,663.00	2,975.00	3,272.00	3,557.00
12,950.00	1,527.00	2,266.00	2,668.00	2,980.00	3,278.00	3,563.00
13,000.00	1,530.00	2,270.00	2,673.00	2,986.00	3,284.00	3,570.00
13,050.00	1,533.00	2,275.00	2,678.00	2,991.00	3,290.00	3,577.00
13,100.00	1,537.00	2,279.00	2,683.00	2,997.00	3,296.00	3,583.00
13,150.00	1,540.00	2,284.00	2,688.00	3,002.00	3,302.00	3,590.00
13,200.00	1,543.00	2,288.00	2,693.00	3,008.00	3,308.00	3,596.00
13,250.00	1,547.00	2,294.00	2,698.00	3,014.00	3,315.00	3,604.00
13,300.00	1,551.00	2,300.00	2,704.00	3,020.00	3,323.00	3,612.00
13,350.00	1,556.00	2,305.00	2,710.00	3,027.00	3,330.00	3,619.00
13,400.00	1,560.00	2,311.00	2,716.00	3,033.00	3,337.00	3,627.00
13,450.00	1,564.00	2,316.00	2,721.00	3,040.00	3,344.00	3,635.00
13,500.00	1,568.00	2,322.00	2,727.00	3,046.00	3,351.00	3,642.00
13,550.00	1,572.00	2,327.00	2,733.00	3,053.00	3,358.00	3,650.00
13,600.00	1,577.00	2,333.00	2,739.00	3,059.00	3,365.00	3,658.00
13,650.00	1,581.00	2,338.00	2,744.00	3,065.00	3,372.00	3,665.00
13,700.00	1,585.00	2,344.00	2,750.00	3,072.00	3,379.00	3,673.00
13,750.00	1,589.00	2,350.00	2,756.00	3,078.00	3,386.00	3,681.00
13,800.00	1,593.00	2,355.00	2,761.00	3,085.00	3,393.00	3,688.00
13,850.00	1,598.00	2,361.00	2,767.00	3,091.00	3,400.00	3,696.00
13,900.00	1,602.00	2,366.00	2,773.00	3,097.00	3,407.00	3,704.00
13,950.00	1,606.00	2,372.00	2,779.00	3,104.00	3,414.00	3,711.00
14,000.00	1,610.00	2,377.00	2,784.00	3,110.00	3,421.00	3,719.00
14,050.00	1,614.00	2,383.00	2,790.00	3,117.00	3,428.00	3,726.00
14,100.00	1,618.00	2,388.00	2,796.00	3,123.00	3,435.00	3,734.00
14,150.00	1,623.00	2,394.00	2,802.00	3,129.00	3,442.00	3,742.00
14,200.00	1,627.00	2,400.00	2,807.00	3,136.00	3,449.00	3,749.00
14,250.00	1,631.00	2,405.00	2,813.00	3,142.00	3,456.00	3,757.00
14,300.00	1,635.00	2,411.00	2,819.00	3,149.00	3,463.00	3,765.00
14,350.00	1,639.00	2,416.00	2,825.00	3,155.00	3,471.00	3,772.00
14,400.00	1,644.00	2,422.00	2,830.00	3,161.00	3,478.00	3,780.00
14,450.00	1,648.00	2,427.00	2,836.00	3,168.00	3,485.00	3,788.00
14,500.00	1,652.00	2,433.00	2,842.00	3,174.00	3,492.00	3,795.00
14,550.00	1,656.00	2,438.00	2,847.00	3,181.00	3,499.00	3,803.00
14,600.00	1,660.00	2,444.00	2,853.00	3,187.00	3,506.00	3,811.00
14,650.00	1,663.00	2,447.00	2,856.00	3,191.00	3,510.00	3,815.00
14,700.00	1,666.00	2,451.00	2,860.00	3,194.00	3,514.00	3,819.00
14,750.00	1,668.00	2,454.00	2,863.00	3,198.00	3,518.00	3,824.00
14,800.00	1,671.00	2,457.00	2,866.00	3,201.00	3,522.00	3,828.00
14,850.00	1,674.00	2,461.00	2,869.00	3,205.00	3,525.00	3,832.00

14,900.00	1,676.00	2,464.00	2,872.00	3,209.00	3,529.00	3,836.00
14,950.00	1,679.00	2,468.00	2,876.00	3,212.00	3,533.00	3,841.00
15,000.00	1,682.00	2,471.00	2,879.00	3,216.00	3,537.00	3,845.00
15,050.00	1,684.00	2,474.00	2,882.00	3,219.00	3,541.00	3,849.00
15,100.00	1,687.00	2,478.00	2,885.00	3,223.00	3,545.00	3,854.00
15,150.00	1,690.00	2,481.00	2,889.00	3,227.00	3,549.00	3,858.00
15,200.00	1,692.00	2,484.00	2,892.00	3,230.00	3,553.00	3,862.00
15,250.00	1,695.00	2,488.00	2,895.00	3,234.00	3,557.00	3,867.00
15,300.00	1,697.00	2,491.00	2,898.00	3,237.00	3,561.00	3,870.00
15,350.00	1,700.00	2,494.00	2,901.00	3,240.00	3,564.00	3,874.00
15,400.00	1,702.00	2,497.00	2,904.00	3,243.00	3,568.00	3,878.00
15,450.00	1,704.00	2,500.00	2,906.00	3,246.00	3,571.00	3,882.00
15,500.00	1,707.00	2,502.00	2,909.00	3,250.00	3,575.00	3,885.00
15,550.00	1,709.00	2,505.00	2,912.00	3,253.00	3,578.00	3,889.00
15,600.00	1,711.00	2,508.00	2,915.00	3,256.00	3,581.00	3,893.00
15,650.00	1,714.00	2,511.00	2,918.00	3,259.00	3,585.00	3,897.00
15,700.00	1,716.00	2,514.00	2,921.00	3,262.00	3,588.00	3,901.00
15,750.00	1,718.00	2,517.00	2,923.00	3,265.00	3,592.00	3,904.00
15,800.00	1,721.00	2,520.00	2,926.00	3,269.00	3,595.00	3,908.00
15,850.00	1,723.00	2,523.00	2,929.00	3,272.00	3,599.00	3,912.00
15,900.00	1,725.00	2,526.00	2,932.00	3,275.00	3,602.00	3,916.00
15,950.00	1,728.00	2,529.00	2,935.00	3,278.00	3,606.00	3,920.00
16,000.00	1,730.00	2,532.00	2,938.00	3,281.00	3,609.00	3,923.00
16,050.00	1,733.00	2,535.00	2,940.00	3,284.00	3,613.00	3,927.00
16,100.00	1,735.00	2,538.00	2,943.00	3,288.00	3,617.00	3,931.00
16,150.00	1,739.00	2,544.00	2,950.00	3,296.00	3,625.00	3,940.00
16,200.00	1,743.00	2,550.00	2,957.00	3,303.00	3,634.00	3,950.00
16,250.00	1,747.00	2,556.00	2,964.00	3,311.00	3,642.00	3,959.00
16,300.00	1,752.00	2,562.00	2,971.00	3,319.00	3,651.00	3,968.00
16,350.00	1,756.00	2,568.00	2,978.00	3,326.00	3,659.00	3,977.00
16,400.00	1,760.00	2,574.00	2,985.00	3,334.00	3,668.00	3,987.00
16,450.00	1,764.00	2,580.00	2,992.00	3,342.00	3,676.00	3,996.00
16,500.00	1,768.00	2,586.00	2,999.00	3,350.00	3,685.00	4,005.00
16,550.00	1,772.00	2,593.00	3,006.00	3,357.00	3,693.00	4,014.00
16,600.00	1,777.00	2,599.00	3,013.00	3,365.00	3,702.00	4,024.00
16,650.00	1,781.00	2,605.00	3,020.00	3,373.00	3,710.00	4,033.00
16,700.00	1,785.00	2,611.00	3,026.00	3,381.00	3,719.00	4,042.00
16,750.00	1,789.00	2,617.00	3,033.00	3,388.00	3,727.00	4,051.00
16,800.00	1,793.00	2,622.00	3,040.00	3,396.00	3,735.00	4,060.00
16,850.00	1,797.00	2,628.00	3,047.00	3,403.00	3,744.00	4,069.00
16,900.00	1,801.00	2,634.00	3,054.00	3,411.00	3,752.00	4,078.00

16,950.00	1,806.00	2,640.00	3,060.00	3,419.00	3,760.00	4,088.00
17,000.00	1,810.00	2,646.00	3,067.00	3,426.00	3,769.00	4,097.00
17,050.00	1,814.00	2,652.00	3,074.00	3,434.00	3,777.00	4,106.00
17,100.00	1,818.00	2,658.00	3,081.00	3,441.00	3,785.00	4,115.00
17,150.00	1,822.00	2,664.00	3,088.00	3,449.00	3,794.00	4,124.00
17,200.00	1,826.00	2,670.00	3,095.00	3,457.00	3,802.00	4,133.00
17,250.00	1,830.00	2,676.00	3,101.00	3,464.00	3,811.00	4,142.00
17,300.00	1,834.00	2,682.00	3,108.00	3,472.00	3,819.00	4,151.00
17,350.00	1,838.00	2,688.00	3,115.00	3,479.00	3,827.00	4,160.00
17,400.00	1,843.00	2,694.00	3,122.00	3,487.00	3,836.00	4,169.00
17,450.00	1,847.00	2,700.00	3,129.00	3,495.00	3,844.00	4,179.00
17,500.00	1,851.00	2,706.00	3,135.00	3,502.00	3,852.00	4,188.00
17,550.00	1,855.00	2,712.00	3,142.00	3,510.00	3,861.00	4,197.00
17,600.00	1,859.00	2,718.00	3,149.00	3,517.00	3,869.00	4,206.00
17,650.00	1,863.00	2,724.00	3,156.00	3,525.00	3,878.00	4,215.00
17,700.00	1,867.00	2,730.00	3,163.00	3,533.00	3,886.00	4,224.00
17,750.00	1,871.00	2,736.00	3,170.00	3,540.00	3,894.00	4,233.00
17,800.00	1,875.00	2,741.00	3,176.00	3,548.00	3,903.00	4,242.00
17,850.00	1,880.00	2,747.00	3,183.00	3,556.00	3,911.00	4,251.00
17,900.00	1,884.00	2,753.00	3,190.00	3,563.00	3,919.00	4,260.00
17,950.00	1,888.00	2,759.00	3,197.00	3,571.00	3,928.00	4,270.00
18,000.00	1,892.00	2,765.00	3,204.00	3,578.00	3,936.00	4,279.00
18,050.00	1,896.00	2,771.00	3,210.00	3,586.00	3,945.00	4,288.00
18,100.00	1,900.00	2,777.00	3,217.00	3,594.00	3,953.00	4,297.00
18,150.00	1,904.00	2,783.00	3,224.00	3,601.00	3,961.00	4,306.00
18,200.00	1,908.00	2,789.00	3,231.00	3,609.00	3,970.00	4,315.00
18,250.00	1,912.00	2,795.00	3,238.00	3,616.00	3,978.00	4,324.00
18,300.00	1,917.00	2,801.00	3,244.00	3,624.00	3,987.00	4,333.00
18,350.00	1,921.00	2,807.00	3,251.00	3,632.00	3,995.00	4,342.00
18,400.00	1,925.00	2,813.00	3,258.00	3,639.00	4,003.00	4,352.00
18,450.00	1,929.00	2,819.00	3,265.00	3,647.00	4,012.00	4,361.00
18,500.00	1,933.00	2,825.00	3,272.00	3,655.00	4,020.00	4,370.00
18,550.00	1,937.00	2,831.00	3,279.00	3,662.00	4,028.00	4,379.00
18,600.00	1,941.00	2,837.00	3,285.00	3,670.00	4,037.00	4,388.00
18,650.00	1,945.00	2,843.00	3,292.00	3,677.00	4,045.00	4,397.00
18,700.00	1,949.00	2,849.00	3,299.00	3,685.00	4,054.00	4,406.00
18,750.00	1,954.00	2,854.00	3,306.00	3,693.00	4,062.00	4,415.00
18,800.00	1,958.00	2,860.00	3,313.00	3,700.00	4,070.00	4,424.00
18,850.00	1,962.00	2,866.00	3,319.00	3,708.00	4,079.00	4,433.00
18,900.00	1,966.00	2,872.00	3,326.00	3,715.00	4,087.00	4,443.00
18,950.00	1,970.00	2,878.00	3,333.00	3,723.00	4,095.00	4,452.00

19,000.00	1,974.00	2,884.00	3,340.00	3,731.00	4,104.00	4,461.00
19,050.00	1,978.00	2,890.00	3,347.00	3,738.00	4,112.00	4,470.00
19,100.00	1,982.00	2,896.00	3,353.00	3,746.00	4,120.00	4,479.00
19,150.00	1,986.00	2,902.00	3,360.00	3,753.00	4,128.00	4,487.00
19,200.00	1,990.00	2,907.00	3,366.00	3,760.00	4,136.00	4,496.00
19,250.00	1,994.00	2,913.00	3,373.00	3,767.00	4,144.00	4,505.00
19,300.00	1,998.00	2,919.00	3,379.00	3,775.00	4,152.00	4,513.00
19,350.00	2,002.00	2,924.00	3,386.00	3,782.00	4,160.00	4,522.00
19,400.00	2,006.00	2,930.00	3,392.00	3,789.00	4,168.00	4,531.00
19,450.00	2,010.00	2,936.00	3,399.00	3,796.00	4,176.00	4,539.00
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19,650.00	2,025.00	2,958.00	3,425.00	3,825.00	4,208.00	4,574.00
19,700.00	2,029.00	2,964.00	3,431.00	3,833.00	4,216.00	4,583.00
19,750.00	2,033.00	2,969.00	3,438.00	3,840.00	4,224.00	4,591.00
19,800.00	2,037.00	2,975.00	3,444.00	3,847.00	4,232.00	4,600.00
19,850.00	2,041.00	2,981.00	3,451.00	3,854.00	4,240.00	4,608.00
19,900.00	2,045.00	2,986.00	3,457.00	3,861.00	4,248.00	4,617.00
19,950.00	2,049.00	2,992.00	3,463.00	3,869.00	4,256.00	4,626.00
20,000.00	2,053.00	2,998.00	3,470.00	3,876.00	4,264.00	4,634.00
20,050.00	2,056.00	3,003.00	3,476.00	3,883.00	4,271.00	4,643.00
20,100.00	2,060.00	3,009.00	3,483.00	3,890.00	4,279.00	4,652.00
20,150.00	2,064.00	3,015.00	3,489.00	3,898.00	4,287.00	4,660.00
20,200.00	2,067.00	3,019.00	3,495.00	3,904.00	4,295.00	4,668.00
20,250.00	2,070.00	3,024.00	3,501.00	3,911.00	4,302.00	4,676.00
20,300.00	2,073.00	3,029.00	3,507.00	3,917.00	4,309.00	4,684.00
20,350.00	2,076.00	3,033.00	3,513.00	3,924.00	4,316.00	4,691.00
20,400.00	2,079.00	3,038.00	3,518.00	3,930.00	4,323.00	4,699.00
20,450.00	2,082.00	3,042.00	3,524.00	3,936.00	4,330.00	4,707.00
20,500.00	2,084.00	3,047.00	3,530.00	3,943.00	4,337.00	4,715.00
20,550.00	2,087.00	3,051.00	3,536.00	3,949.00	4,344.00	4,722.00
20,600.00	2,090.00	3,056.00	3,541.00	3,956.00	4,351.00	4,730.00
20,650.00	2,093.00	3,060.00	3,547.00	3,962.00	4,358.00	4,738.00
20,700.00	2,096.00	3,065.00	3,553.00	3,969.00	4,366.00	4,745.00
20,750.00	2,099.00	3,069.00	3,559.00	3,975.00	4,373.00	4,753.00
20,800.00	2,101.00	3,074.00	3,565.00	3,982.00	4,380.00	4,761.00
20,850.00	2,104.00	3,079.00	3,570.00	3,988.00	4,387.00	4,768.00
20,900.00	2,107.00	3,083.00	3,576.00	3,994.00	4,394.00	4,776.00
20,950.00	2,110.00	3,088.00	3,582.00	4,001.00	4,401.00	4,784.00
21,000.00	2,113.00	3,092.00	3,588.00	4,007.00	4,408.00	4,792.00

21,050.00	2,116.00	3,097.00	3,593.00	4,014.00	4,415.00	4,799.00
21,100.00	2,119.00	3,101.00	3,599.00	4,020.00	4,422.00	4,807.00
21,150.00	2,121.00	3,106.00	3,605.00	4,027.00	4,429.00	4,815.00
21,200.00	2,124.00	3,110.00	3,611.00	4,033.00	4,436.00	4,822.00
21,250.00	2,127.00	3,115.00	3,616.00	4,040.00	4,443.00	4,830.00
21,300.00	2,130.00	3,119.00	3,622.00	4,046.00	4,451.00	4,838.00
21,350.00	2,133.00	3,124.00	3,628.00	4,052.00	4,458.00	4,845.00
21,400.00	2,136.00	3,129.00	3,634.00	4,059.00	4,465.00	4,853.00
21,450.00	2,138.00	3,133.00	3,639.00	4,065.00	4,472.00	4,861.00
21,500.00	2,141.00	3,138.00	3,645.00	4,072.00	4,479.00	4,869.00
21,550.00	2,144.00	3,142.00	3,651.00	4,078.00	4,486.00	4,876.00
21,600.00	2,147.00	3,147.00	3,657.00	4,085.00	4,493.00	4,884.00
21,650.00	2,150.00	3,151.00	3,663.00	4,091.00	4,500.00	4,892.00
21,700.00	2,153.00	3,156.00	3,668.00	4,098.00	4,507.00	4,899.00
21,750.00	2,155.00	3,160.00	3,674.00	4,104.00	4,514.00	4,907.00
21,800.00	2,158.00	3,165.00	3,680.00	4,110.00	4,521.00	4,915.00
21,850.00	2,161.00	3,169.00	3,686.00	4,117.00	4,529.00	4,923.00
21,900.00	2,164.00	3,174.00	3,691.00	4,123.00	4,536.00	4,930.00
21,950.00	2,167.00	3,179.00	3,697.00	4,130.00	4,543.00	4,938.00
22,000.00	2,170.00	3,183.00	3,703.00	4,136.00	4,550.00	4,946.00
22,050.00	2,172.00	3,188.00	3,709.00	4,143.00	4,557.00	4,953.00
22,100.00	2,175.00	3,192.00	3,714.00	4,149.00	4,564.00	4,961.00
22,150.00	2,178.00	3,197.00	3,720.00	4,155.00	4,571.00	4,969.00
22,200.00	2,181.00	3,201.00	3,726.00	4,162.00	4,578.00	4,976.00
22,250.00	2,184.00	3,206.00	3,732.00	4,168.00	4,585.00	4,984.00
22,300.00	2,187.00	3,210.00	3,738.00	4,175.00	4,592.00	4,992.00
22,350.00	2,189.00	3,215.00	3,743.00	4,181.00	4,599.00	5,000.00
22,400.00	2,192.00	3,219.00	3,749.00	4,188.00	4,606.00	5,007.00
22,450.00	2,195.00	3,224.00	3,755.00	4,194.00	4,614.00	5,015.00
22,500.00	2,198.00	3,228.00	3,761.00	4,201.00	4,621.00	5,023.00
22,550.00	2,201.00	3,233.00	3,766.00	4,207.00	4,628.00	5,030.00
22,600.00	2,204.00	3,238.00	3,772.00	4,213.00	4,635.00	5,038.00
22,650.00	2,207.00	3,242.00	3,778.00	4,220.00	4,642.00	5,046.00
22,700.00	2,209.00	3,247.00	3,784.00	4,226.00	4,649.00	5,053.00
22,750.00	2,212.00	3,251.00	3,789.00	4,233.00	4,656.00	5,061.00
22,800.00	2,215.00	3,256.00	3,795.00	4,239.00	4,663.00	5,069.00
22,850.00	2,218.00	3,260.00	3,801.00	4,246.00	4,670.00	5,077.00
22,900.00	2,221.00	3,265.00	3,807.00	4,252.00	4,677.00	5,084.00
22,950.00	2,224.00	3,269.00	3,812.00	4,259.00	4,684.00	5,092.00
23,000.00	2,226.00	3,274.00	3,818.00	4,265.00	4,691.00	5,100.00
23,050.00	2,229.00	3,278.00	3,824.00	4,271.00	4,699.00	5,107.00

23,100.00	2,232.00	3,283.00	3,830.00	4,278.00	4,706.00	5,115.00
23,150.00	2,235.00	3,288.00	3,836.00	4,284.00	4,713.00	5,123.00
23,200.00	2,238.00	3,292.00	3,841.00	4,291.00	4,720.00	5,130.00
23,250.00	2,241.00	3,297.00	3,847.00	4,297.00	4,727.00	5,138.00
23,300.00	2,243.00	3,301.00	3,853.00	4,304.00	4,734.00	5,146.00
23,350.00	2,246.00	3,306.00	3,859.00	4,310.00	4,741.00	5,154.00
23,400.00	2,249.00	3,310.00	3,864.00	4,317.00	4,748.00	5,161.00
23,450.00	2,252.00	3,315.00	3,870.00	4,323.00	4,755.00	5,169.00
23,500.00	2,255.00	3,319.00	3,876.00	4,329.00	4,762.00	5,177.00
23,550.00	2,258.00	3,324.00	3,882.00	4,336.00	4,769.00	5,184.00
23,600.00	2,260.00	3,328.00	3,887.00	4,342.00	4,777.00	5,192.00
23,650.00	2,263.00	3,333.00	3,893.00	4,349.00	4,784.00	5,200.00
23,700.00	2,266.00	3,338.00	3,899.00	4,355.00	4,791.00	5,207.00
23,750.00	2,269.00	3,342.00	3,905.00	4,362.00	4,798.00	5,215.00
23,800.00	2,272.00	3,347.00	3,911.00	4,368.00	4,805.00	5,223.00
23,850.00	2,275.00	3,351.00	3,916.00	4,375.00	4,812.00	5,231.00
23,900.00	2,277.00	3,356.00	3,922.00	4,381.00	4,819.00	5,238.00
23,950.00	2,280.00	3,360.00	3,928.00	4,387.00	4,826.00	5,246.00
24,000.00	2,283.00	3,365.00	3,934.00	4,394.00	4,833.00	5,254.00
24,050.00	2,286.00	3,369.00	3,939.00	4,400.00	4,840.00	5,261.00
24,100.00	2,289.00	3,374.00	3,945.00	4,407.00	4,847.00	5,269.00
24,150.00	2,292.00	3,378.00	3,951.00	4,413.00	4,854.00	5,277.00
24,200.00	2,295.00	3,383.00	3,957.00	4,420.00	4,862.00	5,285.00
24,250.00	2,297.00	3,388.00	3,962.00	4,426.00	4,869.00	5,292.00
24,300.00	2,300.00	3,392.00	3,968.00	4,432.00	4,876.00	5,300.00
24,350.00	2,303.00	3,397.00	3,974.00	4,439.00	4,883.00	5,308.00
24,400.00	2,306.00	3,401.00	3,980.00	4,445.00	4,890.00	5,315.00
24,450.00	2,309.00	3,406.00	3,985.00	4,452.00	4,897.00	5,323.00
24,500.00	2,312.00	3,410.00	3,991.00	4,458.00	4,904.00	5,331.00
24,550.00	2,314.00	3,415.00	3,997.00	4,465.00	4,911.00	5,338.00
24,600.00	2,317.00	3,419.00	4,003.00	4,471.00	4,918.00	5,346.00
24,650.00	2,320.00	3,424.00	4,009.00	4,478.00	4,925.00	5,354.00
24,700.00	2,323.00	3,428.00	4,014.00	4,484.00	4,932.00	5,362.00
24,750.00	2,326.00	3,433.00	4,020.00	4,490.00	4,939.00	5,369.00
24,800.00	2,329.00	3,437.00	4,026.00	4,497.00	4,947.00	5,377.00
24,850.00	2,331.00	3,442.00	4,032.00	4,503.00	4,954.00	5,385.00
24,900.00	2,334.00	3,447.00	4,037.00	4,510.00	4,961.00	5,392.00
24,950.00	2,337.00	3,451.00	4,043.00	4,516.00	4,968.00	5,400.00
25,000.00	2,340.00	3,456.00	4,049.00	4,523.00	4,975.00	5,408.00
25,050.00	2,343.00	3,460.00	4,055.00	4,529.00	4,982.00	5,415.00
25,100.00	2,346.00	3,465.00	4,060.00	4,536.00	4,989.00	5,423.00

25,150.00	2,348.00	3,469.00	4,066.00	4,542.00	4,996.00	5,431.00
25,200.00	2,351.00	3,474.00	4,072.00	4,548.00	5,003.00	5,439.00
25,250.00	2,354.00	3,478.00	4,078.00	4,555.00	5,010.00	5,446.00
25,300.00	2,357.00	3,483.00	4,084.00	4,561.00	5,017.00	5,454.00
25,350.00	2,360.00	3,487.00	4,089.00	4,568.00	5,025.00	5,462.00
25,400.00	2,363.00	3,492.00	4,095.00	4,574.00	5,032.00	5,469.00
25,450.00	2,365.00	3,497.00	4,101.00	4,581.00	5,039.00	5,477.00
25,500.00	2,368.00	3,501.00	4,107.00	4,587.00	5,046.00	5,485.00
25,550.00	2,371.00	3,506.00	4,112.00	4,594.00	5,053.00	5,492.00
25,600.00	2,374.00	3,510.00	4,118.00	4,600.00	5,060.00	5,500.00
25,650.00	2,377.00	3,515.00	4,124.00	4,606.00	5,067.00	5,508.00
25,700.00	2,380.00	3,519.00	4,130.00	4,613.00	5,074.00	5,516.00
25,750.00	2,383.00	3,524.00	4,135.00	4,619.00	5,081.00	5,523.00
25,800.00	2,385.00	3,528.00	4,141.00	4,626.00	5,088.00	5,531.00
25,850.00	2,388.00	3,533.00	4,147.00	4,632.00	5,095.00	5,539.00
25,900.00	2,391.00	3,537.00	4,153.00	4,639.00	5,102.00	5,546.00
25,950.00	2,394.00	3,542.00	4,159.00	4,645.00	5,110.00	5,554.00
26,000.00	2,397.00	3,547.00	4,164.00	4,651.00	5,117.00	5,562.00
26,050.00	2,400.00	3,551.00	4,170.00	4,658.00	5,124.00	5,569.00
26,100.00	2,402.00	3,556.00	4,176.00	4,664.00	5,131.00	5,577.00
26,150.00	2,405.00	3,560.00	4,182.00	4,671.00	5,138.00	5,585.00
26,200.00	2,408.00	3,565.00	4,187.00	4,677.00	5,145.00	5,593.00
26,250.00	2,411.00	3,569.00	4,193.00	4,684.00	5,152.00	5,600.00
26,300.00	2,414.00	3,574.00	4,199.00	4,690.00	5,159.00	5,608.00
26,350.00	2,417.00	3,578.00	4,205.00	4,697.00	5,166.00	5,616.00
26,400.00	2,419.00	3,583.00	4,210.00	4,703.00	5,173.00	5,623.00
26,450.00	2,422.00	3,587.00	4,216.00	4,709.00	5,180.00	5,631.00
26,500.00	2,425.00	3,592.00	4,222.00	4,716.00	5,187.00	5,639.00
26,550.00	2,428.00	3,597.00	4,228.00	4,722.00	5,195.00	5,647.00
26,600.00	2,431.00	3,601.00	4,233.00	4,729.00	5,202.00	5,654.00
26,650.00	2,434.00	3,606.00	4,239.00	4,735.00	5,209.00	5,662.00
26,700.00	2,436.00	3,610.00	4,245.00	4,742.00	5,216.00	5,670.00
26,750.00	2,439.00	3,615.00	4,251.00	4,748.00	5,223.00	5,677.00
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26,850.00	2,445.00	3,624.00	4,262.00	4,761.00	5,237.00	5,693.00
26,900.00	2,448.00	3,628.00	4,268.00	4,767.00	5,244.00	5,700.00
26,950.00	2,451.00	3,633.00	4,273.00	4,773.00	5,251.00	5,708.00
27,000.00	2,454.00	3,637.00	4,278.00	4,779.00	5,257.00	5,714.00
27,050.00	2,457.00	3,641.00	4,283.00	4,784.00	5,263.00	5,720.00
27,100.00	2,460.00	3,645.00	4,288.00	4,790.00	5,268.00	5,727.00
27,150.00	2,463.00	3,650.00	4,293.00	4,795.00	5,274.00	5,733.00

27,200.00	2,465.00	3,654.00	4,297.00	4,800.00	5,280.00	5,740.00
27,250.00	2,468.00	3,658.00	4,302.00	4,806.00	5,286.00	5,746.00
27,300.00	2,471.00	3,662.00	4,307.00	4,811.00	5,292.00	5,752.00
27,350.00	2,474.00	3,667.00	4,312.00	4,816.00	5,298.00	5,759.00
27,400.00	2,477.00	3,671.00	4,317.00	4,822.00	5,304.00	5,765.00
27,450.00	2,480.00	3,675.00	4,321.00	4,827.00	5,310.00	5,772.00
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27,550.00	2,486.00	3,683.00	4,331.00	4,838.00	5,321.00	5,784.00
27,600.00	2,489.00	3,688.00	4,336.00	4,843.00	5,327.00	5,791.00
27,650.00	2,492.00	3,692.00	4,340.00	4,848.00	5,333.00	5,797.00
27,700.00	2,495.00	3,696.00	4,345.00	4,854.00	5,339.00	5,803.00
27,750.00	2,498.00	3,700.00	4,350.00	4,859.00	5,345.00	5,810.00
27,800.00	2,501.00	3,705.00	4,355.00	4,864.00	5,351.00	5,816.00
27,850.00	2,504.00	3,709.00	4,360.00	4,870.00	5,357.00	5,823.00
27,900.00	2,507.00	3,713.00	4,364.00	4,875.00	5,362.00	5,829.00
27,950.00	2,510.00	3,717.00	4,369.00	4,880.00	5,368.00	5,835.00
28,000.00	2,513.00	3,722.00	4,374.00	4,886.00	5,374.00	5,842.00
28,050.00	2,516.00	3,726.00	4,379.00	4,891.00	5,380.00	5,848.00
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28,400.00	2,536.00	3,755.00	4,412.00	4,928.00	5,421.00	5,893.00
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28,600.00	2,548.00	3,772.00	4,431.00	4,950.00	5,445.00	5,918.00
28,650.00	2,551.00	3,776.00	4,436.00	4,955.00	5,451.00	5,925.00
28,700.00	2,554.00	3,781.00	4,441.00	4,960.00	5,457.00	5,931.00
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28,850.00	2,563.00	3,793.00	4,455.00	4,976.00	5,474.00	5,950.00
28,900.00	2,566.00	3,798.00	4,460.00	4,982.00	5,480.00	5,957.00
28,950.00	2,569.00	3,802.00	4,465.00	4,987.00	5,486.00	5,963.00
29,000.00	2,572.00	3,806.00	4,470.00	4,993.00	5,492.00	5,970.00
29,050.00	2,575.00	3,810.00	4,474.00	4,998.00	5,498.00	5,976.00
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29,150.00	2,581.00	3,819.00	4,484.00	5,009.00	5,509.00	5,989.00
29,200.00	2,584.00	3,823.00	4,489.00	5,014.00	5,515.00	5,995.00

29,250.00	2,587.00	3,827.00	4,493.00	5,019.00	5,521.00	6,001.00
29,300.00	2,590.00	3,831.00	4,498.00	5,025.00	5,527.00	6,008.00
29,350.00	2,593.00	3,836.00	4,503.00	5,030.00	5,533.00	6,014.00
29,400.00	2,595.00	3,840.00	4,508.00	5,035.00	5,539.00	6,021.00
29,450.00	2,598.00	3,844.00	4,513.00	5,041.00	5,545.00	6,027.00
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29,600.00	2,607.00	3,857.00	4,527.00	5,057.00	5,562.00	6,046.00
29,650.00	2,610.00	3,861.00	4,532.00	5,062.00	5,568.00	6,053.00
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29,750.00	2,616.00	3,869.00	4,541.00	5,073.00	5,580.00	6,065.00
29,800.00	2,619.00	3,874.00	4,546.00	5,078.00	5,586.00	6,072.00
29,850.00	2,622.00	3,878.00	4,551.00	5,083.00	5,592.00	6,078.00
29,900.00	2,625.00	3,882.00	4,556.00	5,089.00	5,598.00	6,085.00
29,950.00	2,628.00	3,886.00	4,560.00	5,094.00	5,603.00	6,091.00
30,000.00	2,631.00	3,891.00	4,565.00	5,099.00	5,609.00	6,097.00
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30,100.00	2,637.00	3,899.00	4,575.00	5,110.00	5,621.00	6,110.00
30,150.00	2,640.00	3,903.00	4,580.00	5,115.00	5,627.00	6,116.00
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30,250.00	2,646.00	3,912.00	4,589.00	5,126.00	5,639.00	6,129.00
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30,550.00	2,663.00	3,937.00	4,618.00	5,158.00	5,674.00	6,168.00
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30,700.00	2,672.00	3,950.00	4,632.00	5,174.00	5,692.00	6,187.00
30,750.00	2,675.00	3,954.00	4,637.00	5,179.00	5,697.00	6,193.00
30,800.00	2,678.00	3,958.00	4,642.00	5,185.00	5,703.00	6,199.00
30,850.00	2,681.00	3,962.00	4,647.00	5,190.00	5,709.00	6,206.00
30,900.00	2,684.00	3,967.00	4,651.00	5,196.00	5,715.00	6,212.00
30,950.00	2,687.00	3,971.00	4,656.00	5,201.00	5,721.00	6,219.00
31,000.00	2,690.00	3,975.00	4,661.00	5,206.00	5,727.00	6,225.00
31,050.00	2,693.00	3,979.00	4,666.00	5,212.00	5,733.00	6,231.00
31,100.00	2,696.00	3,984.00	4,670.00	5,217.00	5,739.00	6,238.00
31,150.00	2,699.00	3,988.00	4,675.00	5,222.00	5,744.00	6,244.00
31,200.00	2,702.00	3,992.00	4,680.00	5,228.00	5,750.00	6,251.00
31,250.00	2,705.00	3,996.00	4,685.00	5,233.00	5,756.00	6,257.00

31,300.00	2,708.00	4,000.00	4,690.00	5,238.00	5,762.00	6,263.00
31,350.00	2,711.00	4,005.00	4,694.00	5,244.00	5,768.00	6,270.00
31,400.00	2,714.00	4,009.00	4,699.00	5,249.00	5,774.00	6,276.00
31,450.00	2,717.00	4,013.00	4,704.00	5,254.00	5,780.00	6,283.00
31,500.00	2,720.00	4,017.00	4,709.00	5,260.00	5,786.00	6,289.00
31,550.00	2,723.00	4,022.00	4,713.00	5,265.00	5,791.00	6,295.00
31,600.00	2,726.00	4,026.00	4,718.00	5,270.00	5,797.00	6,302.00
31,650.00	2,728.00	4,030.00	4,723.00	5,276.00	5,803.00	6,308.00
31,700.00	2,731.00	4,034.00	4,728.00	5,281.00	5,809.00	6,314.00
31,750.00	2,734.00	4,038.00	4,733.00	5,286.00	5,815.00	6,321.00
31,800.00	2,737.00	4,043.00	4,737.00	5,292.00	5,821.00	6,327.00
31,850.00	2,740.00	4,047.00	4,742.00	5,297.00	5,827.00	6,334.00
31,900.00	2,743.00	4,051.00	4,747.00	5,302.00	5,833.00	6,340.00
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32,000.00	2,749.00	4,060.00	4,757.00	5,313.00	5,844.00	6,353.00
32,050.00	2,752.00	4,064.00	4,761.00	5,318.00	5,850.00	6,359.00
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32,150.00	2,758.00	4,072.00	4,771.00	5,329.00	5,862.00	6,372.00
32,200.00	2,761.00	4,077.00	4,776.00	5,334.00	5,868.00	6,378.00
32,250.00	2,764.00	4,081.00	4,780.00	5,340.00	5,874.00	6,385.00
32,300.00	2,767.00	4,085.00	4,785.00	5,345.00	5,880.00	6,391.00
32,350.00	2,770.00	4,089.00	4,790.00	5,350.00	5,885.00	6,398.00
32,400.00	2,773.00	4,093.00	4,795.00	5,356.00	5,891.00	6,404.00
32,450.00	2,776.00	4,098.00	4,800.00	5,361.00	5,897.00	6,410.00
32,500.00	2,779.00	4,102.00	4,804.00	5,366.00	5,903.00	6,417.00
32,550.00	2,782.00	4,106.00	4,809.00	5,372.00	5,909.00	6,423.00
32,600.00	2,785.00	4,110.00	4,814.00	5,377.00	5,915.00	6,429.00
32,650.00	2,788.00	4,115.00	4,819.00	5,382.00	5,921.00	6,436.00
32,700.00	2,791.00	4,119.00	4,823.00	5,388.00	5,927.00	6,442.00
32,750.00	2,793.00	4,123.00	4,828.00	5,393.00	5,932.00	6,449.00
32,800.00	2,796.00	4,127.00	4,833.00	5,399.00	5,938.00	6,455.00
32,850.00	2,799.00	4,131.00	4,838.00	5,404.00	5,944.00	6,461.00
32,900.00	2,802.00	4,136.00	4,843.00	5,409.00	5,950.00	6,468.00
32,950.00	2,805.00	4,140.00	4,847.00	5,415.00	5,956.00	6,474.00
33,000.00	2,808.00	4,144.00	4,852.00	5,420.00	5,962.00	6,481.00
33,050.00	2,811.00	4,148.00	4,857.00	5,425.00	5,968.00	6,487.00
33,100.00	2,814.00	4,153.00	4,862.00	5,431.00	5,974.00	6,493.00
33,150.00	2,817.00	4,157.00	4,867.00	5,436.00	5,979.00	6,500.00
33,200.00	2,820.00	4,161.00	4,871.00	5,441.00	5,985.00	6,506.00
33,250.00	2,823.00	4,165.00	4,876.00	5,447.00	5,991.00	6,512.00
33,300.00	2,826.00	4,169.00	4,881.00	5,452.00	5,997.00	6,519.00

33,350.00	2,829.00	4,174.00	4,886.00	5,457.00	6,003.00	6,525.00
33,400.00	2,832.00	4,178.00	4,890.00	5,463.00	6,009.00	6,532.00
33,450.00	2,835.00	4,182.00	4,895.00	5,468.00	6,015.00	6,538.00
33,500.00	2,838.00	4,186.00	4,900.00	5,473.00	6,021.00	6,544.00
33,550.00	2,841.00	4,191.00	4,905.00	5,479.00	6,026.00	6,551.00
33,600.00	2,844.00	4,195.00	4,910.00	5,484.00	6,032.00	6,557.00
33,650.00	2,847.00	4,199.00	4,914.00	5,489.00	6,038.00	6,564.00
33,700.00	2,850.00	4,203.00	4,919.00	5,495.00	6,044.00	6,570.00
33,750.00	2,853.00	4,208.00	4,924.00	5,500.00	6,050.00	6,576.00
33,800.00	2,856.00	4,212.00	4,929.00	5,505.00	6,056.00	6,583.00
33,850.00	2,858.00	4,216.00	4,933.00	5,511.00	6,062.00	6,589.00
33,900.00	2,861.00	4,220.00	4,938.00	5,516.00	6,068.00	6,596.00
33,950.00	2,864.00	4,224.00	4,943.00	5,521.00	6,074.00	6,602.00
34,000.00	2,867.00	4,229.00	4,948.00	5,527.00	6,079.00	6,608.00
34,050.00	2,870.00	4,233.00	4,953.00	5,532.00	6,085.00	6,615.00
34,100.00	2,873.00	4,237.00	4,957.00	5,537.00	6,091.00	6,621.00
34,150.00	2,876.00	4,241.00	4,962.00	5,543.00	6,097.00	6,627.00
34,200.00	2,879.00	4,246.00	4,967.00	5,548.00	6,103.00	6,634.00
34,250.00	2,882.00	4,250.00	4,972.00	5,553.00	6,109.00	6,640.00
34,300.00	2,885.00	4,254.00	4,977.00	5,559.00	6,115.00	6,647.00
34,350.00	2,888.00	4,258.00	4,981.00	5,564.00	6,121.00	6,653.00
34,400.00	2,891.00	4,262.00	4,986.00	5,569.00	6,126.00	6,659.00
34,450.00	2,894.00	4,267.00	4,991.00	5,575.00	6,132.00	6,666.00
34,500.00	2,897.00	4,271.00	4,996.00	5,580.00	6,138.00	6,672.00
34,550.00	2,900.00	4,275.00	5,000.00	5,585.00	6,144.00	6,679.00
34,600.00	2,903.00	4,279.00	5,005.00	5,591.00	6,150.00	6,685.00
34,650.00	2,906.00	4,284.00	5,010.00	5,596.00	6,156.00	6,691.00
34,700.00	2,909.00	4,288.00	5,015.00	5,602.00	6,162.00	6,698.00
34,750.00	2,912.00	4,292.00	5,020.00	5,607.00	6,168.00	6,704.00
34,800.00	2,915.00	4,296.00	5,024.00	5,612.00	6,173.00	6,710.00
34,850.00	2,918.00	4,301.00	5,029.00	5,618.00	6,179.00	6,717.00
34,900.00	2,921.00	4,305.00	5,034.00	5,623.00	6,185.00	6,723.00
34,950.00	2,923.00	4,309.00	5,039.00	5,628.00	6,191.00	6,730.00
35,000.00	2,926.00	4,313.00	5,043.00	5,634.00	6,197.00	6,736.00
35,050.00	2,929.00	4,317.00	5,048.00	5,639.00	6,203.00	6,742.00
35,100.00	2,932.00	4,322.00	5,053.00	5,644.00	6,209.00	6,749.00
35,150.00	2,935.00	4,326.00	5,058.00	5,650.00	6,215.00	6,755.00
35,200.00	2,938.00	4,330.00	5,063.00	5,655.00	6,220.00	6,762.00
35,250.00	2,941.00	4,334.00	5,067.00	5,660.00	6,226.00	6,768.00
35,300.00	2,944.00	4,339.00	5,072.00	5,666.00	6,232.00	6,774.00
35,350.00	2,947.00	4,343.00	5,077.00	5,671.00	6,238.00	6,781.00

35,400.00	2,950.00	4,347.00	5,082.00	5,676.00	6,244.00	6,787.00
35,450.00	2,953.00	4,351.00	5,087.00	5,682.00	6,250.00	6,794.00
35,500.00	2,956.00	4,355.00	5,091.00	5,687.00	6,256.00	6,800.00
35,550.00	2,959.00	4,360.00	5,096.00	5,692.00	6,262.00	6,806.00
35,600.00	2,962.00	4,364.00	5,101.00	5,698.00	6,267.00	6,813.00
35,650.00	2,965.00	4,368.00	5,106.00	5,703.00	6,273.00	6,819.00
35,700.00	2,968.00	4,372.00	5,110.00	5,708.00	6,279.00	6,825.00
35,750.00	2,971.00	4,377.00	5,115.00	5,714.00	6,285.00	6,832.00
35,800.00	2,974.00	4,381.00	5,120.00	5,719.00	6,291.00	6,838.00
35,850.00	2,977.00	4,385.00	5,125.00	5,724.00	6,297.00	6,845.00
35,900.00	2,980.00	4,389.00	5,130.00	5,730.00	6,303.00	6,851.00
35,950.00	2,983.00	4,393.00	5,134.00	5,735.00	6,309.00	6,857.00
36,000.00	2,986.00	4,398.00	5,139.00	5,740.00	6,314.00	6,864.00
36,050.00	2,988.00	4,402.00	5,144.00	5,746.00	6,320.00	6,870.00
36,100.00	2,991.00	4,406.00	5,149.00	5,751.00	6,326.00	6,877.00
36,150.00	2,994.00	4,410.00	5,153.00	5,756.00	6,332.00	6,883.00
36,200.00	2,997.00	4,415.00	5,158.00	5,762.00	6,338.00	6,889.00
36,250.00	3,000.00	4,419.00	5,163.00	5,767.00	6,344.00	6,896.00
36,300.00	3,003.00	4,423.00	5,168.00	5,772.00	6,350.00	6,902.00
36,350.00	3,006.00	4,427.00	5,173.00	5,778.00	6,356.00	6,909.00
36,400.00	3,009.00	4,432.00	5,177.00	5,783.00	6,361.00	6,915.00
36,450.00	3,012.00	4,436.00	5,182.00	5,788.00	6,367.00	6,921.00
36,500.00	3,015.00	4,440.00	5,187.00	5,794.00	6,373.00	6,928.00
36,550.00	3,018.00	4,444.00	5,192.00	5,799.00	6,379.00	6,934.00
36,600.00	3,021.00	4,448.00	5,197.00	5,804.00	6,385.00	6,940.00
36,650.00	3,024.00	4,453.00	5,201.00	5,810.00	6,391.00	6,947.00
36,700.00	3,027.00	4,457.00	5,206.00	5,815.00	6,397.00	6,953.00
36,750.00	3,030.00	4,461.00	5,211.00	5,821.00	6,403.00	6,960.00
36,800.00	3,033.00	4,465.00	5,216.00	5,826.00	6,408.00	6,966.00
36,850.00	3,036.00	4,470.00	5,220.00	5,831.00	6,414.00	6,972.00
36,900.00	3,039.00	4,474.00	5,225.00	5,837.00	6,420.00	6,979.00
36,950.00	3,042.00	4,478.00	5,230.00	5,842.00	6,426.00	6,985.00
37,000.00	3,045.00	4,482.00	5,235.00	5,847.00	6,432.00	6,992.00
37,050.00	3,048.00	4,486.00	5,240.00	5,853.00	6,438.00	6,998.00
37,100.00	3,051.00	4,491.00	5,244.00	5,858.00	6,444.00	7,004.00
37,150.00	3,053.00	4,495.00	5,249.00	5,863.00	6,450.00	7,011.00
37,200.00	3,056.00	4,499.00	5,254.00	5,869.00	6,455.00	7,017.00
37,250.00	3,059.00	4,503.00	5,259.00	5,874.00	6,461.00	7,023.00
37,300.00	3,062.00	4,508.00	5,263.00	5,879.00	6,467.00	7,030.00
37,350.00	3,065.00	4,512.00	5,268.00	5,885.00	6,473.00	7,036.00
37,400.00	3,068.00	4,516.00	5,273.00	5,890.00	6,479.00	7,043.00

37,450.00	3,071.00	4,520.00	5,278.00	5,895.00	6,485.00	7,049.00
37,500.00	3,074.00	4,525.00	5,283.00	5,901.00	6,491.00	7,055.00
37,550.00	3,077.00	4,529.00	5,287.00	5,906.00	6,497.00	7,062.00
37,600.00	3,080.00	4,533.00	5,292.00	5,911.00	6,502.00	7,068.00
37,650.00	3,083.00	4,537.00	5,297.00	5,917.00	6,508.00	7,075.00
37,700.00	3,086.00	4,541.00	5,302.00	5,922.00	6,514.00	7,081.00
37,750.00	3,089.00	4,546.00	5,307.00	5,927.00	6,520.00	7,087.00
37,800.00	3,092.00	4,550.00	5,311.00	5,933.00	6,526.00	7,094.00
37,850.00	3,095.00	4,554.00	5,316.00	5,938.00	6,532.00	7,100.00
37,900.00	3,098.00	4,558.00	5,321.00	5,943.00	6,538.00	7,107.00
37,950.00	3,101.00	4,563.00	5,326.00	5,949.00	6,544.00	7,113.00
38,000.00	3,104.00	4,567.00	5,330.00	5,954.00	6,549.00	7,119.00
38,050.00	3,107.00	4,571.00	5,335.00	5,959.00	6,555.00	7,126.00
38,100.00	3,110.00	4,575.00	5,340.00	5,965.00	6,561.00	7,132.00
38,150.00	3,113.00	4,579.00	5,345.00	5,970.00	6,567.00	7,138.00
38,200.00	3,116.00	4,584.00	5,350.00	5,975.00	6,573.00	7,145.00
38,250.00	3,118.00	4,588.00	5,354.00	5,981.00	6,579.00	7,151.00
38,300.00	3,121.00	4,592.00	5,359.00	5,986.00	6,585.00	7,158.00
38,350.00	3,124.00	4,596.00	5,364.00	5,991.00	6,591.00	7,164.00
38,400.00	3,127.00	4,601.00	5,369.00	5,997.00	6,596.00	7,170.00
38,450.00	3,130.00	4,605.00	5,373.00	6,002.00	6,602.00	7,177.00
38,500.00	3,133.00	4,609.00	5,378.00	6,007.00	6,608.00	7,183.00
38,550.00	3,136.00	4,613.00	5,383.00	6,013.00	6,614.00	7,190.00
38,600.00	3,139.00	4,617.00	5,388.00	6,018.00	6,620.00	7,196.00
38,650.00	3,142.00	4,622.00	5,393.00	6,024.00	6,626.00	7,202.00
38,700.00	3,145.00	4,626.00	5,397.00	6,029.00	6,632.00	7,209.00
38,750.00	3,148.00	4,630.00	5,402.00	6,034.00	6,638.00	7,215.00
38,800.00	3,151.00	4,634.00	5,407.00	6,040.00	6,643.00	7,221.00
38,850.00	3,154.00	4,639.00	5,412.00	6,045.00	6,649.00	7,228.00
38,900.00	3,157.00	4,643.00	5,416.00	6,050.00	6,655.00	7,234.00
38,950.00	3,160.00	4,647.00	5,421.00	6,056.00	6,661.00	7,241.00
39,000.00	3,163.00	4,651.00	5,426.00	6,061.00	6,667.00	7,247.00
39,050.00	3,166.00	4,656.00	5,431.00	6,066.00	6,673.00	7,253.00
39,100.00	3,169.00	4,660.00	5,436.00	6,072.00	6,679.00	7,260.00
39,150.00	3,172.00	4,664.00	5,440.00	6,077.00	6,685.00	7,266.00
39,200.00	3,175.00	4,668.00	5,445.00	6,082.00	6,691.00	7,273.00
39,250.00	3,178.00	4,672.00	5,450.00	6,088.00	6,696.00	7,279.00
39,300.00	3,181.00	4,677.00	5,455.00	6,093.00	6,702.00	7,285.00
39,350.00	3,184.00	4,681.00	5,460.00	6,098.00	6,708.00	7,292.00
39,400.00	3,186.00	4,685.00	5,464.00	6,104.00	6,714.00	7,298.00
39,450.00	3,189.00	4,689.00	5,469.00	6,109.00	6,720.00	7,305.00

39,500.00	3,192.00	4,694.00	5,474.00	6,114.00	6,726.00	7,311.00
39,550.00	3,195.00	4,698.00	5,479.00	6,120.00	6,732.00	7,317.00
39,600.00	3,198.00	4,702.00	5,483.00	6,125.00	6,738.00	7,324.00
39,650.00	3,201.00	4,706.00	5,488.00	6,130.00	6,743.00	7,330.00
39,700.00	3,204.00	4,710.00	5,493.00	6,136.00	6,749.00	7,336.00
39,750.00	3,207.00	4,715.00	5,498.00	6,141.00	6,755.00	7,343.00
39,800.00	3,210.00	4,719.00	5,503.00	6,146.00	6,761.00	7,349.00
39,850.00	3,213.00	4,723.00	5,507.00	6,152.00	6,767.00	7,356.00
39,900.00	3,216.00	4,727.00	5,512.00	6,157.00	6,773.00	7,362.00
39,950.00	3,219.00	4,732.00	5,517.00	6,162.00	6,779.00	7,368.00
40,000.00	3,222.00	4,736.00	5,522.00	6,168.00	6,785.00	7,375.00

(p) Low-income Adjustment Table.

Parent's Individual Monthly Adjusted Gross Income	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children	5 Children	6 Children
At or Below 1500	19% of income	24% of income	25% of income	26% of income	27% of income	28% of income
$ 1,550.00	$ 295.00	$ 372.00	$ 388.00	$ 403.00	$ 419.00	$ 434.00
1,600.00	304.00	389.00	408.00	427.00	444.00	462.00
1,650.00	314.00	405.00	429.00	450.00	470.00	490.00
1,700.00	323.00	422.00	450.00	474.00	496.00	518.00
1,750.00	333.00	439.00	471.00	497.00	522.00	546.00
1,800.00	342.00	456.00	492.00	521.00	548.00	574.00
1,850.00	352.00	472.00	513.00	544.00	574.00	601.00
1,900.00	361.00	489.00	534.00	568.00	599.00	629.00
1,950.00	371.00	506.00	555.00	591.00	625.00	657.00
2,000.00	381.00	522.00	576.00	615.00	651.00	685.00
2,050.00	390.00	539.00	597.00	638.00	677.00	713.00
2,100.00	400.00	556.00	618.00	662.00	703.00	741.00
2,150.00	409.00	573.00	639.00	685.00	729.00	769.00
2,200.00	419.00	589.00	660.00	709.00	754.00	797.00
2,250.00	428.00	606.00	681.00	732.00	780.00	825.00
2,300.00	438.00	623.00	702.00	756.00	806.00	853.00
2,350.00	448.00	639.00	723.00	779.00	832.00	881.00
2,400.00	457.00	656.00	744.00	803.00	858.00	909.00
2,450.00	467.00	673.00	765.00	826.00	884.00	936.00
2,500.00		690.00	786.00	850.00	910.00	964.00
2,550.00		706.00	807.00	873.00	935.00	992.00
2,600.00		723.00	828.00	897.00	961.00	1,020.00

2,650.00		740.00	848.00	920.00	987.00	1,048.00
2,700.00		756.00	869.00	944.00	1,013.00	1,076.00
2,750.00		773.00	890.00	967.00	1,039.00	1,104.00
2,800.00		790.00	911.00	991.00	1,065.00	1,132.00
2,850.00		807.00	932.00	1,014.00	1,090.00	1,160.00
2,900.00		823.00	953.00	1,038.00	1,116.00	1,188.00
2,950.00		840.00	974.00	1,061.00	1,142.00	1,216.00
3,000.00			995.00	1,085.00	1,168.00	1,243.00
3,050.00			1,016.00	1,108.00	1,194.00	1,271.00
3,100.00			1,037.00	1,132.00	1,220.00	1,299.00
3,150.00			1,058.00	1,155.00	1,245.00	1,327.00
3,200.00			1,079.00	1,179.00	1,271.00	1,355.00
3,250.00			1,100.00	1,202.00	1,297.00	1,383.00
3,300.00			1,121.00	1,226.00	1,323.00	1,411.00
3,350.00			1,142.00	1,249.00	1,349.00	1,439.00
3,400.00				1,273.00	1,375.00	1,467.00
3,450.00				1,296.00	1,401.00	1,495.00
3,500.00				1,320.00	1,426.00	1,523.00
3,550.00				1,343.00	1,452.00	1,550.00
3,600.00					1,478.00	1,578.00
3,650.00					1,504.00	1,606.00
3,700.00					1,530.00	1,634.00
3,750.00					1,556.00	1,662.00
3,800.00						1,690.00
3,850.00						1,718.00
3,900.00						1,746.00
3,950.00						1,774.00

SECTION 2.

(a) The basic child support obligation table set forth in subsection (o) of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

(b) The low-income adjustment set forth in subsection (i.1) of Section 1 of this Act, the low-income adjustment table set forth in subsection (p) of Section 1 of this Act, and the parenting time adjustment provisions set forth in subsection (g) of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2026.

(c) In the interim time between the effective date of subsection (a) of this section and the effective date of subsection (b) of this section, the low income deviation and parenting time deviation in use as of January 1, 2024, shall continue to be utilized during this time.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Strickland of the 17th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 454.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	Y Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 54, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 454.

At 1:48 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand at ease until 2:30 p.m.

At 2:38 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment, to the House substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 479. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of

the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Resolution of the House:

HR 1042. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 502. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services, so as to prohibit state agencies from contracting for advertising or marketing services with certain companies or from supporting certain companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for certifications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 502:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to regulate and provide for certain activities by state government; to expand a prohibition on certain companies bidding on or submitting a proposal for a state contract to include all companies owned or operated by foreign adversaries; to prohibit state

agencies from contracting for advertising or marketing services with certain companies or from supporting certain companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for certifications; to provide for exceptions; to authorize county boards of health and community service boards to conduct meetings via teleconference; to authorize district health directors to attend county board of health meetings by teleconference; to authorize the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by revising Code Section 50-5-84.2, relating to contracting with companies owned by China, as follows:

"50-5-84.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Company' means any sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit.

(1.1) 'Company of concern' means a company in which the government of China has an ownership stake.

(1.2) 'Foreign adversary' means:

(A) Republic of Cuba (Cuba);

(B) Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran);

(C) Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea);

(D) Russian Federation (Russia); and

(E) Venezuelan politician Nicolás Maduro (Maduro Regime).

(2) 'Government of China' means the People's Republic of China led by the Chinese Communist Party.

(3) 'Scrutinized company' means any company owned or operated by the government of ~~China~~ a foreign adversary.

(b) A scrutinized company shall be ineligible to, and shall not, bid on or submit a proposal for a contract with a state agency for goods or services.

(b.1) A company of concern shall be ineligible to, and shall not, bid on or submit a proposal for a contract, directly or through a third-party seller, with a state agency for goods, services, or the procurement or purchase of computers, printers, software, hardware, connecting cables, or other information technology equipment needed for an office environment.

(c) A state agency shall require a company that submits a bid or proposal with respect to

a contract for goods or services to certify that the company is not a company of concern or a scrutinized company.

(d) If the Department of Administrative Services determines that a company has submitted a false certification under subsection (c) of this Code section:

(1) The company shall be liable for a civil penalty in an amount that is equal to the greater of $250,000.00 or twice the amount of the contract for which a bid or proposal was submitted;

(2) The state agency or the Department of Administrative Services shall terminate the contract with the company; and

(3) The company shall be ineligible to, and shall not, bid on a state contract."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-5-86.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agency' means any entity of this state, including any department, agency, division, council, bureau, board, commission, public corporation, or authority; provided, however, that such term shall not mean a political subdivision of this state.

(2) 'Company' means any sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations that exist for the purpose of making a profit or are nonprofit entities.

(3) 'Media reliability and bias monitor' means any company the primary or principal function of which is to:

(A) Rate or rank news and information sources for the factual accuracy of their content, whether published online, in print, by audio, or digitally, or by broadcasting via radio, television, cable, streaming service, or any other ways news is delivered to the public; or

(B) Provide ratings or an opinion on news sources regarding misinformation, bias, adherence to journalistic standards, or ethics, including, but not limited to, organizations that claim to engage in fact checking;

The term 'media reliability and bias monitor' does not include organizations that do not engage in the activities described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph; that rate media outlets for audience size, viewership, and demographic information: or that monitor media outlets for the purposes of compiling press or video clippings or aggregating news sources for the purposes of public relations and public awareness.

(b) No agency shall:

(1) Enter into any contract or other agreement with a media reliability and bias monitor or with any advertising or marketing agency that utilizes a media reliability and bias monitor on services provided to the state; or

(2) Provide support of any form, other than nondiscretionary actions otherwise required

by law, to a media reliability and bias monitor.

(c)(1) An agency shall require a company that submits a bid or proposal with respect to a contract for advertising services to certify that the company is in compliance with paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(2) An agency, prior to extending, renewing, or otherwise changing or modifying an agreement or contract for advertising or marketing services in effect on the effective date of this Code section, shall obtain from the contractor a certification that the contractor is in compliance with paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent an agency from contracting for services which aggregate news articles and information relevant to the agency or its constituents or prevent a company from providing analytical information on the performance of advertisements placed by an agency."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 50-14-1, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(h)(1) County boards of health established pursuant to Code Section 31-3-1 and community service boards established pursuant to Code Section 37-2-6 shall be authorized to conduct meetings by teleconference, provided that any such meeting shall be considered to be conducted in compliance with this chapter so long as the notice required by this chapter is provided and, if fewer than a quorum of the members of a board thereof are physically present, means have been afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to the teleconference meeting.

(2) The participation by teleconference of members of such boards thereof means full participation in the same manner as if such members were physically present. In the event such teleconference meeting is a public hearing, and if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, then members of the public shall be afforded the means to participate fully in the same manner as if such members of the public were physically present.

(i) The district health director for each health district who serves on one or more county boards of health established pursuant to Code Section 31-3-1 shall be authorized to attend meetings of such boards by teleconference. A district health director participating in such board meeting via teleconference shall be considered present at such meeting for the purpose of establishing a quorum as if he or she was physically present at such meeting."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-23-4, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (5), (6), (10.1), and (10.2) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5) 'Environmental facilities' means any projects, structures, and other real or personal property acquired, rehabilitated, constructed, or planned:

(A) For the purposes of supplying, distributing, and treating water and diverting,

channeling, or controlling water flow and head including, but not limited to, surface or ground water, canals, reservoirs, channels, basins, dams, aqueducts, standpipes, penstocks, conduits, pipelines, mains, pumping stations, water distribution systems, compensating reservoirs, intake stations, waterworks or sources of water supply, wells, purification or filtration plants or other treatment plants and works, connections, water meters, mechanical equipment, electric generating equipment, rights of flowage or division and other plant structures, equipment, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, distribution, pumping, treatment, storing, or disposing of water;

(B) For the purposes of collecting, treating, or disposing of sewage including, but not limited to, main, trunk, intercepting, connecting, lateral, outlet, or other sewers, outfall, pumping stations, treatment and disposal plants, ground water rechange basins, backflow prevention devices, sludge dewatering or disposal equipment and facilities, clarifiers, filters, phosphorus removal equipment and other plants, soil absorption systems, innovative systems or equipment, structures, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein, and appurtenances thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, pumping, treatment, neutralization, storing, and disposing of sewage;

(C) For the purposes of collecting, treating, recycling, composting, or disposing of solid waste, including, but not limited to, trucks, dumpsters, intermediate reception stations or facilities, transfer stations, incinerators, shredders, treatment plants, landfills, landfill equipment, barrels, binders, barges, alternative technologies and other plant structures, equipment, conveyances, improvements, real or personal property or rights therein, and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, treatment, or disposal of solid waste; ~~or~~

(D) For the purposes of carrying out a community land conservation project or a state land conservation project pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 36; or

(E) For the purposes of storing, supplying, and distributing natural gas, including, but not limited to, pipelines, storage tanks and facilities, natural gas distribution systems, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the storage, supply, and distribution of natural gas.

(6) 'Environmental services' means the provision, collectively or individually, of water facilities, sewerage facilities, solid waste facilities, natural gas facilities, community land conservation projects or state land conservation projects pursuant to Chapter 22 Title 36, or management services."

"(10.1) 'Natural gas facility' means any environmental facility described in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (5) of this Code section.

(10.2) 'Nongovernmental entity' means a nonprofit organization the primary purposes of which are the permanent protection and conservation of land and natural resources.

~~(10.2)~~(10.3) 'Nonprofit corporation' means any corporation qualified as a not for profit

corporation by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 50-23-5, relating to purpose, powers, and duties, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (33), by deleting the period and substituting in lieu thereof "; and" at the end of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (34), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(35) To promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-23-12, relating to personal liability of members, officers, and employees of the authority, by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) The construction, ownership, maintenance, or operation of any solid waste system, sewerage system, natural gas system, environmental facility, or water system owned by a local government; or"

SECTION 7.

(a) This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 502 as amended by the following amendment:

Senator Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 502 (LC 36 5896S) by replacing line 86 with the following:

monitor; or

By replacing line 90 with the following:

a contract for advertising or marketing services to certify that the company is in compliance with

By replacing line 96 with the following:

(3) Nothing in this Code section shall prevent an agency from contracting services

By replacing line 99 with the following:

advertisements placed by an agency.
(4) Nothing in this Code section shall require an agency to rebid an existing contract for advertising or marketing services in effect on the effective date of this Code section."

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 34, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 502 as amended by the Senate.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3-28-2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 502. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be

excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Still of the 48th asked unanimous consent to remove his name as the primary author of SB 512. There was no objection, and the consent was granted; pursuant to Senate Rule 3-1.1 (a), Senator Kennedy of the 18th was designated as the primary author of SB 512.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that HB 977, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 977, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 977. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Leverett of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to expand the number of contests subject to risk-limiting audits; to provide for percentages of risk limits; to provide procedures for selection of contests subject to risk-limiting audits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Robertson of the 29th.

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to HB 977:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 21-2-540 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conduct of special primaries and special elections generally, so as to revise provisions relating to dates for certain special elections related to sales and use taxes; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a 50 day period before a newly approved tax becomes effective; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 21-2-540 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conduct of special primaries and special elections generally, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special primary or special election to fill a vacancy in a county or municipal office shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least 29 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special primary or special election shall only be held on:

(i) The third Tuesday in March;

(ii) The third Tuesday in June;

(iii) The third Tuesday in September; or

(iv) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special primary or special election shall only be held on:

(i) The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that in the event that a special primary or special election is to be held under this provision in a year in which a presidential preference primary is to be held, then any such special primary or special election shall be held on the date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary;

(ii) The date of the general primary; or

(iii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November;

provided, however, that, in the event that a special primary or special election to fill a federal or state office on a date other than the dates provided in this paragraph has been scheduled and it is possible to hold a special primary or special election to fill a vacancy in a county, municipal, or school board office in conjunction with such special primary or special election to fill a federal or state office, the special primary or special election to fill such county, municipal, or school board office may be held on the date of and in conjunction with such special primary or special election to fill such federal or state office, provided all other provisions of law regarding such primaries and elections are met.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special election to present a question to the voters shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least 29 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on the third Tuesday in March or on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

(i) The date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary if one is held that year;

~~(ii) The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that such special election shall occur prior to July 1, 2024, and present a question to the voters on sales and use taxes authorized by Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48;~~

~~(iii)~~(ii) The date of the general primary; or

~~(iv)~~(iii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no special election shall present a question to the voters on sales and use taxes authorized by Articles 2, 2A, 3,

4, 5, 5A, and 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48, except on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in any year or concurrent with a presidential preference primary or a general primary.

~~(3)~~(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:

(A) Special elections held pursuant to Chapter 4 of this title, the 'Recall Act of 1989,' to recall a public officer or to fill a vacancy in a public office caused by a recall election; and

(B) Special primaries or special elections to fill vacancies in federal or state public offices."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, is amended by replacing "80 days" with "50 days", wherever the former occurs in:

(1) Code Section 48-8-86, relating to adoption of resolution imposing tax by governing authorities of county and municipality, time, effective date in general and with respect to services billed monthly, and certified copy of resolution to commissioner;

(2) Code Section 48-8-96, relating to taxation of property in consolidated governments and change in tax rates;

(3) Code Section 48-8-103, relating to submission to voters to determine imposition of tax;

(4) Code Section 48-8-109.4, relating to role of election superintendent;

(5) Code Section 48-8-109.18, relating to petition, call for election, publication of date and purpose of election, ballot question, conduct of election, approval of taxes in referendum election, and adoption of resolution;

(6) Subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-112, relating to effective date of tax, termination of tax, limitation on taxation, and continuation of tax;

(7) Subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-148, relating to implementation and cessation of taxation;

(8) Subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-203, relating to imposition of tax following approval and termination of tax;

(9) Code Section 48-8-245, relating to collection of tax and cessation of tax;

(10) Subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-264, relating to timing of tax;

(11) Subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-269.10, relating to procedures, conditions, and limitations for imposition of tax;

(12) Subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-269.25, relating to procedures, conditions, and limitations for imposition of tax; and

(13) Code Section 48-8-269.47, relating to tax rate and procedure for imposition of tax.

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 977, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3-28-2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 977. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that HB 1073, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1073, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1073. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Cooper of the 45th, Oliver of the 82nd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Evans of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-66-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and procedure on zoning, so as to repeal additional hearing and notice provisions regarding halfway houses, drug rehabilitation centers, or other facilities for treatment of drug dependency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd.

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations offered the following substitute to HB 1073:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 36-66-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and procedure on zoning, so as to repeal additional hearing and notice provisions regarding halfway houses, drug rehabilitation centers, or other facilities for treatment of drug dependency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 36-66-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and procedure on zoning, is revised as follows:

"36-66-4.

(a) A local government taking action resulting in a zoning decision shall provide for a hearing on the proposed action. Where the proposed action includes any combination of zoning decisions under subparagraph (C), (E), or (F) of paragraph (4) of Code Section 36-66-3 for the same property, only one hearing shall be required under this Code Section. At least 15 but not more than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing, the local government shall cause to be published within a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the local government a notice of the hearing. The notice shall state the time,

place, and purpose of the hearing.

(b) If a zoning decision of a local government is for the rezoning of property and the rezoning is initiated by a party other than the local government, then:

(1) The notice, in addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, shall include the location of the property, the present zoning classification of the property, and the proposed zoning classification of the property; and

(2) A sign containing information required by local ordinance or resolution shall be placed in a conspicuous location on the property not less than 15 days prior to the date of the hearing.

(c) If the zoning decision of a local government is for the rezoning of property and the amendment to the zoning ordinance to accomplish the rezoning is defeated by the local government, then the same property may not again be considered for rezoning until the expiration of at least six months immediately following the defeat of the rezoning by the local government.

(d) If the zoning is for property to be annexed into a municipality, then:

(1) Such municipal local government shall complete the procedures required by this chapter for such zoning, except for the final vote of the municipal governing authority, prior to adoption of the annexation ordinance or resolution or the effective date of any local Act but no sooner than the date the notice of the proposed annexation is provided to the governing authority of the county as required under Code Section 36-36-6;

(2) The hearing required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall be conducted prior to the annexation of the subject property into the municipality;

(3) In addition to the other notice requirements of this Code section, the municipality shall cause to be published within a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the county wherein the property to be annexed is located a notice of the hearing as required under the provisions of subsection (a) or (b), as applicable, of this Code section and shall place a sign on the property when required by subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(4) The zoning classification approved by the municipality following the hearing required by this Code section shall become effective on the later of:

(A) The date the zoning is approved by the municipality;

(B) The date that the annexation becomes effective pursuant to Code Section 36-36-2; or

(C) Where a county has interposed an objection pursuant to Code Section 36-36-11, the date provided for in paragraph (8) of subsection (c) of said Code section.

(e) A qualified municipality into which property has been annexed may provide, by the adoption of a zoning ordinance, that all annexed property shall be zoned by the municipality, without further action, for the same use for which that property was zoned immediately prior to such annexation. A qualified county which includes property which has been deannexed by a municipality may provide, by the adoption of a zoning ordinance, that all deannexed property shall be zoned by the county, without further action, for the same use for which that property was zoned immediately prior to such deannexation. A municipality shall be a qualified municipality only if the municipality

and the county in which is located the property annexed into such municipality have a common zoning ordinance with respect to zoning classifications. A county shall be a qualified county only if that county and the municipality in which was located the property deannexed have a common zoning ordinance with respect to zoning classifications. A zoning ordinance authorized by this subsection shall be adopted in compliance with the other provisions of this chapter. The operation of such ordinance to zone property which is annexed or deannexed shall not require any further action by the adopting municipality, adopting county, or owner of the property annexed or deannexed. Property which is zoned pursuant to this subsection may have such zoning classification changed upon compliance with the other provisions of this chapter.

(f) ~~When a proposed zoning decision relates to or will allow the location or relocation of a halfway house, drug rehabilitation center, or other facility for treatment of drug dependency, a public hearing shall be held on the proposed action. Such public hearing shall be held at least six months and not more than nine months prior to the date of final action on the zoning decision. The hearing required by this subsection shall be in addition to any hearing required under subsection (a) of this Code section. The local government shall give notice of such hearing by:~~

~~(1) Posting notice on the affected premises in the manner prescribed by subsection (b) of this Code section; and~~

~~(2) Publishing in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the local government a notice of the hearing at least 15 days and not more than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing.~~

~~Both the posted notice and the published notice shall include a prominent statement that the proposed zoning decision relates to or will allow the location or relocation of a halfway house, drug rehabilitation center, or other facility for treatment of drug dependency. The published notice shall be at least six column inches in size and shall not be located in the classified advertising section of the newspaper~~ Reserved.

(g) A local government delegating decision-making power to a quasi-judicial officer, board, or agency shall provide for a hearing on each proposed action described in paragraph (1.1) of Code Section 36-66-3. Notice of such hearing shall be provided at least 30 days prior to the quasi-judicial hearing, with such notice being made as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section and with additional notice being mailed to the owner of the property that is the subject of the proposed action.

(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, when a proposed zoning decision relates to an amendment of the zoning ordinance to revise one or more zoning classifications or definitions relating to single-family residential uses of property so as to authorize multifamily uses of property pursuant to such classification or definitions, or to grant blanket permission, under certain or all circumstances, for property owners to deviate from the existing zoning requirements of a single-family residential zoning, such zoning decision must be adopted in the following manner:

(A) The zoning decision shall be adopted at two regular meetings of the local government making the zoning decision, during a period of not less than 21 days

apart; and

(B) Prior to the first meeting provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, at least two public hearings shall be held on the proposed action. Such public hearings shall be held at least three months and not more than nine months prior to the date of final action on the zoning decision. Furthermore, at least one of the public hearings must be held between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. The hearings required by this paragraph shall be in addition to any hearing required under subsection (a) of this Code section. The local government shall give notice of such hearing by:

(i) Posting notice on each affected premises in the manner prescribed by subsection (b) of this Code section; provided, however, that when more than 500 parcels are affected, in which case posting notice is required every 500 feet in the affected area; and

(ii) Publishing in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the local government a notice of each hearing at least 15 days and not more than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Both the posted notice and the published notice shall include a prominent statement that the proposed zoning decision relates to or will authorize multifamily uses or give blanket permission to the property owner to deviate from the zoning requirements of a single-family residential zoning of property in classification previously relating to single-family residential uses. The published notice shall be at least nine column inches in size and shall not be located in the classified advertising section of the newspaper. The notice shall state that a copy of the proposed amendment is on file in the office of the clerk or the recording officer of the local government and in the office of the clerk of the superior court of the county of the legal situs of the local government for the purpose of examination and inspection by the public. The local government shall furnish anyone, upon written request, a copy of the proposed amendment, at no cost.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall also apply to any zoning decisions that provide for the abolition of all single-family residential zoning classifications within the territorial boundaries of a local government or zoning decisions that result in the rezoning of all property zoned for single-family residential uses within the territorial boundaries of a local government to multifamily residential uses of property.

(3) This subsection shall not apply to zoning decisions for the rezoning of property from a single-family residential use of property to a multifamily residential use of property when the rezoning is initiated by the owner or authorized agent of the owner of such property."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Dixon of the 45th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, and Albers of the 56th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to HB 1073 (LC 47 3013S) by inserting following "dependency;" *on line 5 the following:*
to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit local governments from requiring the placement of video surveillance equipment at locations where the retail sale of automotive gasoline occurs;

By inserting between lines 140 and 141 the following:

SECTION 1-A.

Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-60-32.

A county, municipal corporation, or consolidated government shall not require the placement of video surveillance equipment in the interior or exterior of any business or location where the retail sale of automotive gasoline, as that term is defined in Code Section 10-1-232, occurs."

Senators Beach of the 21st and Ginn of the 47th offered the following amendment #2:
Amend the substitute to HB 1073 (LC 47 3013S) on line 1 by inserting following "To" *the following:*
amend Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of alcoholic beverages generally, so as to provide for Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in locally designated special entertainment districts; to provide for a definition;

By inserting "to provide an effective date;" *on line 5 following* "matters;"

By inserting after line 8 the following:
Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of alcoholic beverages generally, is amended in Code Section 3-3-7, relating to local authorization and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(s)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'special entertainment district' means contiguous properties upon which is located a festival marketplace and entertainment project which receives or has received financing in whole or in part by public funds and which contains a minimum of 200,000 square feet of gross leasable space for retail sales and entertainment purposes and which is located in the central business district of a municipality if more than 50 percent of such contiguous properties are owned or controlled by a governmental entity.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a municipality may, by resolution or ordinance, authorize in any locally designated special entertainment district the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises:

(A) On Saturdays from 11:55 P.M. and the three hours immediately following such time; and
(B) On Sundays from 11:00 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight."

SECTION 2.

By replacing line 141 with the following:

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that Senator Tillery of the 19th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tillery was excused.

On the adoption of amendment #1, Senator Jones of the 10th objected.

On the adoption of amendment #1, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	E Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of amendment #2, the yeas were 32, nays 21, and the Dixon amendment

#1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2, Senator Anavitarte of the 31st objected.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent to withdraw his objection. The consent was granted, and the objection was withdrawn.

On the adoption of amendment #2, there were no objections, and the Beach amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	N Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 42, nays 12.

HB 1073, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/28/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1073. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Harbin of the 16th

Senator Cowsert of the 46th asked unanimous consent that HB 300, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 300, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 300. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 112th, Stephens of the 164th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to solar power free-market financing, so as to provide for the establishment of the Solar Technology Trust Fund as a fund within the state treasury; to impose a fee on the retail sale of new solar technology and to dedicate such fees to such fund as authorized and subject to the conditions imposed by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(r) of the Constitution of Georgia; to provide for reports and forms; to provide for authorization; to provide for annual appropriations and reporting; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Cowsert of the 46th.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to HB 300:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, so as to provide for required provisions in solar power facility agreements relative to responsibilities of grantees to decommission certain solar power equipment; to provide for definitions; to provide for remedies; to provide for financial assurance for required decommissioning activities; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 5

46-3-67.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Commercial operations date' means the date on which a solar power facility generates electrical energy for sale to an electric supplier. Such term does not include the generation of electrical energy or other operations conducted before that date for purposes of maintenance or testing.

(2) 'Electric supplier' has the same meaning as provided in Code Section 46-3-3.

(3) 'Financial assurance' means a surety or performance bond that:

(A) Renews automatically; and

(B) Is issued by a company that is listed on the United States Department of the Treasury's List of Certified Companies and that has a financial strength rating of at least an 'A' as rated by A.M. Best Company, Inc.; Moody's Investors Service, Inc.; Standard and Poor's Corporation; or a similar rating agency.

(4) 'Grantee' means a person who leases property from a landowner and who operates a solar power facility on said property.

(5) 'Solar energy device' means a solar energy collector or solar energy system that provides for the collection of solar energy or the subsequent use of such energy as thermal, mechanical, or electrical energy.

(6) 'Solar power facility' means a solar energy device that does not meet the definition of solar technology pursuant to Code Section 46-3-62, or the integrated collection of such devices, together with any equipment or other personal property and improvements under common ownership that are used to support the operation of such a solar energy device or solar energy devices, including, but not limited to, underground or aboveground electrical transmission or communications lines, electric transformers, battery storage facilities, telecommunications equipment, roads, meteorological towers, and maintenance yards.

(7) 'Solar power facility agreement' means any lease agreement for real property in this state between a grantee and a landowner that authorizes the grantee to operate a solar power facility on the leased property.

46-3-68.

(a) The provisions of this part shall only apply to solar power facility agreements that are executed or renewed on or after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any provision in a solar power facility agreement that purports to waive a right or

exempt a grantee from a liability or duty established by this part shall be void.
(c) Any person who is harmed by a violation of this part shall be entitled to appropriate injunctive relief to prevent further violation of this part.
(d) The provisions of this Code section are not exclusive. The remedies provided in this Code section are in addition to any other procedures or remedies provided by law.

46-3-69.
(a) A solar power facility agreement shall provide that the grantee shall be responsible for removing the grantee's solar power facilities from the landowner's property upon the termination of the lease and that the grantee shall, in accordance with any other applicable laws or regulations, safely:
(1) Clear, clean, and remove from the property all grantee owned solar energy devices and all grantee owned equipment, personal property, and improvements used to support such devices;
(2) For each foundation of a solar energy device, transformer, or substation installed on the property by the grantee:
(A) Clear, clean, and remove the foundation from the ground to a depth of at least three feet below the surface grade of the land in which the foundation is installed; and
(B) Ensure that each hole or cavity created in the ground by such removal is filled with soil of the same type or a similar type as the predominant soil found on the property;
(3) For each cable, including power, fiber-optic, and communications cables, installed underground by the grantee:
(A) Clear, clean, and remove the cable from the ground to a depth of at least three feet below the surface grade of the land in which the cable is installed; and
(B) Ensure that each hole or cavity created in the ground by such removal is filled with soil of the same type or a similar type as the predominant soil found on the property; and
(4) Clear, clean, and remove from the property each overhead power or communications line installed on the property by the grantee.
(b) A solar power facility agreement shall provide that, at the request of the landowner, the grantee shall:
(1) Clear, clean, and remove each road constructed on the property by the grantee; and
(2) Ensure that each hole or cavity created in the ground by such removal is filled with soil of the same type or a similar type as the predominant soil found on the property.
(c) A solar power facility agreement shall provide that, at the request of the landowner, the grantee shall:
(1) Remove from the property all rocks more than 12 inches in diameter excavated during the decommissioning or removal of the grantee's solar power facilities; and
(2) Ensure that:
(A) Each hole or cavity created in the ground by such decommissioning or removal is filled with soil of the same type or a similar type as the predominant soil found on the property; and

(B) The surface is returned, as near as reasonably possible, to the same condition as before the grantee dug holes or cavities, including, but not limited to, by reseeding pastureland with native, naturalized, and introduced grasses and legumes prescribed by an appropriate governmental agency, if any.

(d) A landowner shall make any request provided by a solar power facility agreement pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section no later than 12 months after the later of:

(1) The date on which the solar power facility is no longer capable of generating electricity in commercial quantities, except when such inability to generate electricity is the result of an event of force majeure or when the grantee is in the process of repairing the solar power facility, provided that, in either case, the solar power facility resumes generating electricity in commercial quantities within 180 days;

(2) The date the landowner receives written notice of intent to decommission the solar power facility from the grantee; or

(3) The date the solar power facility agreement is terminated.

(e) The requirements of this Code section applicable to a solar power facility agreement may be waived or modified through a written, notarized agreement between the grantee and landowner. Any such agreement shall be recorded with the clerk of the superior court of the county where the solar power facility is located.

46-3-69.1.

(a) A solar power facility agreement shall provide that:

(1) The grantee shall obtain and deliver to the landowner and record with the clerk of the superior court of the county where the solar power facility is located evidence of financial assurance that conforms to the requirements of this subsection to secure the performance of the grantee's obligation to remove the grantee's solar power facilities located on the landowner's property pursuant to Code Section 46-3-69;

(2) The amount of the financial assurance shall be:

(A) At least equal to the estimated cost of removing the solar power facilities from the landowner's property and restoring the property to the conditions described in Code Section 46-3-69:

(i) Minus the salvage value of the solar power facilities; and

(ii) Plus any portion of the value of the solar power facilities pledged to secure outstanding debt; and

(B) Determined by an independent, third-party professional engineer licensed in this state;

(3) The grantee shall deliver to the landowner an updated estimate, prepared by an independent, third-party professional engineer licensed in this state, of the removal costs and the salvage value of the solar power facilities:

(A) No later than 20 years after the commercial operations date of the solar power facilities; and

(B) At least once every five years after the commercial operations date of the solar power facilities for the remainder of the term of the agreement;

(4) The grantee shall be responsible for ensuring that the amount of the financial assurance remains sufficient to cover the amount required by paragraph (2) of this subsection, consistent with the estimates required by paragraph (3) of this subsection;

(5) The grantee shall be responsible for the costs of obtaining financial assurance and costs of determining the estimated removal costs and salvage value; and

(6) The grantee shall deliver the financial assurance not later than the commercial operations date of the solar power facilities.

(b) No county or municipal corporation shall impose on a grantee who has entered into a solar power facility agreement that conforms to the requirements of this Code section financial assurance requirements relating to the removal or decommissioning of solar power facilities.

(c) No grantee shall cancel the financial assurance delivered to the landowner pursuant to this Code section before the date the grantee has completed the grantee's obligation to remove the grantee's solar power facilities located on the landowner's property in the manner provided by this part, unless the grantee provides the landowner with replacement financial assurance at the time of or before such cancellation. In the event of a transfer of ownership of the grantee's solar power facilities, the financial assurance provided by the grantee shall remain in place until the date on which evidence of substitute financial assurance meeting the requirements of this part is provided to the landowner."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims

Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 2.

HB 300, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The President recognized the mother and the family of Senator Rahman of the 5th.

Senator Goodman of the 8th asked unanimous consent that HB 1292, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1292, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1292. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Beverly of the 143rd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to recordation and registration of deeds and other instruments, so as to require that the clerks of the superior courts obtain photographic identification cards of individuals who present deeds or other instruments for recording; to require such clerks retain certain information relating to deeds or other instruments presented for recording; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Titles 23 and 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to equity and torts, respectively, so as to provide remedies for fraudulently recorded deeds or other instruments; to provide for the recovery of costs and attorney's fees in certain quiet title actions; to provide for a civil cause of action for the recording of fraudulent or forged deeds or other instruments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Goodman of the 8th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 1292:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 44 and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to require that real estate documents presented by self-filers be recorded using electronic filing; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority to ensure that persons presenting electronic documents for recording provide identifying information; to require that notaries public keep a journal of each notarial act performed for a self-filer; to provide for education and training requirements of notaries public; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Titles 10, 23, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, equity, and torts, respectively, so as to provide protections concerning real estate transactions; to require certain notices be included in certain solicitations regarding the purchase of real property; to provide penalties; to provide remedies for fraudulently recorded deeds or other instruments; to provide for the recovery of costs and attorney's fees in certain quiet title actions; to provide for a civil cause of action for the recording of fraudulent or forged deeds or other instruments; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended by revising Code Section 44-2-2, relating to the duty of clerk to record certain transaction affecting real estate and personal property, priority of recorded instruments, electronic filings, effect of incorrect tax parcel identification number, and effect of recording on rights between parties to instruments, as follows:

"44-2-2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'self-filer' means any person who is a party to an instrument listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section who is not:

(1) An insurance agent or a representative of an insurance agency licensed to sell title insurance in this state;

(2) An attorney licensed to practice law in this state or a representative of an attorney licensed to practice law in this state;

(3) Licensed under Chapter 40 of Title 43;

(4) An agent of a bank or credit union with federal deposit insurance or an affiliate thereof;

(5) An agent of a licensed or exempt mortgage lender pursuant to Article 13 of

Chapter 1 of Title 7;

(6) An agent of a servicer as such term is defined in 12 C.F.R. Section 1024.2;

(7) A public official or employee of a federal, state, or local government or a department, agency, board, commission, or authority thereof performing their official duties; or

(8) A professional land surveyor licensed under Chapter 15 of Title 43 and in good standing with the Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board.

~~(a)~~(b)(1) The clerk of the superior court shall file, index on a computer program designed for such purpose, and permanently record, in the manner provided constructively in Code Sections 15-6-61 and 15-6-66, the following instruments conveying, transferring, encumbering, or affecting real estate and personal property:

(A) Deeds;

(B) Mortgages;

(C) Liens as provided for by law;

(D) Maps or plats relating to real estate in the county; and

(E) State tax executions and state tax execution renewals as provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 48.

(2) As used in this subsection, the term 'liens' shall have the same meaning as described in Code Sections 15-19-14, 44-14-320, and 44-14-602 and shall include all liens provided by state or federal statute.

(3) When indexing liens, the clerk shall index the names of parties in the manner provided by such rules and regulations adopted by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 15-6-61 as authorized by Code Section 15-6-97.

(4) When indexing maps or plats relating to real estate in the county, the clerk of the superior court shall index the names or titles provided in the caption of the plat.

~~(b)~~(c) Deeds, mortgages, and liens of all kinds which are required by law to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the superior court and which are against the interests of third parties who have acquired a transfer or lien binding the same property and who are acting in good faith and without notice shall take effect only from the time they are filed for record in the clerk's office.

~~(c)~~(d)(1) The clerk of the superior court shall offer electronic filing for the recording of all instruments listed in paragraph (1) of subsection ~~(a)~~(b) of this Code section. On and after January 1, 2025, any instrument listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section presented to a clerk of superior court for recording by a self-filer shall be submitted using electronic filing.

~~(d)~~(e) The clerk of the superior court shall make available a public computer terminal which provides a filer with access to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority's electronic filing portal.

~~(e)~~(f) The presence of an incorrect tax parcel identification number, or the absence of a tax parcel identification number, on a recorded instrument shall not:

(1) Void or render voidable such instrument;

(2) Affect the validity, enforceability, or priority of such instrument; or

(3) Affect any notice, constructive or otherwise, provided by the recordation of such instrument.

~~(f)~~(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to affect the validity, enforceability, or priority of any deed, mortgage, judgment, or lien of any kind between the parties thereto."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 44-2-39, relating to the adoption of rules and regulations and standardization, as follows:

"44-2-39.

(a) The authority shall adopt rules and regulations and any standardized forms necessary to implement this part.

(b)(1) The rules and regulations adopted by the authority pursuant to this Code section shall include any rules and regulations necessary to ensure that any individual wanting to submit electronic documents for recording, regardless of whether such individual is acting on his or her own behalf or on behalf of another person and prior to such individual submitting to a clerk of the superior court any electronic documents for recording, provide through the authority's electronic filing portal information sufficient to identify such individual. Such information may include, without limitation, a copy of the individual's driver's license, passport, military identification card, or personal identification card authorized under Code Sections 40-5-100 through 40-5-104.

(2) Any information required to be provided by an individual pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted by the authority pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be retained by the authority, shall not be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, and shall be treated as confidential and released only:

(A) To peace officers in the course of investigating potential crimes;

(B) In response to a subpoena, discovery request, or court order;

(C) To an individual who holds a recorded interest in real property that was the subject of an electronic document that was submitted for recording by the individual who provided such information; or

(D) To an individual who is named as a party in an electronic document that was submitted for recording by the individual who provided such information.

(c) To promote uniform standards and practices and compatibility of technology used within offices of clerks of superior court in this state and recording offices in other states that have enacted or may enact provisions substantially similar to those contained within this part, the authority shall consider when adopting, amending, and repealing its rules and regulations and any standardized forms:

(1) Standards and practices of other jurisdictions;

(2) The most recent standards promulgated by national standard-setting bodies, such as the Property Records Industry Association;

(3) The views of interested persons and governmental officials and entities;

(4) The needs of counties of varying size, population, and resources; and

(5) Standards that ensure that electronic documents are accurate, authentic, adequately

preserved, and resistant to tampering."

SECTION 1-3.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by revising Code Section 45-17-8, relating to powers and duties generally of notaries public, as follows:

"45-17-8.

(a) Notaries public shall have authority to:

(1) Witness or attest signature or execution of deeds and other written instruments;

(2) Take acknowledgments;

(3) Administer oaths and affirmations in all matters incidental to their duties as commercial officers and all other oaths and affirmations which are not by law required to be administered by a particular officer;

(4) Witness affidavits upon oath or affirmation;

(5) Take verifications upon oath or affirmation;

(6) Make certified copies, provided that the document presented for copying is an original document and is neither a public record nor a publicly recorded document, certified copies of which are available from an official source other than a notary, and provided that the document was photocopied under supervision of the notary; and

(7) Perform such other acts as they are authorized to perform by other laws of this state.

(b) No notary shall be obligated to perform a notarial act if he or she feels such act is:

(1) For a transaction which the notary knows or suspects is illegal, false, or deceptive;

(2) For a person who is being coerced;

(3) For a person whose demeanor causes compelling doubts about whether the person knows the consequences of the transaction requiring the notarial act; or

(4) In situations which impugn and compromise the notary's impartiality, as specified in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(c) A notary shall be disqualified from performing a notarial act in the following situations which impugn and compromise the notary's impartiality:

(1) When the notary is a signer of the document which is to be notarized; or

(2) When the notary is a party to the document or transaction for which the notarial act is required.

(d) A notary public shall not execute a notarial certificate containing a statement known by the notary to be false nor perform any action with an intent to deceive or defraud.

(e) In performing any notarial act, a notary public shall confirm the identity of the document signer, oath taker, or affirmant ~~based on personal knowledge or on satisfactory evidence. Such satisfactory evidence shall include, but not be limited to,~~ by verification of a government issued photo identification document, including without limitation a valid driver's license, personal identification card authorized under Code Sections 40-5-100 through 40-5-104, or a military identification card such as a Veterans Health Identification Card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or based on personal knowledge.

(f) The signature of a notary public documenting a notarial act shall not be evidence to

show that such notary public had knowledge of the contents of the document so signed, other than those specific contents which constitute the signature, execution, acknowledgment, oath, affirmation, affidavit, verification, or other act which the signature of that notary public documents, nor is a certification by a notary public that a document is a certified or true copy of an original document evidence to show that such notary public had knowledge of the contents of the document so certified.

(g)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'self-filer' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 44-2-2.

(2) A notary public shall maintain a written or electronic journal which shall include an entry for each notarial act performed at the request of a self-filer. Each such entry shall include the name of the self-filer; the self-filer's address; the self-filer's telephone number; the date, time, and location of notarization; the type of government issued photo identification document presented by the self-filer, unless the identity of the self-filer was confirmed based on personal knowledge; elements of such identification document, if applicable, including any identifying number; the self-filer's signature; and the type of document presented for notarization.

(h)(1) A notary public shall complete an educational training class relating to the duties of notaries public as provided for in this chapter. Such training shall be completed prior to the initial appointment and within 30 days prior to each subsequent renewal appointment.

(2) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority may adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended in Code Section 10-1-393.19, relating to unsolicited inquiries, by adding a new subparagraph to paragraph (1) of subsection (a), revising subsection (b), and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(A.1)(i) If the solicitation includes a monetary offer, following the text required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the following notice in capital letters:

'THIS OFFER MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.'

(ii) If the solicitation includes a monetary offer less than the value of the previous year's assessed value for ad valorem taxation by the county tax assessor for the county in which the property is located, following the text required in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, the following notice in capital letters:

'THIS OFFER IS LESS THAN THE COUNTY ASSESSED VALUE FOR THIS PROPERTY.'"

"(b) Failure to comply with the provisions of this Code section shall be considered an unfair or deceptive act or practice which is unlawful and shall therefore be punishable by the provisions of this part; provided, however, that notwithstanding Code Section 10-1-

399, a claim of a violation of this Code section may be brought in a representative capacity and may be the subject of a class action under Code Section 9-11-23; and provided, further, that damages for such violation shall be three times the actual damages sustained or ~~$200.00~~ $600.00 per violation, whichever is greater.

(c) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 2-2.

Title 23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equity, is amended by revising Code Section 23-3-41, relating to when relief is granted and costs, as follows:

"23-3-41.

(a) In all proceedings quia timet or proceedings to remove clouds upon titles to real estate, if a proper case is made, the relief sought shall be granted to any complainant irrespective of whether the invalidity of the instrument sought to be canceled appears upon the face of the instrument or whether the invalidity appears or arises solely from facts outside of the instrument.

(b) In such cases the costs shall be taxed against the litigants in the discretion of the court; provided, however, that, in any case where it is found that the defendant fraudulently created the instrument that is sought to be cancelled, the complainant shall be entitled to recover all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred in bringing the action to cancel such instrument."

SECTION 2-3.

Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended in Chapter 9, relating to injuries to real estate, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-9-12.

(a) In addition to any other remedy that may be available at law or in equity, the owner of any real property may bring an action against an individual who has knowingly filed, entered, or recorded, or caused to be filed, entered, or recorded, in any public record a false or forged deed or other instrument purporting to convey the owner's interest to such real property to such individual or a third party or purporting to encumber the owner's interest in such real property to:

(1) Recover the owner's actual damages caused by the filing, entering, or recording of such false or forged deed or other instrument or $5,000.00, whichever is greater; and

(2) Recover the owner's costs incurred in bringing such action, including reasonable attorney's fees.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed as creating a cause of action against any public official or employee, including, without limitation, a clerk of the superior court or any employee or agent of a clerk of the superior court, for actions taken in the performance of his or her duties."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.
(b) Part I of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	C Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 2.

HB 1292, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 479. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend SB 479 (LC 39 4401S as amended by AM 47 0120) by striking lines 1 through the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to provide procedures for superior court judges to opt to receive compensation pursuant to such revised procedures; to provide for grandfathering of certain judges so as to not reduce the compensation paid to such judges; to authorize locality pay by counties to superior court judges in lieu of county salary supplements; to abolish most county salary supplements provided to superior court judges; to authorize the continuation of county salary supplements for chief judges; to authorize continuation of fringe benefits provided by counties to superior court judges; to preserve existing rights and obligations related to retirement benefits provided by counties to superior court judges; to provide for retirement benefits relative to optional locality pay; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and superior court judges; to provide a definition; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide for an automatic lifting of such suspension relative to judges; to preserve the authority of the General Assembly to amend or repeal such suspended local laws; to preserve the authority of local governments to use other mechanisms to change salary calculation during such suspension; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to

repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-29, relating to salary of judges, as follows:

"15-6-29.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, the ~~The~~ annual salary of the judges of the superior courts shall be as provided in Code Section 45-7-4 and may be as provided in Code Section 15-6-29.1. The annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 shall be paid by The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia in 12 equal monthly installments.

(b)(1) Each superior court judge in office on July 1, 2024, shall have the option to receive the annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 and any locality pay provided for by Code Section 15-6-29.2. The option provided by this paragraph shall be exercised by such judge filing a written notification thereof with The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and the governing authority of each county comprising the judge's judicial circuit. The failure to exercise the option shall be an election to continue to receive compensation as previously calculated and as outlined in paragraph (2) of this subsection, and until such option is exercised. The option exercised pursuant to this paragraph shall go into effect the next pay period at least five business days following the exercise of such option.

(2) To ensure that no superior court judges in office on July 1, 2024, have their salaries, allowance, or county salary supplements decreased during their terms of office, any superior court judge in office on July 1, 2024, who does not exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall continue to be compensated in precisely the same manner as they were being compensated as of June 30, 2024, including, but not limited to, county supplements.

(c) The annual salary shall be the total compensation to be paid by the state to the superior court judges and shall be in lieu of any and all other amounts to be paid from The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia, except as provided in Code Sections 15-6-29.1, 15-6-29.2, 15-6-30, and 15-6-32.

~~(c) When a new superior court judgeship is created by law for any judicial circuit, the new superior court judge shall upon taking office become entitled to and shall receive from the county or counties comprising the circuit the same county salary supplement, if any, then in effect for the other judge or judges of the judicial circuit. Such salary supplement for such new judge shall be authorized by this subsection and no other legislation or local legislation shall be required in order to authorize such salary supplement, but nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the enactment of local legislation relating to such salary supplements. A publication of notice of intention to introduce local legislation as provided for in Code Section 28-1-14 shall be~~

~~required for any local legislation granting, changing the amount of, or removing a salary supplement; but no publication of notice of intention shall be required for a bill creating one or more new superior court judgeships.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 15-6-29.1, relating to accountability court supplement and limitation, by repealing subsection (c) in its entirety.

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-6-29.2.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, on or after July 1, 2024, the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit may provide each judge of such circuit with locality pay which shall not exceed 10 percent of the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to such judge. All such locality pay shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any county salary supplements previously provided by the county or counties. All judges within a judicial circuit who elect to exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall receive equal locality pay from any given county within such circuit that has opted to provide such pay.

(b)(1) In no event shall the annual locality pay provided to a judge by the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit in aggregate exceed 10 percent of the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to such judge.

(2) In the event that the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to superior court judges exceeds $201,060.00, the maximum allowable amount of annual locality pay provided to a judge by the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit shall be capped at $20,106.00, and such cap shall be reduced in an amount equal to half of the percentage amount of such state annual salary increase above $201,060.00. The intent of this paragraph is to provide for a decrease in the maximum amount of allowable locality pay so that such maximum shall be decreased by an amount equal to 50 percent of an increase of the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to superior court judges beyond $201,060.00.

(c) When a new superior court judgeship is created by law for any judicial circuit, the new superior court judge shall upon taking office become entitled to and shall receive from the county or counties comprising the circuit the same locality pay, if any, then in effect for the other judge or judges of the judicial circuit. Such locality pay for such new judge shall be authorized by this subsection and no other legislation or local legislation shall be required to authorize such locality pay.

(d) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 and subsection (e) of this Code section and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2024, no county or counties comprising a judicial circuit shall provide county salary supplements to a superior court judge.

(e)(1) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide a local salary

supplement to the chief judge of the circuit that was otherwise authorized by law on June 30, 2024. On or after July 1, 2024, no local supplement for a chief judge shall be enacted or increased.

(2) For all judges who elect to exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, to the extent the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-29 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section to a particular judge do not equal or exceed that judge's aggregate salary and local supplement in effect at the time of the judge's exercise of such option, then the county or counties of the circuit shall pay an additional supplement in an amount equal to the difference between the aggregate salary and supplement in effect at the time of the judge's exercise of such option and the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-29 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section. When an additional supplement is required by this paragraph in a circuit consisting of more than one county, then each county shall pay such additional supplement in proportion to each county's contribution to the local supplement in effect at the time of the judge's exercise of the option to participate. In no event shall the additional supplement required by this paragraph result in a judge's aggregate salary that exceeds the aggregate salary and supplement existing at the time of a judge's exercise of such option.

(f) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide fringe benefits to any judge of a judicial circuit in the same manner that such benefits were provided on June 30, 2024.

(g) Nothing in this Code section or subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall operate to alter, amend, contract, expand, extend, limit, modify, or terminate retirement benefits or rights thereto in existence prior to July 1, 2024. All judges who exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall have no right to any benefit existing at the time such option is exercised reduced. To the extent otherwise permitted by law, each county within a judicial circuit is authorized, but not required, to provide retirement benefits based upon the locality pay it provides pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, is amended as follows:

"45-7-4.

(a) The annual salary of each of the state officials listed below shall be as follows:

(1) Governor..... $ 175,000.00

An allowance in an amount specified in the appropriations Act shall also be provided for the operation of the Governor's mansion.

(2) Lieutenant Governor..... 54,920.00

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual salary for the Lieutenant Governor for the 2021 fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to 14 percent of the amount received for such office during the 2020 fiscal year.

(3) Adjutant general

The adjutant general shall continue to receive the pay and allowances under the same procedure as provided by law.

(4) Commissioner of Agriculture 100,429.00

(5) Attorney General 114,633.00

(6) Reserved.

(7) Commissioner of Insurance 100,396.00

(8) Reserved.

(9) Commissioner of Labor 100,418.00

The above amount of salary for the Commissioner of Labor shall include any compensation received from the United States government and the amount of state funds paid shall be reduced by the amount of compensation received from the United States government.

(10) Reserved.

(11) Each member of the Public Service Commission 96,655.00

(12) Reserved.

(13) State School Superintendent 102,708.00

(14) Secretary of State 102,708.00

(15) Reserved.

(16) Reserved.

(17) Reserved.

(18) Reserved. ~~Each Justice of the Supreme Court~~ ..... ~~175,600.00~~

(19) Reserved. ~~Each Judge of the Court of Appeals~~ ..... ~~174,500.00~~

(19.1) Reserved. ~~Judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court~~ ..... ~~174,500.00~~

(20) Reserved. ~~Each superior court judge~~ ..... ~~126,265.00~~

(21) Each district attorney 120,072.00

(22) Each member of the General Assembly 16,200.00

(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual salary for each member of the General Assembly for the 2021 fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to 10 percent of the amount received for such office during the 2020 fiscal year.

(B) Each member of the General Assembly shall also receive the allowances provided by law. The amount of the daily expense allowance which each member is entitled to receive under the provisions of Code Section 28-1-8 shall be as provided in that Code section. The mileage allowance for the use of a personal car on official business shall be the same as that received by other state officials and employees.

(C) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for members of the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for per diem differential and for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties as a member of the General Assembly in an amount not to exceed $7,000.00 per year. Expenses reimbursable up to such amount shall be limited to one or more of the following purposes: lodging, meals, per diem differential, postage, personal services, printing and publications, rents, supplies (including software), telecommunications, transportation, utilities, purchasing or leasing of equipment, and other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties. If equipment purchased by a member has a depreciated value of $100.00 or less when such member leaves office, the equipment does not need to be returned to the state. No reimbursement shall be made for any postage which is used for a political newsletter. No reimbursement shall be paid for lodging or meals for any day for which a member receives the daily expense allowance as provided in this paragraph. Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed following the submission of vouchers to the legislative fiscal office in compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph and subject to the provisions of subparagraph (E) of this paragraph. Such vouchers shall be submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the Legislative Services Committee pursuant to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, provided that each such voucher shall be accompanied by a supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, showing payment for each expense claimed or an explanation of the absence of such documentation; in addition, each such voucher shall include a certification by the member that the

information contained in such voucher and supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, is true and correct and that such expenses were incurred by the member. The provisions of Code Section 16-10-20 shall be applicable to any person submitting such certified vouchers and supporting documents or copies the same as if the General Assembly were a department or agency of state government. No such voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem differential.

(D) The amount of per diem differential which may be claimed for each day under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be the difference between the daily expense allowance authorized for members of the General Assembly and $119.00; provided, however, that the General Appropriations Act for any fiscal year may increase such amount of $119.00 per day to an amount not in excess of the federal per diem rate then in effect for the state capital as specified by the General Services Administration. Per diem differential shall be paid by the legislative fiscal office to the member upon the member's notification to the legislative fiscal office of the days for which the daily expense allowance was received for which the member wishes to claim the per diem differential, and the legislative fiscal office shall keep a record of the days for which per diem differential is so claimed and paid.

(E) For the purposes of this paragraph, a year shall begin on the convening date of the General Assembly in regular session each year and end on the day prior to the convening of the General Assembly in the next calendar year. Any voucher or claim for any reimbursement for any year as defined in this paragraph shall be submitted no later than the fifteenth of April immediately following the end of such year. No reimbursement shall be made on any voucher or claim submitted after that date. Any amounts remaining in such expense account at the end of the first year of the two-year biennium may be claimed for expenses incurred during the second year of the two-year biennium. Any amounts remaining in any expense account which are not so claimed by April 15 of the year following the second year of the biennium and any amounts claimed which are returned as hereafter provided for in this paragraph shall lapse and shall be remitted by the legislative fiscal office to the general fund of the state treasury. Any former member of the General Assembly may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while a member of the General Assembly upon compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. The Legislative Services Committee is empowered to provide such procedures as it deems advisable to administer the provisions of this paragraph, including, but not limited to, definitions of the above list of items for which reimbursement may be made;

provided, however, that the term 'other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties' shall be as defined by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to reimbursement of such expenditures incurred by members of the House and Senate, respectively; and provided, further, that the amount of expenses which may be reimbursed within the limits of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for travel outside the state may be as provided by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to such expenditures of members of the House and Senate, respectively. The Legislative Services Committee is further empowered to prescribe the form of the voucher or claim which must be submitted to the legislative fiscal office. In the event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement shall be made or any allowance shall be paid, the Legislative Services Committee shall make the final determination; except that in the event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be made for other reasonable expenses directly related to the performance of a member's duties or for travel outside the state, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the House, and the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the Senate. In the event any reimbursement is made or any allowance is paid and it is later determined that such reimbursement or payment was made in error, the person to whom such reimbursement or payment was made shall remit to the legislative fiscal office the amount of money involved. In the event any such person refuses to make such remittance, the legislative fiscal office is authorized to withhold the payment of any other moneys to which such person is entitled until the amount of such reimbursement or payment which was made in error shall be realized.

(23) Speaker of the House of Representatives 17,800.00

The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly. Upon the taking of office by the members of the General Assembly on the convening day of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1983, the annual salary of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall become $22,800.00. After such date, the Speaker shall also receive as additional salary a sum equal to the amount of salary over $30,000.00 per annum which is received by the Lieutenant Governor as of that date or thereafter; and the salary of the Speaker shall be adjusted at the beginning

of each term so as to include such additional sum.

(24) President Pro Tempore of the Senate 4,800.00

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly.

(25) Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives..... 4,800.00

The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly.

(b) As an adjustment except as qualified below as to members and member-officers of the General Assembly, the annual salary of each state official whose salary is established by Code Section 45-7-3, this Code section, and Code Sections 45-7-20 and 45-7-21, including members of the General Assembly, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, may be increased by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act by a percentage not to exceed the average percentage of the increase in salary as may from time to time be granted to employees of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government. However, any increase for such officials shall not include within-grade step increases for which employees subject to compensation plans authorized and approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 are eligible. Any increase granted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees, except increases for members and member-officers of the General Assembly. That portion of the increase determined by the Legislative Services Committee to reflect a cost-of-living increase based upon objective economic criteria shall become effective for members and member-officers at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees. The balance of the increase for members and member-officers of the General Assembly shall become effective on the convening of the next General Assembly in January of the next odd-numbered year. The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average percentage increase.

(c) The annual salary being received on June 30, 1980, shall be increased by 8 percent for each state official listed in subsection (a) of this Code section who:

(1) Is not a member of the General Assembly; and

(2) Is not a contributing member of a state retirement system and, therefore, does not benefit by or participate in any program whereunder a portion of the employee contributions to the state retirement system are made on behalf of the employee by the employer.

(d)(1) For the purposes this subsection, 'base salary' means the annual salary fixed for the judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia on July 1 of the second preceding state fiscal year.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, the annual salary

of each of the state officials listed below shall be set by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act, provided that such salary shall not exceed the ratio of the base salary listed below for such officials:

(A) Each Justice of the Supreme Court	100 percent.
(B) Each Judge of the Court of Appeals	99 percent.
(C) Judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court	95 percent.
(D) Each superior court judge	90 percent."

SECTION 5.

Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related laws and statutes is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"1-3-12.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as of July 1, 2024, all local laws and local ordinances or resolutions in effect as of such date that provide for a salary, supplement, or other compensation to be paid to a state, county, or local officer, official, or employee based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to a superior court judge's salary or supplement shall be suspended with respect to any salary, supplement, or other compensation increase during the term of such suspension as a matter of law.

(2) No change in the salary of a superior court judge shall result in a change in the calculation of any compensation to be paid by any county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government that may otherwise be required pursuant to a local law or local ordinance or resolution during the period of suspension provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection. The provisions of this subsection do not repeal or amend any such local law or local ordinance or resolution, and the provisions of such local laws or local ordinances or resolutions related to calculating compensation shall be merely suspended and shall remain suspended until lifted or modified pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section.

(b) As of July 1, 2025, the suspension provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be terminated as to judges, but shall otherwise remain in place for all other officers, officials, and employees. Any salary or compensation change for judges that otherwise would have gone into effect between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, by operation of a local law or local ordinance or resolution if such suspension did not occur shall go into effect for calculations of prospective salary or other compensation accrued on or after July 1, 2025. The termination of the suspension provided for in this subsection shall not entitle any person to retroactive compensation that he or she otherwise may have earned except for such suspension, and no such retroactive payments shall be made by any county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government.

(c)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent the General Assembly from repealing or amending, in whole or in part, any local law that is suspended pursuant to

subsection (a) of this Code section through the enactment of local legislation.
(2) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent a county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government from enacting any salary or compensation changes for any state, county, or local officer, official, or employee that may otherwise be authorized by general or local law."

SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Ginn of the 47th asked unanimous consent that Senator Still of the 48th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Still was excused.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th moved that the Senate disagree to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 479.

Senator Robertson of the 29th objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	C Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 4; the motion prevailed, and the Senate disagreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 479.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3-28-2024

I inadvertently voted no on SB 479. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

Senator McLaurin of the 14th asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

The following resolution was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HR 1042. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HR 1042 (LC 47 3083S as amended by AM 47 0119) by striking lines 1 through the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
Creating the Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the state's judicial system is composed of multiple different groups of public employees, including state and county judges, prosecutors, and public defenders; and

WHEREAS, there is presently no uniform system for determining compensation for all public employees involved in the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, minimum salaries are provided for certain public employees in the judicial system, either directly from state funds, or from county funds by operation of state law; and

WHEREAS, depending on the county or counties in which such public employees work,

their compensation can vary wildly; and

WHEREAS, there currently exist discrepancies in the retirement ages and benefits provided to judges receiving state salaries; and

WHEREAS, an efficient judicial system is dependent on competent public servants who are fairly compensated; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the General Assembly to examine the current state of how public employees in the judicial system are compensated, including matters related to the retirement benefits of judges receiving state salaries, and to discuss potential legislation on establishing a more uniform system for compensating such public employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

(1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of eight members.

(B) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members of the Senate, and shall designate one such member as the cochairperson of the committee.

(C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the House of Representatives, and shall designate one such member as cochairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Committee assistance.** Officials and staff of the Judicial Council of Georgia, Council of State Court Judges of Georgia, Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia, Council of Magistrate Court Judges, Council of Juvenile Court Judges, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, and Georgia Public Defender Council, as well as affected local government officials and staff, are requested and encouraged to assist the committee in performing its duties and accomplishing the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(6) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds

appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(7) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(8) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the Senate disagree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HR 1042.

The consent was granted, and the Senate disagreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HR 1042.

Senator Williams of the 25th asked unanimous consent that HB 409, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 409, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 409. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Burchett of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to authorize local authorities to dispose of real property in the same manner as county governing authorities; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Williams of the 25th.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to HB 409:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 5 of Article 22 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school buses for elementary and secondary education and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide suggested standards for the establishment of school bus routes; to enhance the penalties for meeting or overtaking a school bus; to provide for notification to insurance carriers upon issuance of a second or subsequent civil monetary penalty for such violations; to provide for submission of contact information for motor vehicle insurers; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Addy's Law."

SECTION 2.

Part 5 of Article 22 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school buses for elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1128.

In establishing routes for school buses, a public school system shall consider routes that do not have stops requiring a student entering the school bus to cross a roadway with a speed limit of 40 miles per hour or greater."

SECTION 3.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-2-137, relating to notice of insurance coverage and termination, lapses in insurance coverage, and insurance coverage for active duty military personnel, by revising subparagraph (b)(1)(A) as follows:

"(b)(1)(A) For purposes of aiding in the enforcement of the requirement of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance, any insurer issuing or renewing in this state any policy of motor vehicle liability insurance required by Chapter 34 of Title 33 other than a fleet policy shall within 30 days after the date the insurance agent binds the coverage or on the date such coverage was renewed, whichever is applicable, provide notice of such insurance coverage by electronic transmission to the department; except that once coverage data has been electronically transmitted to the department, there shall be no requirement to report on subsequent renewals of that coverage. Insurance coverage information included in such notice of issue or renewal shall be limited exclusively to name and contact information of insurer; vehicle identification

number; the make and year of the insured motor vehicle; and policy effective date. The department shall not require the policy limits to be disclosed for purposes of this subparagraph. For the purposes of this Code section, the vehicle identification number shall be the vehicle identification number as that number is shown in the records of the department. For the purposes of this Code section, the Commissioner of Insurance shall furnish such notices to the department upon issuance of a certificate of self-insurance."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-163, relating to duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, by revising subsection (a), subparagraph (d)(3)(A), and paragraph (4) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped on the highway shall stop before reaching such school bus when there are in operation on the school bus the visual signals as specified in Code Sections 40-8-111 and 40-8-115, and such driver shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer actuated. A violation of this subsection for which a driver has been issued a uniform traffic citation shall be punished as for a high and aggravated misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than $1,000.00 or by confinement for not more than 12 months, or both."

"(A) The owner of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty to the governing body of the law enforcement agency provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph if such vehicle is found, as evidenced by recorded images, to have been operated in disregard or disobedience of subsection (a) of this Code section and such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law. The amount of such civil monetary penalty shall be ~~$250.00~~ $1,000.00;"

"(4) A violation for which a civil penalty is imposed pursuant to this subsection shall not be considered a moving traffic violation for the purpose of points assessment under Code Section 40-5-57. Such violation shall be deemed noncriminal, and imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to this subsection shall not be deemed a conviction and shall not be made a part of the operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed, nor shall it be used for any insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage; provided, however, that upon any second or subsequent violation in the same jurisdiction, the law enforcement agency shall request insurance coverage information for such owner from the Department of Revenue and send notice of the violations to the insurance carrier of such owner."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to HB 409 (LC 39 4350S) by replacing lines 1 and 2 with "To amend Titles 20 and 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and".

By inserting after "routes;" *on line 4 the following:*

to provide for a definition; to provide for state charter schools to hire employees of education service providers; to provide for the ability of governing boards to dismiss such employees; to provide for governing boards' responsibility for such employees' actions;

By replacing lines 13 and 14 with "Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by adding a".

By inserting before line 20 the following:

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Article 31A of Chapter 2, relating to state charter schools, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-2084, relating to petition for charter schools, requirements of school, governing board membership, annual training, and simultaneous service prohibited, to read as follows:

"(h)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'education service provider' means any organization that contracts with new or existing charter schools to provide services including, but not limited to, curriculum design, professional development, student assessments, financial and operational management, facilities management, human resources management, or employee benefits.

(2) A state charter school may utilize teachers, other instructional staff, and noninstructional staff who are employees of an education service provider only if the governing board of such state charter school retains the authority to select and dismiss such teachers, other instructional staff, and noninstructional staff from service at the state charter school.

(3) The governing board of a state charter school shall remain responsible and accountable for all operations, compliance, and performance of any employees of an education service provider utilized by such state charter school."

By renumbering Sections 3 through 5 as Sections 4 through 6, respectively.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Dixon amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute,

was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 3.

HB 409, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Jackson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 83. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Strickland of the 17th, Jones II of the 22nd and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to stalking, so as to revise the eligibility for restraining orders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 83:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 8 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisional and final remedies and special proceedings under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," so as to revise and provide clarity regarding acceptance of settlement offers involving motor vehicles for personal injury, bodily injury, and death; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 8 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisional and final remedies and special proceedings under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," is amended by revising Code Section 9-11-67.1, relating to settlement offers and agreements for personal injury, bodily injury, and death from motor vehicle and payment methods, as follows:

"9-11-67.1.

(a) Any offer to settle a tort claim for personal injury, bodily injury, or death arising from a motor vehicle collision shall be an offer to enter into a bilateral contract.

(b) From the time a cause of action accrues until the filing of an answer by the named defendant, or if there are multiple named defendants, until the time that all named defendants have filed their initial answers or been found to be in default, whichever is applicable, ~~Prior to the filing of an answer,~~ any offer to settle a tort claim for personal injury, bodily injury, or death arising from ~~the use of~~ a motor vehicle collision and prepared by or with the assistance of an attorney on behalf of a claimant or claimants shall be in writing and:

(1) Shall contain the following material terms, which shall be the only material terms:

(A) ~~The time period within~~ A date by which such offer must be accepted, which shall be not less than 30 days from receipt of the offer sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested;

(B) Amount of monetary payment;

(C) The party or parties the claimant or claimants will release if such offer is accepted;

(D) For any type of release, whether the release is full or limited and an itemization of what the claimant or claimants will provide to each releasee; ~~and~~

(E) The claims to be released;

(F) A date by which payment shall be delivered; provided, however, that such date shall not be less than 40 days from receipt of the offer; and

(G) A requirement that in order to settle the claim the recipient shall provide the offeror a statement, under oath, regarding whether all liability and casualty insurance issued by the recipient that provides coverage or that may provide coverage for the claim at issue has been disclosed to the offeror and a date by which such statement under oath shall be delivered, and such date shall not be less than 40 days from receipt of the offer; provided, however, that the requirement provided in this subparagraph may be waived by the offeror; and

(2) Shall include medical or other records in the offeror's possession incurred as a result of the subject claim that are sufficient to allow the recipient to evaluate the claim~~; and~~

~~(3) May include a term requiring that in order to settle the claim the recipient shall provide the offeror a statement, under oath, regarding whether all liability and casualty insurance issued by the recipient that provides coverage or that may provide coverage for the claim at issue has been disclosed to the offeror~~.

~~(b)(1) Unless otherwise agreed by both the offeror and the recipients in writing, the terms outlined in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be the only terms which can be included in an offer to settle made under this Code section.~~

(c) Where any offer to settle a tort claim for personal injury, bodily injury, or death arising from a motor vehicle collision provides any term outside of the material terms provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, such term shall be construed as an immaterial term that may be mutually agreed to, in writing, by both the offeror and the recipient; provided, however, that a variance by the recipient from such immaterial term shall not subject the recipient to a civil action arising from an alleged failure by the recipient to accept an offer to settle such tort claim if such recipient otherwise complies with subsection (i) of this Code section.

~~(2)~~(d) The recipients of an offer to settle made under this Code section may accept the same by providing written acceptance of the material terms outlined in paragraph (1) of subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section in their entirety.

~~(c)~~(e) Nothing in this Code section is intended to prohibit parties from reaching a settlement agreement in a manner and under terms otherwise agreeable to both the offeror and recipient of the offer; provided, however, that no party shall require another party, as a condition of settlement, to waive or modify the application of this Code section or any provision of this Code section.

~~(d)~~(f) Upon receipt of an offer to settle set forth in subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section, the recipients shall have the right to seek clarification regarding the terms, the terms of the release, liens, subrogation claims, standing to release claims, medical bills, medical records, and other relevant facts. An attempt to seek ~~reasonable~~ clarification shall be in writing and shall not be deemed a counteroffer; provided, however, that seeking to modify the terms under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be deemed a clarification. In addition, if a release is not provided with an offer to settle, a recipient's providing of a proposed release shall not be deemed a counteroffer.

~~(e)~~(g) An offer to settle made pursuant to this Code section shall be sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, shall specifically reference this Code section, and shall include an address, and either ~~or~~ a facsimile number or email

address, to which a written acceptance pursuant to subsection ~~(b)~~ (d) of this Code section may be provided.

~~(f)~~(h) The person or entity providing payment to satisfy the material term set forth in subparagraph ~~(a)(1)(B)~~ (b)(1)(B) of this Code section may elect to provide payment by any one or more of the following means:

(1) Cash;

(2) Money order;

(3) Wire transfer;

(4) A cashier's check issued by a bank or other financial institution;

(5) A draft or bank check issued by an insurance company; or

(6) Electronic funds transfer or other method of electronic payment.

~~(g) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit a party making an offer to settle from requiring payment within a specified period; provided, however, that such date shall not be less than 40 days from the receipt of the offer.~~

(i)(1) There shall be no civil action arising from an alleged failure by the recipient to settle a tort claim for personal injury, bodily injury, or death arising from a motor vehicle collision, where the recipient provides the offeror on or before the dates specified in the offer:

(A) A writing that purports to accept in their entirety the material terms of the offer, with the exception of the amount of payment;

(B) A statement by the recipient under oath regarding insurance coverage provided by the recipient, if required as a material term; and

(C) Payment of the lesser of:

(i) The amount demanded in such offer; or

(ii) The available bodily injury liability limits of the applicable insurance policy or policies issued by the recipient.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, this subsection shall apply to any offer to settle a tort claim for personal injury, bodily injury, or death arising from a motor vehicle collision; and shall apply to any such offer even where such offer expressly provides that any or all of this Code section does not apply to such offer; and shall not be construed to only apply to offers made pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(3) Where the recipient does not comply with paragraph (1) of this subsection in response to an offer made in compliance with subsection (b) of this Code section, this subsection shall not apply to any subsequent offer to settle a tort claim for personal injury, bodily injury, or death arising from a motor vehicle collision.

~~(h)~~(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section to the contrary, this ~~This~~ Code section shall not apply to ~~causes of action for personal injury, bodily injury, and death arising from the use of a motor vehicle on or after July 1, 2021~~ any offer to settle a product liability claim, including failure to warn arising under product liability."

SECTION 2.

With the exception of a product liability claim, including failure to warn arising under

product liability, this Act shall apply to any offers to settle a tort claim for personal injury, bodily injury, or death arising from a motor vehicle collision made on or after the date this Act is approved by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 83.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 83.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/28/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 83. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Jackson of the 41st

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 1122. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Ballard of the 147th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary and elementary education, so as to provide for funding requirements to apply to local education agencies; to provide for one superintendent for each state charter school; to provide for funding for local and state charter school principals; to increase opportunities for students to attend and be enrolled in the public schools where their parents or guardians are employed, including charter schools, regardless of school attendance zone or school system residency; to limit the application of certain state charter school conflict of interest provisions to executive-level employees, rather than all employees, of local boards of education or local school systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend HB 1122 (HB 1122/SCSFA) by replacing line 12 with the following:
matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By replacing line 86 with the following:
(1) Each state charter school shall earn, for any number of full-time equivalent students over 1,000,

By inserting after line 181 the following:
(a) Sections 1 through 4 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.
(b) All other sections of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 7.

Senator Brass of the 28th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1122.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne

N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 35, nays 19; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1122.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 340. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearm safes and firearm safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 340:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-8-3.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for agricultural operations, establishment of Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund, audits, and annual report, so as to exempt the sale or use of diesel exhaust fluid; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-8-3.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for agricultural operations, establishment of Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund, audits, and annual report, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The sales and use taxes levied or imposed by this article shall not apply to sales to, or use by, a qualified agricultural producer of agricultural production inputs, energy used in agriculture, diesel exhaust fluid for agricultural uses only, and agricultural machinery and equipment."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Goodman of the 8th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 340.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 42, nays 10; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 340.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 493. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Strickland of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sexual offender risk review board, so as to provide for additional penalties for registered sexual offenders convicted of photographing a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian; to provide that such persons are prohibited from possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person without his or her consent; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 493:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sexual offender risk review board, so as to provide for additional penalties for registered sexual offenders convicted of photographing a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian; to provide that such persons are prohibited from possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person without his or her consent; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for release from sexual offender registration requirements under certain circumstances; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probation, so as to provide for a possible term of probation; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sexual offender risk review board, is amended by revising Code Section 42-1-18, relating to photographing minor without consent of parent or guardian prohibited and penalty, as follows:

"42-1-18.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Minor' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 42-1-12.

(2) 'Photograph' means to create, capture, transmit, or record by electronic or other means a photographic image ~~'photograph' means to take any picture, film or digital photograph, motion picture film, videotape,~~ or similar visual representation or image of a person.

(3) 'Unmanned aircraft system' means a powered, aerial vehicle, not including a satellite, that:

(A) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the vehicle;

(B) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;

(C) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely;

(D) Can be expendable or recoverable; and

(E) Has the ability to photograph.

(b)(1) No person required to register as a sexual offender pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 shall intentionally photograph a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian.

~~(c)~~(2) Any person who ~~knowingly violates this Code section~~ commits the offense of intentionally photographing a minor without the consent of such minor's parent or guardian in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall, upon the first conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be punished as provided by Code Section 17-10-4; provided, however, that, if a fine is imposed pursuant to Code Section 17-10-4, such fine shall not be less than $1,500.00.

(3) Any person who commits the offense of intentionally photographing a minor without the consent of such minor's parent or guardian in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall, upon a second or subsequent conviction thereof, be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 30 years and a fine of not less than $5,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00.

(4) For the purpose of this subsection, the term 'conviction' shall include a plea of nolo contendere.

(c)(1) No person required to register as a sexual offender pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 shall knowingly possess, own, or operate an unmanned aircraft system with the intent to photograph, observe, follow, or contact any particular person without his or her consent or photograph, observe, follow, or contact any person in a way that violates the person’s reasonable expectation of privacy.

(2) Any person who violates paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than ten years and a fine of not less than $20,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 42-1-19, relating to petition for release from registration requirements, as follows:

"42-1-19.

(a) An individual required to register pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 may petition a superior court for release from registration requirements and from any residency or employment restrictions of this article if the individual:

(1) Has completed all prison, parole, supervised release, and probation for the offense which required registration pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12~~;~~ and:

(A) Is confined to a hospice facility, skilled nursing home, residential care facility for the elderly, or nursing home;

(B) Is totally and permanently disabled as such term is defined in Code Section 49-4-80; ~~or~~

(C) Is otherwise seriously physically incapacitated due to illness or injury; or

(D) Has reached the age of 80 years;

(2) Was sentenced for a crime that became punishable as a misdemeanor on or after July 1, 2006, and meets the criteria set forth in subparagraphs (c)(1)(A) through (c)(1)(F) of Code Section 17-10-6.2;

(3) Is required to register solely because he or she was convicted of kidnapping or false imprisonment involving a minor and such offense did not involve a sexual offense against such minor or an attempt to commit a sexual offense against such minor. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'sexual offense' means any offense listed in division (a)(10)(B)(i) or (a)(10)(B)(iv) through (a)(10)(B)(xix) of Code Section 42-1-12; ~~or~~

(4) Has completed all prison, parole, supervised release, and probation for the offense which required registration pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 and meets the criteria set forth in subparagraphs (c)(1)(A) through (c)(1)(F) of Code Section 17-10-6.2; or

(5) Was convicted of a sexual offense and required to register under the laws of another state or territory, under the laws of the United States, under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or in a tribal court and:

(A) Has completed all prison, parole, supervised release, and probation for the offense which required registration pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 and meets the criteria set forth in subparagraphs (c)(1)(A) through (c)(1)(F) of Code Section 17-10-6.2; and

(B) Has been removed from the registry in the other state or territory and can provide the court with documentation supporting the same.

(b)(1) A petition for release pursuant to this Code section shall be filed in the superior court of the jurisdiction in which the individual was convicted; provided, however, that, if the individual was not convicted in this state, such petition shall be filed in the superior court of the county where the individual resides.

(2) Such petition shall be served on the district attorney of the jurisdiction where the petition is filed, the sheriff of the county where the petition is filed, and the sheriff of the county where the individual resides. Service on the district attorney and sheriff may be had by mailing a copy of the petition with a proper certificate of service.

(3) If a petition for release is denied, another petition for release shall not be filed within a period of two years from the date of the final order on a previous petition.

(c)(1) An individual who meets the requirements of paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of

subsection (a) of this Code section shall be considered for release from registration requirements and from residency or employment restrictions.

(2) An individual who meets the requirements of paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section may be considered for release from registration requirements and from residency or employment restrictions only if:

(A) ~~Ten~~ Five years have elapsed since the individual completed all prison, parole, supervised release, and probation for the offense which required registration pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12; ~~or~~ and

(B) The individual has been classified by the board as a Level I risk assessment classification, provided that, if the board has not done a risk assessment classification for such individual within the last five years, the court shall order such classification to be completed prior to considering the petition for release.

(3) An individual who meets the requirements of paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section may be considered for release from registration requirements and from residency or employment restrictions only if:

(A) Ten years have elapsed since the individual completed all prison, parole, supervised release, and probation for the offense which required registration pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12; and

(B) The individual has been classified by the board as a Level I risk assessment classification, provided that, if the board has not done a risk assessment classification for such individual within the last five years, the court shall order such classification to be completed prior to considering the petition for release.

(d) In considering a petition pursuant to this Code section, the court may consider:

(1) Any evidence introduced by the petitioner;

(2) Any evidence introduced by the district attorney, board, or sheriff; and

(3) Any other relevant evidence.

(e) The court shall hold a hearing on the petition if requested by the petitioner.

(f) The court may issue an order releasing the individual from registration requirements or residency or employment restrictions, in whole or part, if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the individual does not pose a substantial risk of perpetrating any future dangerous sexual offense. The court may release an individual from such requirements or restrictions for a specific period of time. The court shall send a copy of any order releasing an individual from any requirements or restrictions to the sheriff and the district attorney of the jurisdiction where the petition is filed, to the sheriff of the county where the individual resides, to the Department of Corrections, to the Department of Community Supervision, and to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probation, is amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 42-8-35, relating to terms and conditions of probation and supervision, by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (3), replacing the period with "; and" at the end of paragraph (4), and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5) Prohibited from possessing, owning, or operating an unmanned aircraft system as defined in Code Section 42-1-18."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hatchett of the 50th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 493.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 493.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 322. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A.,

relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, so as to provide for an increase in dues; to provide for an increase in the sum to be paid for purchasing prior service credit; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 322:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 16 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, so as to provide for an increase in dues; to provide for an increase in the sum to be paid for purchasing prior service credit; to increase payments to the fund from fees collected in civil actions; to increase the benefit payable upon the death of certain members of the fund; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 16 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, is amended by revising Code Section 47-16-40, relating to application for membership in the fund, contents of application, and claim for credit for prior service, as follows:

"47-16-40.

In order to become a member of the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

(1) He or she must be a duly qualified and commissioned sheriff of a county of the State of Georgia, serving as sheriff of the superior court of that county at the time he or she files his or her application;

(2) He or she must file his or her application for membership with the secretary-treasurer within one year from the date he or she begins service as a sheriff or within the time limits set forth in Code Section 47-16-41;

(3) He or she must set out in the application for membership his or her correct date of birth;

(4) He or she must list in his or her application for membership all periods of prior service, including credit under Code Section 47-16-80 for services in the armed forces of the United States or as a peace officer, for which service he or she intends to ask credit as basis for his or her future retirement, or shall forever be barred from claiming

credit for services not so listed;

(5) The member must tender with the application, within 12 months from the date of that application, or at such other time as the board may provide, a sum equal to the total of ~~$37.50~~ $65.00 per month for credit claimed by the member under paragraph (4) of this Code section for past service from and including January 1, 1961, to the date of application; or if such amount is not paid by the due date, the member shall be conclusively deemed to have waived his or her claim or right for credit for such period of time; or

(6) He or she must also furnish to the board such other information and proof of pertinent facts set out in the application for membership or relative to it as may be required by the board; and failure to do so shall constitute grounds for denial of the application for membership by the board."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-16-43, relating to requirements for continued active membership in the fund, as follows:

"47-16-43.

In order to retain active membership in the fund, each member must:

(1) Continue serving as a sheriff;

(2) Pay to the secretary-treasurer membership dues of ~~$45.00~~ $65.00 per month. Such payment shall be due on or before the tenth day of the following month until the member has made such payments for a total of 30 years; and

(3) Comply with all other mandatory provisions of this chapter and all rules and regulations promulgated by the board."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 47-16-61, relating to payments to fund from fees collected in civil actions, duty to record and remit sums collected, and penalties on delinquent amounts, as follows:

"(a) In addition to all other legal costs, the sum of ~~$1.00~~ $5.00 shall be charged and collected in each civil action, case, or proceeding, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all adoptions, charters, petitions for review, applications by personal representative for leave to sell or invest, trade name registrations, applications for change of name, and all other proceedings of a civil nature filed in the superior courts. The clerks of the superior courts shall collect such fees, and the fees so collected shall be remitted to the board quarterly or at such other time as the board may provide. It shall be the duty of the clerks of the superior courts to keep accurate records of the amounts due the board under this subsection, and such records may be audited by the board at any time. The sums remitted to the board under this subsection shall be used only for the purposes provided for in this chapter.

(b) In addition to all other legal costs, the sum of ~~$1.00~~ $5.00 shall be charged and collected in each civil action, case, or proceeding, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all adoptions, charters, petitions for review, applications by

personal representative for leave to sell or invest, trade name registrations, applications for change of name, and all other proceedings of a civil nature filed in the state courts and magistrate courts of this state in which the sheriff of the superior court also fulfills the function as sheriff of such inferior court. The clerks of such state courts and magistrate courts shall collect such fees, and the fees so collected shall be remitted to the board quarterly or at such other time as the board may provide. It shall be the duty of the clerks of such state courts and magistrate courts to keep accurate records of the amounts due the board under this subsection, and such records may be audited by the board at any time. The sums remitted to the board under this subsection shall be used only for the purposes provided for in this chapter."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-16-102, relating to death benefits, beneficiaries, and procedure for designation of beneficiary to receive such benefits, as follows:

"47-16-102.

In addition to the retirement benefits provided in this chapter, death benefits shall be paid to members in accordance with the following:

(1) If any member of this fund dies before retirement, whether such member is active or inactive, an amount equal to the total amount which has been paid by such member into the fund as dues shall be paid, without interest, to such member's surviving spouse, if any, to such member's named beneficiary, if any, or to such member's estate, in that order. If any member dies after retirement without having received an amount equal in benefits to the total amount which he or she has paid into the fund as dues, the difference, without interest, shall be paid to his or her surviving spouse, if any, to his or her named beneficiary, if any, or to such member's estate, in that order;

(2) In addition to the death benefits provided in paragraph (1) of this Code section, upon the death of any inactive member who would otherwise qualify to be carried upon the active membership rolls but for the fact that the member no longer holds the office of sheriff, any member who is receiving retirement benefits, or any member who is otherwise qualified to receive retirement benefits from this fund except that the member has not reached the age of 55 years or has not filed an application or has not been approved for retirement benefits, the sum of ~~$15,000.00~~ $25,000.00 shall be paid as additional death benefits to the surviving spouse of such member, if any, to the member's named beneficiary, if any, or to the member's estate, in that order. Upon the death of any active member, the sum of ~~$15,000.00~~ $25,000.00 shall be paid as additional death benefits to the surviving spouse of such member, if any, to the member's named beneficiary, if any, or to the member's estate, in that order;

(3) At the time any member submits his or her application for membership in this fund, at the time any member submits his or her application for retirement benefits, and from time to time any member of this fund, whether carried on the active or inactive rolls of this fund, and any person who is receiving retirement benefits from this fund shall be afforded the opportunity to name a designated beneficiary to receive the death benefits

provided for in this Code section; provided, however, that such named beneficiary shall be entitled to receive such death benefits only in the event such member or person does not leave surviving a spouse at the time of his or her death. The procedure by which a member or person receiving retirement benefits names a beneficiary to receive the death benefits provided for in this Code section shall be determined and established by the board, which shall have authority to establish forms and procedures for payment of the death benefits; and

(4) Upon the death of an active member before or after the retirement of such member, the surviving spouse of such member shall receive death benefits in the form of an annuity for the life of such spouse, such annuity to be determined and paid under paragraph (2) of subsection (a), subsection (b), and subsection (c) of Code Section 47-16-101 to the same extent as if such member had died while receiving retirement benefits under Option Two; and in the case of the death of an active member who is not already receiving retirement benefits, such annuity shall be determined and based upon the period of creditable service which such member has at the time of his or her death. Such benefit shall be in addition to benefits under paragraph (2) of this Code section, and in lieu of benefits under paragraph (1) of this Code section."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2024, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 25, 2024

The Honorable John Carson, Chairman
House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to Senate Bill 322 (LC 56 0207S)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This substitute bill would amend several provisions relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia. Specifically, this bill would (1) increase the cost to purchase creditable service from $37.50 per month of creditable service to $65 per month; (2) increase the monthly membership dues from $45 to $65; and (3) increase the death benefit from $15,000 to $25,000. Furthermore, this substitute bill would provide for the increase in fees collected on behalf of the Fund for each civil filing from $1 to $5.00.

This is to certify that the changes made in this substitute bill are nonfiscal amendments as defined in the Public Retirement System Standards Law. Therefore, the actuarial investigation and State Auditor's Certification for Senate Bill 322 (LC 56 0200S) is applicable for LC 56 0207S. A copy of the actuarial investigation and State Auditor's Summary for Senate Bill 322 (56 0200S) is attached.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 322.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker

Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 322.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that Senator Still of the 48th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Still was excused.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 429. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 28, 31, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the General Assembly, health, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for procedures and processes concerning the enactment of legislation and the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide definitions; to provide for the preparation and submission of small business impact analyses for bills introduced during sessions of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 429:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 28 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly and state government, respectively, so as to provide for procedures and processes concerning the enactment of legislation and the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide a definition; to provide for the preparation and submission of small business impact analyses for bills introduced during sessions of the General Assembly; to provide for contracting; to provide for the revision of small business impact analyses; to create the Wrongful Conviction Compensation Review Panel; to provide for a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for the composition of such panel; to provide for the burden of proof and evidence to be considered by such panel; to provide for evaluation of claims by such panel; to provide for notice of claims, forms, and hearings; to provide for such panel to make recommendations to such board; to provide for payments;

to provide for legislative construction; to conform terminology; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Small Business Protection Act of 2024."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended in Chapter 5, relating to financial affairs, by revising Code Section 28-5-60, relating to such board's creation, membership, and representation of members by deputies or other designated employees, as follows:

"28-5-60.

(a) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Claims Advisory Board created in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(2) 'The state or any of its departments or agencies' means any department, agency, bureau, or commission of state government, excluding state authorities, and also excluding any county or municipal department, agency, bureau, commission, or authority.

(b) There is created the Claims Advisory Board~~, hereinafter called the board, to be~~ composed of the Secretary of State, who shall be the ~~chairman~~ chairperson, the commissioner of human services, the commissioner of corrections, and the commissioner of transportation. Whenever the board takes any official action authorized under the law or duly promulgated rules and regulations, three of the members shall constitute a quorum, ~~; however, any of those individuals named above may be represented by a deputy or other designated employee;~~ and any such action shall be valid if any two of the remaining three ~~individuals~~ members are present during such action. Any board member may be represented by a deputy or other designated employee, and such individual's actions shall have the same effect as a board member's actions.

~~(b)~~(c) The ~~Claims Advisory Board~~ board is assigned to the Secretary of State for administrative purposes only as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 4, relating to the Claims Advisory Board, by repealing Code Section 28-5-60.1, relating to "the state or any of its departments or agencies" defined, in its entirety.

SECTION 2-3.

Said article is further amended in Part 2, relating to claims against state or departments or agencies, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"28-5-87.

The provisions of this part shall not apply to a claim made pursuant to Part 4 of this article."

SECTION 2-4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

28-5-110.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Wrongful Conviction Compensation Act.'

28-5-111.

(a) As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Exonerated' means an individual:

(A) Had his or her judgment of conviction reversed or vacated, or was granted a new trial, and had the indictment or accusation dismissed or nolle prossed;

(B) Had his or her judgment of conviction reversed or vacated, or was granted a new trial and, upon retrial, acquitted; or

(C) Received a pardon based on innocence.

(2) 'Panel' means the Wrongful Conviction Compensation Review Panel.

(b) The board shall have the authority to consider claims of wrongful conviction and recommend compensation pursuant to this part to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

(c)(1) For purposes of considering claims of wrongful conviction and making recommendations of compensation to the board pursuant to this part, there is created the Wrongful Conviction Compensation Review Panel, to be formed under the board.

(2) The panel shall consist of five members, and each member shall serve for a term of three years; provided, however, that the two members first appointed under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph shall be appointed for an initial term of one year and the two members first appointed under subparagraphs (C) and (D) of this paragraph shall be appointed for an initial term of two years; provided, however, that any member appointed to a partial initial term may serve two additional successive terms or until his or her successor has been appointed. Any member of the panel may serve two successive terms or until his or her successor has been appointed. The members of the panel shall be:

(A) A judge, retired judge, or retired justice who presides over felony criminal matters in any state court of record, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia;

(B) A current district attorney appointed by the Governor;
(C) A criminal defense attorney appointed by the Governor;
(D) An attorney, forensic science expert, or law professor, with expertise in wrongful convictions, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
(E) An attorney, forensic science expert, or law professor, with expertise in wrongful convictions, appointed by the President of the Senate.
(3) The members of the panel shall designate one of the members as the panel's chairperson.
(4) The panel shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations to govern its consideration of claims brought before the panel and the recommendations by the panel to the board.

28-5-112.
(a) In order to be eligible for compensation under this part, a claimant shall establish by a preponderance of evidence to the panel that:
(1) The claimant was convicted of one or more felonies and subsequently incarcerated;
(2) The claimant proclaims his or her innocence;
(3) The claimant did not commit or suborn perjury, fabricate evidence, or engage in conduct intended to bring about the conviction. A confession later found to be false, an admission of guilt later found to be false, or a guilty plea shall not constitute committing or suborning perjury, fabricating evidence, or engaging in conduct intended to bring about the conviction under this part; and
(4) The claimant was exonerated of the crime for which the claim for compensation for wrongful conviction and incarceration is being made.
(b) In order to receive compensation under this part, the claimant shall establish by a preponderance of evidence to the panel that:
(1) The claimant received a pardon based on innocence for the conviction;
(2) The claimant was exonerated based on grounds of innocence; or
(3) The claimant did not commit the crime for which the claimant was convicted and did not commit any lesser included offenses.
(c) The panel, in evaluating a claim brought under this part, may, in the interest of justice, give due consideration to difficulties of proof caused by the passage of time, the death or unavailability of witnesses, the destruction of evidence, and other factors not caused by the claimant or those acting on his or her behalf.
(d) The panel is authorized to determine:
(1) Whether a claimant qualified for compensation under this part; and
(2) The recommended amount of compensation, if any, with any such amount to be included in the board's transmittal provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 28-5-115.

28-5-113.
(a) No claim for payment of compensation under this part shall be considered by the panel unless a notice of claim has been filed with the board within three years after the

date the claimant's eligibility has been established as set forth in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 28-5-112 or within three years of July 1, 2023, whichever occurs later.

(b) The panel shall provide forms to be used in filing a notice of claim and shall make them available for such purpose. The forms shall specify what evidence the panel will require in order to process a claim pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 28-5-112. Such information shall include documentation supporting a claimant's eligibility for compensation and showing of innocence. If a claim does not contain all information requested in the form, the panel shall contact the claimant to request this information, in writing, within 30 days of discovering the information is missing, and provide the claimant 60 days to supplement his or her claim.

(c) Once the panel is in receipt of all information requested under subsection (b) of this Code section, and if the panel determines the claimant is eligible under subsection (a) of Code Section 28-5-112 for consideration for compensation, the panel shall, within 90 days of receiving the notice of claim and requested information:

(1) Conduct a hearing if it determines a hearing is necessary to make a recommendation under this part; or

(2) Make a provisional judgment on the eligibility of the claimant and the recommended award and provide its provisional judgment to the claimant. Upon receiving notice of the panel's provisional judgment, the claimant shall have 14 days to request a hearing before the panel if the claimant wishes for further review of his or her claim. If the claimant requests a hearing under this paragraph, the panel shall conduct a hearing within 60 days.

(d) In the event a hearing is to be held, the claimant, the district attorney for the circuit in which the conviction occurred, and the Attorney General shall be notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing and shall be entitled to present evidence at such hearing.

(e) Proceedings before the panel shall be governed by rules established by the panel. A claimant may be represented by an attorney as he or she shall choose.

28-5-114.

(a) Upon determining a claimant meets the criteria of subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 28-5-112, the panel shall recommend to the board that the claimant be awarded compensation for wrongful conviction and incarceration.

(b) In recommending compensation pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the panel:

(1) May include $120,000.00 per year, but shall include no less than $60,000.00 per year, for each year of wrongful incarceration, provided that a prorated amount shall be allocated to any partial year served; and

(2) May include the claimant's incurred reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses in connection with all associated criminal and habeas corpus proceedings, obtaining the claimant's discharge from confinement, and filing of a claim for compensation under this part.

(c) In calculating time of incarceration, the panel shall only include time for the charge

for which the claimant is making a claim under this part consistent with the requirements of Code Section 17-10-11; provided, however, that a claimant shall not be entitled to compensation under this part for any portion of a sentence spent incarcerated during which the claimant was also serving a concurrent sentence of incarceration for another crime to which this part does not apply.

(d)(1) Any payment of compensation may be made to or for the benefit of the claimant; or in the case of the death of the claimant, to or for the benefit of one or more of the heirs at law of the claimant, or, if the claimant chooses, up to one other person who is not an heir at law as designated by the claimant.

(2) Payment of compensation shall be made in the form of cash.

(e) In recommending compensation pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the panel shall strive for consistency between claimants.

(f) The dollar amounts specified in this Code section shall be adjusted annually by an amount calculated by multiplying such dollar amounts (as adjusted for the preceding year) by the annual percentage change in the consumer price index, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the United States Department of Labor for the preceding calendar year, commencing on July 1, 2023.

28-5-115.

(a) Within six months, or within a year if a hearing was held, of receiving the claimant's notice of claim and all information requested under subsection (b) of Code Section 28-5-113, the panel shall prepare a written recommendation to the board including:

(1) A statement of its findings as to whether the claimant has met the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 28-5-112;

(2) A statement explaining the panel's calculation of compensable time; and

(3) A statement detailing the amount and forms of compensation.

(b) The board shall adopt the recommendation of the panel as its own and upon adopting the recommendation of the panel shall transmit the recommendation and the statement of the panel to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia within seven days of receiving it from the panel.

(c) If the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia receives the recommendation of the board on or before September 1, he or she shall include the compensation recommended by the board under this part in the amended budget for the Judicial Council of Georgia for the current fiscal year. If the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia receives the recommendation of the board after September 1, he or she shall include the compensation recommended by the board under this part in the budget for the Judicial Council of Georgia for the next fiscal year.

(d) Any award of compensation made pursuant to this part shall not be:

(1) Subject to any monetary limitation of damages awarded in civil actions;

(2) Subject to any state income taxes; provided, however, that the award of attorney's fees shall be subject to taxation; or

(3) Offset by any expense incurred by this state or any political subdivision thereof related to the claimant's incarceration.

(e) The General Assembly waives sovereign immunity of this state for the purpose of authorizing payment of claims against this state pursuant to the authority of this part.
(f) No award of compensation pursuant to this part shall be disbursed to a claimant who had his or her judgment of conviction reversed or vacated, or was granted a new trial, and had the indictment or accusation dismissed or nolle prossed until the time period set forth in Code Section 17-3-3 has lapsed or the prosecutor has affirmatively declined further prosecution.

28-5-116.
(a) If, at the time a claim is made under this part to the panel, the claimant has won a monetary award against the state or any political subdivision thereof in the final judgment of a civil action related to the wrongful conviction or has entered into a settlement agreement with the state or any political subdivision thereof related to the wrongful conviction, the amount of the award in the action or the amount received in the settlement agreement, less any sums paid to attorneys for costs in litigating other civil action or obtaining the settlement agreement, shall be deducted from the sum of money to which the panel shall usually recommend under this part.
(b) If, after the time a claim is made under this part to the panel, the claimant wins a monetary award against the state or any political subdivision thereof in the final judgment of a civil action related to the wrongful conviction, the court shall deduct from such monetary award an amount equal to the sum of money awarded under this part as compensation for wrongful conviction, less any sums paid to attorneys or for costs in litigating other civil action or obtaining the settlement agreement."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended in Chapter 5, relating to financial affairs, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3B

28-5-57.
As used in this article, the term 'small business' means a business that is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in its field, and employs 300 or fewer employees.

28-5-58.
(a) Prior to the convening of a session of the General Assembly, the Governor, the President of the Senate, or any member of the General Assembly may request that the Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Audits and Accounts prepare a small business impact analysis of any bill. Following the convening of a session of the General Assembly, a small business impact analysis for a bill may only be requested by

the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the chairperson of a committee to which such bill has been assigned. A small business impact analysis shall estimate the economic costs and benefits that such bill may have on small businesses in the state and shall include, if any, the estimated impacts on:

(1) The costs of providing goods and services;

(2) The availability and cost of workers;

(3) Industry competition or consumer choice; and

(4) Potential costs of compliance.

(b) If unable to provide a complete written small business impact analysis, the Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Audits and Accounts shall provide a written explanation of the impact in general terms and need not quantify the specific impact.

(c) A small business impact analysis requested pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be prepared and submitted by the director of the Office of Planning and Budget and the state auditor within 30 days after receipt of the request or, if requested during a session of the General Assembly, within ten days after receipt of such request. A copy of the small business impact analysis shall be submitted to:

(1) The Governor;

(2) The President of the Senate;

(3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) The chairperson of the committee to which the bill that is the subject of the small business impact analysis is assigned in the house of the General Assembly in which the bill was introduced;

(5) The sponsor of the bill that is the subject of the small business impact analysis;

(6) The individual who requested the small business impact analysis, if such individual is not listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection;

(7) The Secretary of the Senate; and

(8) The Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(d)(1) If a bill that is the subject of a small business impact analysis prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section is amended or is proposed to be amended, the Office of Planning and Budget and Department of Audits and Accounts shall revise such small business impact analysis to account for the amended version of such bill upon the request of:

(A) The Governor, the President of the Senate, or any member of the General Assembly, if such request is made prior to the convening of a session of the General Assembly; or

(B) The Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the chairperson of a committee to which such bill has been assigned, if such request is made after the convening of a session of the General Assembly.

(2) A revised small business impact analysis requested pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be prepared and submitted by the director of the Office of Planning and Budget and the state auditor in the same manner as the original small business impact analysis pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e)(1) The Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Audits and Accounts may contract with a person or persons independent of state government to prepare any small business impact analysis or revised small business impact analysis requested pursuant to this Code section.

(2) When preparing a small business impact analysis or revised small business impact analysis requested pursuant to this Code section, the Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Audits and Accounts, and any person or persons contracted with under paragraph (1) of this subsection may consult with other units of state government, units of local government, and business, industry, and community stakeholders impacted by or having an interest in the bill that is the subject of such small business impact analysis.

(f) Any small business impact analysis or revised small business impact analysis prepared for a bill pursuant to this Code section shall be attached to the bill by the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives and shall be read to the members of each respective house of the General Assembly at the third reading of such bill. In addition, a copy of each small business impact analysis or revised small business impact analysis prepared for a bill pursuant to this Code section shall be distributed to each member of the respective house of the General Assembly before which such bill is pending prior to any such bill being voted upon by such house of the General Assembly.

28-5-59.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to require any degree of formality of proof of compliance with any requirement of this article, and any enrolled bill shall be conclusively presumed to have been enacted in compliance with the requirements of this article."

SECTION 3-2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-13-4, relating to procedural requirements for adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules, emergency rules, limitation on action to contest rule, and legislative override, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule, other than interpretive rules or general statements of policy, the agency shall:

(1) Give at least 30 days' notice of its intended action. The notice shall include an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule. The synopsis shall be distributed with and in the same manner as the proposed rule. The synopsis shall contain a statement of the purpose and the main features of the proposed rule, and, in the case of a proposed amendatory rule, the synopsis also shall indicate the differences between the existing rule and the proposed rule. The notice shall also include the exact date on which the agency shall consider the adoption of the rule and shall include the time and place in order that interested persons may present their views thereon. The notice shall also contain a citation of the authority pursuant to which the rule is proposed for adoption and, if the proposal is an amendment or repeal of an existing rule, the rule

shall be clearly identified. The notice shall be mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed upon a mailing list which shall be maintained by the agency for advance notice of its rule-making proceedings and who have tendered the actual cost of such mailing as from time to time estimated by the agency;

(2) Afford to all interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the case of substantive rules, opportunity for oral hearing must be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members. The agency shall consider fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed rule. Upon adoption of a rule, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption;

(3) In the formulation and adoption of any rule which will have an economic impact on businesses in the state, reduce the economic impact of the rule on small businesses which are independently owned and operated, are not dominant in their field, and employ ~~100~~ 300 employees or ~~less~~ fewer by implementing one or more of the following actions when it is legal and feasible in meeting the stated objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule:

(A) Establish ~~differing~~ reduced compliance or reporting requirements ~~or~~ and differing timetables for small businesses;

(B) Clarify, consolidate, or simplify the compliance and reporting requirements under the rule for small businesses;

(C) Establish performance rather than design standards for small businesses; or

(D) Exempt small businesses from any or all requirements of the rules;

(4) In the formulation and adoption of any rule which places administrative burdens on charitable organizations in this state, including, but not limited to, any rule that would require any new or expanded filing or reporting requirements or that would limit the ability of charitable organizations to solicit or collect funds~~, the agency or official shall~~:

(A) Absent the showing of a compelling state interest, not impose any annual filing or reporting requirements on an organization regulated or specifically exempted from regulation under Chapter 17 of Title 43, the 'Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act of 1988,' that are more burdensome than the requirements authorized by applicable law, and any such filing or reporting requirements shall be narrowly tailored to achieve such compelling state interest. The requirements of this subparagraph shall not apply to the state's direct spending programs; and

(B) Email the notice provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection to each chairperson of any standing committee in each house as shown on the General Assembly's public website.

For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'charitable organization' means a nonprofit charitable organization which is exempt from taxation under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and

(5) In the formulation and adoption of any rule, ~~an agency shall~~ choose an alternative

that does not impose excessive regulatory costs on any regulated person or entity which costs could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the stated objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Kennedy of the 18th, Brass of the 28th, and Gooch of the 51st filed the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 429 (LC 56 0208S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:
To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Chapter 16 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to emergency management and COVID-19 pandemic business safety, respectively, so as to revise provisions relating to emergencies; to prohibit any governmental entity from discriminating against and closing a place of worship during an emergency; to provide for declaratory or injunctive relief; to provide for applicability of certain provisions relating to liability; to amend an Act relating to torts to provide certain immunities from liability claims regarding COVID-19, approved August 5, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 798), as amended by an Act approved May 4, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 341), so as to repeal the applicability provision; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Part I of this Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protecting Religious Assembly in States of Emergency (PRAISE) Act."

SECTION 1-2.
Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to emergency management, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"38-3-8.

(a) Any order, rule, regulation, or other directive issued by any governmental entity pursuant to an emergency or health or safety determination that requires closure or limitation of any business or other facility otherwise open to public use or patronage but which exempts in whole or in part any particular entity or set of entities shall exempt to the same extent any place of worship entitled to the religious exemption found in 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3) or 26 U.S.C. Section 508(c)(1)(A) in effect on January 1, 2024.

(b) Any person or entity injured by a violation of subsection (a) of this Code section may bring a civil action for declaratory or injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) This Code section shall be construed to afford to religious institutions and places of worship the same degree of freedom to meet as is afforded to the most favored entity or set of entities.

(d) No provision of this Code section which interferes with or contradicts 42 U.S.C. Section 247 of the Public Health Service Act, 50 U.S.C. Sections 1601-1651 of the National Emergencies Act, or any other provision of federal law shall be effective."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 16 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to COVID-19 pandemic business safety, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-16-6.

This chapter shall apply to causes of action accruing:

(1) On or after August 5, 2020, until July 14, 2022; provided, however, that the provisions of this chapter as they existed during such period shall apply to such causes of action; and

(2) On and after the effective date of this Code section."

SECTION 2-2.

An Act relating to torts to provide certain immunities from liability claims regarding COVID-19, approved August 5, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 798), as amended by an Act approved May 4, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 341), is amended by repealing and reserving Section 4.

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon approval by the Governor or upon becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 429 as amended by the following amendment:

Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, and Gooch of the 51st offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the House substitute to SB 429 (LC 56 0208S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:

To amend Titles 28 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly and state government, respectively, so as to provide for procedures and processes concerning the enactment of legislation and the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide a definition; to provide for the preparation and submission of small business impact analyses for bills introduced during sessions of the General Assembly; to provide for contracting; to provide for the revision of small business impact analyses; to provide for legislative construction; to conform terminology; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Chapter 16 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to emergency management and COVID-19 pandemic business safety, respectively, so as to revise provisions relating to emergencies; to prohibit any governmental entity from discriminating against and closing a place of worship during an emergency; to provide for declaratory or injunctive relief; to provide for applicability of certain provisions relating to liability; to amend an Act relating to torts to provide certain immunities from liability claims regarding COVID-19, approved August 5, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 798), as amended by an Act approved May 4, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 341), so as to repeal the applicability provision; to provide for related matters; to provide short titles; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Part I of this Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Small Business Protection Act of 2024."

SECTION 1-2.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended in Chapter 5, relating to financial affairs, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3B

28-5-57.

As used in this article, the term 'small business' means a business that is independently

owned and operated, is not dominant in its field, and employs 300 or fewer employees.

28-5-58.

(a) Prior to the convening of a session of the General Assembly, the Governor, the President of the Senate, or any member of the General Assembly may request that the Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Audits and Accounts prepare a small business impact analysis of any bill. Following the convening of a session of the General Assembly, a small business impact analysis for a bill may only be requested by the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the chairperson of a committee to which such bill has been assigned. A small business impact analysis shall estimate the economic costs and benefits that such bill may have on small businesses in the state and shall include, if any, the estimated impacts on:

(1) The costs of providing goods and services;

(2) The availability and cost of workers;

(3) Industry competition or consumer choice; and

(4) Potential costs of compliance.

(b) If unable to provide a complete written small business impact analysis, the Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Audits and Accounts shall provide a written explanation of the impact in general terms and need not quantify the specific impact.

(c) A small business impact analysis requested pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be prepared and submitted by the director of the Office of Planning and Budget and the state auditor within 30 days after receipt of the request or, if requested during a session of the General Assembly, within ten days after receipt of such request. A copy of the small business impact analysis shall be submitted to:

(1) The Governor;

(2) The President of the Senate;

(3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) The chairperson of the committee to which the bill that is the subject of the small business impact analysis is assigned in the house of the General Assembly in which the bill was introduced;

(5) The sponsor of the bill that is the subject of the small business impact analysis;

(6) The individual who requested the small business impact analysis, if such individual is not listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection;

(7) The Secretary of the Senate; and

(8) The Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(d)(1) If a bill that is the subject of a small business impact analysis prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section is amended or is proposed to be amended, the Office of Planning and Budget and Department of Audits and Accounts shall revise such small business impact analysis to account for the amended version of such bill upon the request of:

(A) The Governor, the President of the Senate, or any member of the General Assembly, if such request is made prior to the convening of a session of the General Assembly; or

(B) The Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the chairperson of a committee to which such bill has been assigned, if such request is made after the convening of a session of the General Assembly.

(2) A revised small business impact analysis requested pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be prepared and submitted by the director of the Office of Planning and Budget and the state auditor in the same manner as the original small business impact analysis pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e)(1) The Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Audits and Accounts may contract with a person or persons independent of state government to prepare any small business impact analysis or revised small business impact analysis requested pursuant to this Code section.

(2) When preparing a small business impact analysis or revised small business impact analysis requested pursuant to this Code section, the Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Audits and Accounts, and any person or persons contracted with under paragraph (1) of this subsection may consult with other units of state government, units of local government, and business, industry, and community stakeholders impacted by or having an interest in the bill that is the subject of such small business impact analysis.

(f) Any small business impact analysis or revised small business impact analysis prepared for a bill pursuant to this Code section shall be attached to the bill by the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives and shall be read to the members of each respective house of the General Assembly at the third reading of such bill. In addition, a copy of each small business impact analysis or revised small business impact analysis prepared for a bill pursuant to this Code section shall be distributed to each member of the respective house of the General Assembly before which such bill is pending prior to any such bill being voted upon by such house of the General Assembly.

28-5-59.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to require any degree of formality of proof of compliance with any requirement of this article, and any enrolled bill shall be conclusively presumed to have been enacted in compliance with the requirements of this article."

SECTION 1-3.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-13-4, relating to procedural requirements for adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules, emergency rules, limitation on action to contest rule, and legislative override, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule, other than interpretive rules or general statements of policy, the agency shall:

(1) Give at least 30 days' notice of its intended action.

The notice shall include an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the

proposed rule. The synopsis shall be distributed with and in the same manner as the proposed rule. The synopsis shall contain a statement of the purpose and the main features of the proposed rule, and, in the case of a proposed amendatory rule, the synopsis also shall indicate the differences between the existing rule and the proposed rule. The notice shall also include the exact date on which the agency shall consider the adoption of the rule and shall include the time and place in order that interested persons may present their views thereon. The notice shall also contain a citation of the authority pursuant to which the rule is proposed for adoption and, if the proposal is an amendment or repeal of an existing rule, the rule shall be clearly identified. The notice shall be mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed upon a mailing list which shall be maintained by the agency for advance notice of its rule-making proceedings and who have tendered the actual cost of such mailing as from time to time estimated by the agency;

(2) Afford to all interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the case of substantive rules, opportunity for oral hearing must be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members. The agency shall consider fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed rule. Upon adoption of a rule, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption;

(3) In the formulation and adoption of any rule which will have an economic impact on businesses in the state, reduce the economic impact of the rule on small businesses which are independently owned and operated, are not dominant in their field, and employ ~~100~~ 300 employees or ~~less~~ fewer by implementing one or more of the following actions when it is legal and feasible in meeting the stated objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule:

(A) Establish ~~differing~~ reduced compliance or reporting requirements ~~or~~ and differing timetables for small businesses;

(B) Clarify, consolidate, or simplify the compliance and reporting requirements under the rule for small businesses;

(C) Establish performance rather than design standards for small businesses; or

(D) Exempt small businesses from any or all requirements of the rules;

(4) In the formulation and adoption of any rule which places administrative burdens on charitable organizations in this state, including, but not limited to, any rule that would require any new or expanded filing or reporting requirements or that would limit the ability of charitable organizations to solicit or collect funds~~, the agency or official shall~~:

(A) Absent the showing of a compelling state interest, not impose any annual filing or reporting requirements on an organization regulated or specifically exempted from regulation under Chapter 17 of Title 43, the 'Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act of 1988,' that are more burdensome than the requirements authorized by applicable law, and any such filing or reporting requirements shall be narrowly tailored to

achieve such compelling state interest. The requirements of this subparagraph shall not apply to the state's direct spending programs; and

(B) Email the notice provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection to each chairperson of any standing committee in each house as shown on the General Assembly's public website.

For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'charitable organization' means a nonprofit charitable organization which is exempt from taxation under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and

(5) In the formulation and adoption of any rule, ~~an agency shall~~ choose an alternative that does not impose excessive regulatory costs on any regulated person or entity which costs could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the stated objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Part II of this Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protecting Religious Assembly in States of Emergency (PRAISE) Act."

SECTION 2-2.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to emergency management, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

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(a) Any order, rule, regulation, or other directive issued by any governmental entity pursuant to an emergency or health or safety determination that requires closure or limitation of any business or other facility otherwise open to public use or patronage but which exempts in whole or in part any particular entity or set of entities shall exempt to the same extent any place of worship entitled to the religious exemption found in 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3) or 26 U.S.C. Section 508(c)(1)(A) in effect on January 1, 2024.

(b) Any person or entity injured by a violation of subsection (a) of this Code section may bring a civil action for declaratory or injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) This Code section shall be construed to afford to religious institutions and places of worship the same degree of freedom to meet as is afforded to the most favored entity or set of entities.

(d) No provision of this Code section which interferes with or contradicts 42 U.S.C. Section 247 of the Public Health Service Act, 50 U.S.C. Sections 1601-1651 of the National Emergencies Act, or any other provision of federal law shall be effective."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Chapter 16 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to COVID-19 pandemic business safety, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-16-6.

This chapter shall apply to causes of action accruing:

(1) On or after August 5, 2020, until July 14, 2022; provided, however, that the provisions of this chapter as they existed during such period shall apply to such causes of action; and

(2) On and after the effective date of this Code section."

SECTION 3-2.

An Act relating to torts to provide certain immunities from liability claims regarding COVID-19, approved August 5, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 798), as amended by an Act approved May 4, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 341), is amended by repealing and reserving Section 4.

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective upon approval by the Governor or upon becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	E Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery

N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	E Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 31, nays 20; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 429 as amended by the Senate.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/28/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 429. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Harbin of the 16th

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 574. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Cowsert of the 46th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia to be known as the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, approved March 9, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 152), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 1217), so as to authorize the counties that make up said judicial circuit to provide additional investigators to the district attorney; to provide for appointment and qualifications of such investigators; to provide for the powers of such investigators; to provide that such investigators shall serve at the pleasure of the district attorney; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 580. By Senator Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Madison, approved October 6, 1891 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 827), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006,

p. 4137), so as to revise provisions related to the mayor's vote when the city council is electing a mayor pro tempore; to revise provisions related to the compensation of the mayor, mayor pro tempore, and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 584. By Senator Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for new homestead exemptions from City of Stockbridge ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for residents, certain seniors, and residents with septic systems; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemptions and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 1455. By Representative Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of St. Mary's ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide a specific repealer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes, as amended by the House, to the following Bills of the House:

HB 581. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 28-5-41.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to economic analysis of certain tax benefits of law or proposed law, and analysis on performance and outcomes of Code Section 33-1-25, so as to revise the deadlines, selection criteria, and required contents for certain annual economic analyses conducted by the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for an effective date; to

repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1303. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Corbett of the 174th, Pirkle of the 169th, Greene of the 154th and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Resolution of the House:

HR 1022. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for local governments to have the option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the inflation rate from the adjusted base year value of such homestead as provided by general law; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Senator Orrock of the 36th recognized Senator Gloria Butler on the occasion of her retirement, commended by SR 769, adopted previously. Senator Butler of the 55th gave her farewell address to the Senate.

The President recognized former Senator Rick Jeffares.

The President recognized the family of Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

Senator Goodman of the 8th asked unanimous consent that HB 1021, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1021, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1021. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Burns of the 159th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

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

Senate Sponsor: Senator Goodman of the 8th.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 6, 2024

Honorable Shaw Blackmon
Chairman, House Ways and Means
133 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 1021 (LC 50 0661)

Dear Chairman Blackmon:

The bill would increase the personal income tax exemption for each dependent from $3,000 to $4,000. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2024, and the change will apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

Impact on State Revenue
Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would decrease state revenue as shown in **Table 1.** FRC estimated the impact at two personal income tax rates—5.49% (current law) and 5.39% (proposed law and OPB budget projections). Neither estimate includes the possible 0.1% rate reductions that could occur in future years if certain conditions are met.

Due to an expected implementation date in late FY 2024, the revenue impact in FY 2024

is lower than a 12-month period and the impact in FY 2025 is higher than a 12-month period. The appendix provides details of the analysis.

Table 1. Estimated State Revenue Effects of HB 1021 LC 50 0661

($ *millions*)	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
Cost at 5.49%	($19.7)	($152.8)	($118.8)	($119.1)	($119.3)	($119.6)
Cost at 5.39%	($19.3)	($150.1)	($116.6)	($116.9)	($117.1)	($117.4)

Impact on State Expenditures
The Department of Revenue would be able to implement the provisions of the bill with existing resources.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Richard E. Dunn
Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center

Under current law, taxpayers are afforded a $3,000 per dependent exemption against their taxable income, and HB 1021 proposes to increase that amount to $4,000. A microsimulation model on the tax year (TY) 2021 data was used to model the difference between current-law (TY 2024) tax liabilities and those under the proposed law. The microsimulation indicated that if the TY 2024 tax structure and rate were in place during TY 2021, a $1,000 increase in the personal exemption for dependents would have effectively reduced income tax collections by $117.3 million.

The amount of exempted income and reduction of income tax revenues are assumed to grow based on the population of dependent children. U.S. Census population estimates for children aged 0–19 were used to estimate growth between 2021 and 2022. The Office of Planning and Budget's population projections (vintage 2023) for the same ages were used to grow this revenue impact through TY 2029. Based on these data and projections, the population of dependent children is expected to grow by .3 percent on average from 2021 through 2029, with slower growth in earlier years and increasing expected growth after 2023.

Under current law, the flat tax rate of 5.49 percent is in effect beginning for TY 2024, with scheduled decreases of 0.1 percent each year, if certain look-forward and look-back conditions are met. Given the uncertainty of the conditions being met for any given year, Table 2 below provides tax year revenue effects assuming a constant 5.49 percent rate. However, given that budget projections assume enactment of the proposed 0.1 percent rate reduction effective January 1, 2024, the table also provides estimates assuming a constant 5.39 percent tax rate. Further rate reductions, if triggered, would further reduce the revenue cost of the dependent exemption increase from the period such reduction is

effective.

Table 2. Estimated Reduction in Tax Revenues TY 2024–29

($ *millions*)	**TY 2024**	**TY 2025**	**TY 2026**	**TY 2027**	**TY 2028**	**TY2029**
Cost at 5.49%	($118.2)	($118.6)	($119.0)	($119.2)	($119.4)	($119.9)
Cost at 5.39%	($116.0)	($116.5)	($116.8)	($117.0)	($117.2)	($117.7)

The tax year estimates in Table 2 are converted to fiscal year revenue impacts for Table 1 under the assumption that the impact on collections would be primarily through withholding. TY 2024 reductions would impact withholding upon passage with 16.6 percent impacting FY 2024 revenues and the remainder impacting FY 2025 assuming withholding is adjusted effective May 1, 2024. The amount of the revenue impact realized in FY24 depends on the timing of enactment and implementation of new withholding table, an earlier implementation increasing the FY24 impact and reducing that of FY25, and vice versa for a later implementation. After this initial year approximately 46 percent of a current year effect is assumed to be realized in the same Fiscal Year with the balance falling in the following.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 1021, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

March 28, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1021. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Seay of the 34th

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 181. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hutchinson of the 106th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide that mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine are Schedule I controlled substances; to repeal provisions relating to the regulation of kratom; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 206. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, LaHood of the 175th, Stephens of the 164th, Taylor of the 173rd, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, so as to provide for the creation of Commercial Property Assessed Conservation, Energy, and Resiliency Development Authorities in certain counties and municipalities; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 220. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to provide for means of enforcement of condominium and property owners' association instruments, rules, and regulations; to provide for compliance with, and means of

enforcement of, covenants and instruments for certain planned subdivisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 451. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Kennard of the 101st, Hitchens of the 161st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees, so as to require the provision of supplemental, illness-specific insurance to certain first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain insurance benefits to eligible first responders; to provide for limitations and restrictions of such benefits; to provide for methods of funding; to provide for treatment of premiums; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received from such insurance coverage for first responders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 974. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Leverett of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to require the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a state-wide system for the posting of scanned paper ballots; to provide for minimum resolution requirements for such scans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 994. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 51 and 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating torts and waters of the state, ports, and watercraft, respectively, so as to revise liability for the negligent operation of a vessel; to require boat liveries to obtain and maintain certain insurance; to provide for notice of insurance coverage; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1165. By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Reeves of the 99th, Dempsey of the 13th, Parrish of the 158th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-6A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership, vacancies, and membership not bar to holding public office, so as to replace the chairperson of the Governor's Office of Children and Families with the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1207. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Petrea of the 166th, Washburn of the 144th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for proofing of ballots by local superintendents in certain races; to provide candidates the opportunity to review and verify such candidates' identifying information on such ballots prior to its printing or programming; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the following Bill of the House:

HB 825. By Representatives Fleming of the 125th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judicial Retirement System, so as to require certain counties that comprise single county judicial circuits to supplement the retirement benefits paid to the circuit's superior court judges and district attorneys; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Watson of the 1st asked unanimous consent that HB 1170, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1170, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1170. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Mathiak of the 74th, Gaines of the 120th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to require that certain state government buildings, courthouses, and university buildings maintain and make accessible opioid antagonists; to provide for definitions; to provide for the identification, development, and dissemination of educational materials and for the development of a model policy for training individuals on emergency opioid antagonist administration by the department; to provide that certain government entities shall establish and implement an internal policy; to provide for immunity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 1170:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 31 and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to provide for best health practices and for protections of the health of minors and adults in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for educational resources, guidelines, policy, training, and immunity relative to opioid antagonists; to require that certain buildings maintain and make accessible opioid antagonists; to prohibit prescribing or administering certain hormone therapies and puberty blocking medications for certain purposes to minors; to repeal exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-2A-20.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 31-11-53.1.

(2) 'Courthouse' means a building occupied by judicial courts and containing rooms in which judicial proceedings are held, provided that such building contains an automated external defibrillator.

(3) 'Government entity' means any state board, commission, agency, or department, or the governing authority of any county, municipality, or consolidated government, but such term shall not include local school systems, public schools, charter schools, or university buildings.

(4) 'Opioid antagonist' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(5) 'Opioid related overdose' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(6) 'Qualified government building' means a building in which a government entity is housed or meets in its official capacity, including the portion occupied by a government entity of any building that is not publicly owned, provided that such building contains an automated external defibrillator.

(7) 'University building' means any building which forms a part of the University System of Georgia, including any college or university under the government, control, and management of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, or any building under the control of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(b) The department shall consult with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and may consult with any other medical, clinical, or peer support professionals or organizations it deems appropriate to identify and develop educational resources and guidelines on opioid related overdoses. The department shall develop a model training and implementation policy for opioid antagonist administration. All such educational resources and guidelines and the model training and implementation policy shall be maintained in a prominent manner on the department's principal public website.

(c) All qualified government buildings and courthouses shall:

(1) Maintain a supply of at least three unit doses of opioid antagonists; and

(2) Ensure that such supply of opioid antagonists is available and accessible during regular business hours and outside of regular business hours for all government entity events.

(d) A government entity may make opioid antagonists accessible during government entity events that occur on property that is not publicly owned.

(e) No one employee, officer, agent, contractor, or other individual shall be solely responsible for providing training pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section for any government entity.

(f)(1) Every government entity that is based in or operates out of a qualified government building shall establish and implement an internal training and implementation policy for opioid antagonist administration. Such policy may be based on the model training and implementation policy developed by the department pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. Each such government entity shall be authorized to receive and administer grants, gifts, contracts, moneys, and donations for the purpose of implementing this Code section.

(2) Each internal training and implementation policy provided for in paragraph (1) of

this subsection shall:

(A) Provide details about how an individual can access opioid antagonist administration training;

(B) Specify the location or locations of the government entity's supply of opioid antagonists;

(C) Contain an affirmative statement that any trained individual may administer an opioid antagonist to any person whom the trained individual believes in good faith to be experiencing an opioid related overdose; and

(D) Contain the following statement: 'Georgia law provides that any trained individual shall be immune from civil liability or professional discipline for any good faith act or omission to act in the emergency administration of an opioid antagonist to a person believed to be having an opioid related overdose.'

(g) All employees, officers, agents, and contractors of government entities and all other individuals who receive training pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section shall be immune from civil liability or professional discipline for any good faith act or omission to act related to the emergency administration of an opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section. Good faith shall not include willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness.

(h) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, funds appropriated or otherwise made available to a government entity may be used to comply with the requirements of this Code section by such government entity.

(i) A government entity shall not be subject to civil liability for damages for any failure to provide an automated external defibrillator or opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-3.5, relating to treatment of minors for gender dysphoria and penalty for violations, as follows:

"31-7-3.5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Hormone therapy' means treatment that adds, blocks, or removes hormones for the purpose of assisting a minor with attempting to alter the minor's sex or to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex if such appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex. Such term includes but is not limited to the provision of, whether biological, bioidentical, or synthetic, supraphysiologic estrogen or progesterone to a minor who is a biological male or supraphysiologic testosterone to a minor who is a biological female.

(2) 'Puberty blocking medication' means medication used to delay or suppress pubertal development in a minor for the purpose of assisting such minor with attempting to alter the minor's sex or to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex if such appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex. Such term includes gonadotropin-releasing hormone analogues or other synthetic drugs used in biological males to stop luteinizing hormone secretion and therefore

testosterone production and synthetic drugs used in biological females to stop the production of estrogen and progesterone.

(3) 'Sex' means the biological state of being male or female, in the context of reproductive potential or capacity, based on the individual's sex organs, chromosomes, naturally occurring sex hormones, gonads, and internal and external genitalia present at birth, including secondary sex characteristics, without regard to an individual's psychological, chosen, or subjective experience of gender.

(4) 'Sex reassignment surgery' means any surgical procedure that seeks to surgically alter or remove healthy or nondiseased physical or anatomical characteristics or features that are typical for an individual's sex in order to instill or create physiological or anatomical characteristics that resemble a sex different from a minor's sex. Such term means genital or nongenital surgery performed for the purpose of assisting a minor with attempting to alter the minor's sex or to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex if such appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex and includes but is not limited to castration, clitorectomy, clitoroplasty, hysterectomy, mammoplasty, mastectomy, metoidioplasty, oophorectomy, orchiectomy, penectomy, phalloplasty, vaginectomy, vaginoplasty, vasectomy, and vulvoplasty.

~~(a)~~(b) Except as provided in subsection ~~(b)~~ (c) of this Code section, none of the following irreversible procedures or irreversible or reversible therapies shall be performed on ~~a minor for the treatment of gender dysphoria~~ or prescribed or administered to a minor if such procedure or therapy is performed, prescribed, or administered for the purpose of attempting to alter a minor's sex or to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex if such appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex in an institution licensed pursuant to this article:

(1) Sex reassignment surgeries, or any other surgical procedures, that are performed for the purpose of altering primary or secondary ~~sexual~~ sex characteristics; or

(2) Hormone ~~replacement~~ therapies that are prescribed or administered for the purpose of altering primary or secondary sex characteristics or puberty blocking medications that are prescribed or administered for the purpose of delaying or suppressing puberty.

~~(b)~~(c) The provisions of subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section shall not apply to treatment provided pursuant to an exception contained in subsection ~~(b)~~ (c) of Code Section 43-34-15.

~~(c)~~(d) The department shall establish sanctions, by rule and regulation, for violations of this Code section up to and including the revocation of an institution's permit issued pursuant to Code Section 31-7-3.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall preclude a parent or guardian of a minor on or to whom a procedure or therapy is performed, prescribed, or administered in violation of this Code section from seeking civil or criminal remedy under any other provision of law."

SECTION 3.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,

is amended by revising Code Section 43-34-15, relating to prohibition on certain therapies and procedures for treatment of gender dysphoria in minors, regulations, exceptions, and accountability, as follows:

"43-34-15.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Hormone therapy' means treatment that adds, blocks, or removes hormones for the purpose of assisting a minor with attempting to alter the minor's sex or to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex if such appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex. Such term includes but is not limited to the provision of, whether biological, bioidentical, or synthetic, supraphysiologic estrogen or progesterone to a minor who is a biological male or supraphysiologic testosterone to a minor who is a biological female.

(2) 'Puberty blocking medication' means medication used to delay or suppress pubertal development in a minor for the purpose of assisting such minor with attempting to alter the minor's sex or to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex if such appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex. Such term includes gonadotropin-releasing hormone analogues or other synthetic drugs used in biological males to stop luteinizing hormone secretion and therefore testosterone production and synthetic drugs used in biological females to stop the production of estrogen and progesterone.

(3) 'Sex' means the biological state of being male or female, in the context of reproductive potential or capacity, based on the individual's sex organs, chromosomes, naturally occurring sex hormones, gonads, and internal and external genitalia present at birth, including secondary sex characteristics, without regard to an individual's psychological, chosen, or subjective experience of gender.

(4) 'Sex reassignment surgery' means any surgical procedure that seeks to surgically alter or remove healthy or nondiseased physical or anatomical characteristics or features that are typical for an individual's sex in order to instill or create physiological or anatomical characteristics that resemble a sex different from a minor's sex. Such term means genital or nongenital surgery performed for the purpose of assisting a minor with attempting to alter the minor's sex or to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex if such appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex and includes but is not limited to castration, clitorectomy, clitoroplasty, hysterectomy, mammoplasty, mastectomy, metoidioplasty, oophorectomy, orchiectomy, penectomy, phalloplasty, vaginectomy, vaginoplasty, vasectomy, and vulvoplasty.

~~(a)~~(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~(b)~~ (c) of this Code section, the following irreversible procedures and irreversible or reversible therapies performed on ~~a minor for the treatment of gender dysphoria~~ or prescribed or administered to a minor if such procedure or therapy is performed or prescribed or administered for the purpose of attempting to alter a minor's sex or alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex if that appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex are prohibited in this state:

(1) Sex reassignment surgeries, or any other surgical procedures, that are performed for the purpose of altering primary or secondary ~~sexual~~ sex characteristics; and

(2) Hormone ~~replacement~~ therapies that are prescribed or administered for the purpose of altering primary or secondary sex characteristics or puberty blocking medications that are prescribed or administered for the purpose of delaying or suppressing puberty.

~~(b)~~(c) The board shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the prohibitions contained in subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section, which shall contain limited exceptions for:

~~(1) Treatments for medical conditions other than gender dysphoria or for the purpose of sex reassignment where such treatments are deemed medically necessary;~~

~~(2)~~(1) Treatments for individuals born with a medically verifiable disorder of sex development, including individuals born with ambiguous genitalia or chromosomal abnormalities resulting in ambiguity regarding the individual's ~~biological~~ sex; and

~~(3)~~(2) Treatments for individuals with partial androgen insensitivity syndrome~~; and~~

~~(4) Continued treatment of minors who are, prior to July 1, 2023, being treated with irreversible hormone replacement therapies~~.

~~(c)~~(d) A licensed physician who violates this Code section shall be held administratively accountable to the board for such violation.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall preclude a parent or guardian of a minor on or to whom a procedure or therapy is performed, prescribed, or administered in violation of this Code section from seeking civil or criminal remedy under any other provision of law."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

A Minority Report was filed with HB 1170.

Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Summers of the 13th, Harrell of the 40th, and Orrock of the 36th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to HB 1170 (LC 52 0541S) by replacing line 7 with the following:

blocking medications for certain purposes to minors; to provide for exceptions; to provide for

By replacing lines 196 through 199 with the following:

abnormalities resulting in ambiguity regarding the individual's ~~biological~~ sex;

~~(3)~~(2) Treatments for individuals with partial androgen insensitivity syndrome; and

~~(4)~~(3) Continued treatment of minors who are, ~~prior to July 1, 2023, being treated with irreversible hormone replacement therapies~~ prior to March 1, 2024, being treated with puberty blocking medications, provided that any such minor receives a comprehensive mental health assessment, ongoing mental health treatment, and additional counseling on the risks, medical complications, and irreversible and reversible outcomes of such

medications.

Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Orrock of the 36th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, and Harrell of the 40th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to HB 1170 (LC 52 0541S) by replacing line 7 with the following:
blocking medications for certain purposes to minors; to provide for exceptions; to provide for

By replacing lines 196 through 199 with the following:
abnormalities resulting in ambiguity regarding the individual's ~~biological~~ sex;
~~(3)~~(2) Treatments for individuals with partial androgen insensitivity syndrome; ~~and~~
~~(4)~~(3) Continued treatment of minors who are, prior to July 1, 2023, being treated with ~~irreversible~~ hormone ~~replacement~~ therapies; and
(4) Continued treatment of minors who are, prior to March 1, 2024, being treated with puberty blocking medications, provided that any such minor receives a comprehensive mental health assessment, ongoing mental health treatment, and additional counseling on the risks, medical complications, and irreversible and reversible outcomes of such medications.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd offered the following amendment #2A:

Amend the Amendment 2 by replacing line 7 with the following:
blocking medications for certain purposes to minors; to provide for exceptions; to provide for

By replacing lines 196 through 199 with the following:
abnormalities resulting in ambiguity regarding the individual's ~~biological~~ sex;
~~(3)~~(2) Treatments for individuals with partial androgen insensitivity syndrome; ~~and~~
~~(4)~~(3) Continued treatment of minors who are, prior to July 1, 2023, being treated with ~~irreversible~~ hormone ~~replacement~~ therapies; and
(4) Continued treatment of minors who are, prior to April 1, 2024, being treated with puberty blocking medications, provide that any such minor receives a comprehensive mental health assessment, ongoing mental health treatment, and additional counseling on the risks, medical complications, and irreversible and reversible outcomes of such medications.

Senators Jackson of the 41st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd offered the following amendment #2B:

Amend Amendment 2 to HB 1170 (LC 52 0541S) by:

striking March 1, 2024 on line 10 and replacing it with April 1, 2024.

Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that her amendment #1 be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the amendment was withdrawn.

The President ruled amendment #2A out of order, as it purported to amend lines 196 through 199 of Amendment #2; however, amendment #2 was 14 lines.

On the adoption of amendment #2B, Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the adoption of amendment #2B, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
N Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	N Payne
Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	Y Rahman
N Beach	N Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	N Hodges	N Robertson
N Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
N Burns	Y Islam Parkes	N Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
N Cowsert	Y James	N Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	N Strickland
N Dixon	Y Jones, H.	N Summers
N Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	N Walker
N Ginn	Y Mallow	N Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
N Goodman	Y Merritt	N Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 21, nays 31, and the Jackson amendment #2B to amendment #2 was lost.

On the adoption of amendment #2, Senator Moore of the 53rd objected.

On the adoption of amendment #2, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers
N Anavitarte
N Anderson, L.
Anderson, T.
N Beach
N Bearden
N Brass
N Burns
Y Butler
Y Cowsert
Y Davenport
N Dixon
N Dolezal
N Echols
Y Esteves
N Ginn
N Gooch
N Goodman
Y Halpern
N Harbin
Harbison
Y Harrell
N Hatchett
N Hickman
N Hodges
N Hufstetler
Y Islam Parkes
Y Jackson
Y James
Y Jones, E.
Y Jones, H.
N Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
Y Lucas
Y Mallow
Y McLaurin
Y Merritt
N Moore
Y Orrock
Y Parent
Y Payne
Y Rahman
Y Rhett
N Robertson
Y Seay
N Setzler
Sims
N Still
N Strickland
N Summers
E Tate
N Tillery
N Walker
N Watson, B.
N Watson, S.
N Williams

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 22, nays 30, and the Kirkpatrick amendment #2 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers
Y Anavitarte
Y Anderson, L.
Anderson, T.
Y Beach
Y Bearden
Y Brass
Y Burns
N Butler
Y Harbin
Harbison
N Harrell
Y Hatchett
Y Hickman
Y Hodges
Hufstetler
N Islam Parkes
N Jackson
N Orrock
N Parent
Y Payne
N Rahman
N Rhett
Y Robertson
N Seay
Y Setzler
Sims

Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 32, nays 19.

HB 1170, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that HB 617, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 617, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 617. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Pirkle of the 169th, Wiedower of the 121st, Thomas of the 21st and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to provide for the development and maintenance of a state-wide freight and logistics implementation plan; to provide for a definition; to provide for responsibilities and duties of the Planning Division and director; to provide for standards and considerations for such plan; to require annual reporting to the General Assembly; to provide for legislative intent and declarations; to provide for the creation of a Georgia Freight 2050 Program subject to appropriation by the General Assembly; to provide for purposes of such program; to identify intended funding for such program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dolezal of the 27th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent

Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Rahman
Y Beach	Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Kirkpatrick	C Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
C Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 1.

HB 617, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/28/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 617. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Hickman of the 4th

March 28, 2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 617. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 43rd

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Walker III of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Walker III was excused.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that HB 1409, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1409, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1409. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Newton of the 127th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, so as to limit liability for mental health care providers under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to limit liability for punitive damages; to provide for applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Strickland of the 17th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 1409:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, so as to limit liability for mental health care providers under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to limit liability for punitive damages; to provide for applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds that there presently exists a crisis affecting the provision and quality of mental health care services in this state. Hospitals and other health care providers in this state are having increasing difficulty in employing providers, in part due to liability exposure. The result of this crisis is the potential for a diminution of the availability of access to mental health care services and a resulting adverse impact on the health and well-being of the citizens of this state.

SECTION 2.

Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-1-29.7.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Claimant' means a person, including a decedent's estate, who seeks or has sought recovery of damages under this Code section. All persons claiming to have sustained

damages as the result of the bodily injury or death of a single person are considered a single claimant.

(2) 'Inpatient' means:

(A) A person who is not an outpatient that has been admitted to a mental health care facility for a short-term or long-term stay:

(i) Due to being a substantial risk of harm to himself or herself or others, as manifested by either recent or past overt acts, or recent or past expressed threats, of violence which present a probability of physical injury to himself or herself or other persons;

(ii) For the treatment or rehabilitation of substance abuse requiring medically monitored detoxification; or

(iii) Due to being unable to care for his or her own physical health and safety so as to create a life-endangering crisis; or

(B) A person in foster care receiving mental health care rendered by a contracted provider of the Department of Human Services, including a child placement agency, and who is at risk of being admitted to or has previously been admitted to a mental health care facility for a short-term or long-term stay:

(i) Due to being a substantial risk of harm to himself or herself or others, as manifested by either recent or past overt acts, or recent or past expressed threats, of violence which present a probability of physical injury to himself or herself or other persons;

(ii) For the treatment or rehabilitation of substance abuse requiring medically monitored detoxification; or

(iii) Due to being unable to care for his or her own physical health and safety so as to create a life-endangering crisis.

(3) 'Mental health care' means any care, treatment, service, or procedure to maintain, diagnose, treat, or provide for an individual's mental or emotional illness, developmental disability, or addictive disease.

(4) 'Mental health care facility' means any psychiatric or substance abuse program, any contracted beds program that primarily serves at least 50 percent Georgia Medicaid and uninsured inpatient patients, any entity that contracts with the Department of Human Services to provide mental health care for foster children who are in the custody of the Department of Human Services and have been determined by the Department of Human Services to be in need of mental health care, or any entity primarily engaged in providing mental health care to inpatient patients; provided, however, that any such program or entity:

(A) Is open 365 days per year, seven days per week, and 24 hours per day; and

(B) Has or is covered by a hospital affiliation agreement with an acute care hospital within a reasonable distance from the facility or the medical staff at the facility have admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such hospital to ensure the necessary backup for the facility for medical complications.

(5) 'Mental health care liability claim' means a cause of action against a mental health care provider for treatment, lack of treatment, or other claimed departure from accepted

standards of mental health care to a claimant that is an inpatient and such departure from standards proximately results in injury to or death of a claimant while in a mental health care facility; provided, however, this term shall not be construed to include a cause of action for injuries arising from criminal acts resulting from negligent hiring or retention by a mental health care facility.

(6) 'Mental health care professional' means any person administering mental health care who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized or permitted by law in this state to administer mental health care in the ordinary course of business or the practice of a profession, including, but not limited to:

(A) A clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health authorized under the laws of this state to practice as a registered professional nurse and who is recognized by the Georgia Board of Nursing to be engaged in advanced nursing practice as a clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health;

(B) A clinical social worker authorized to practice under the laws of this state;

(C) A registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, mental health care aid or technician;

(D) A professional counselor authorized to practice under the laws of this state;

(E) A psychologist authorized to practice under the laws of this state;

(F) A psychiatrist authorized to practice under the laws of this state; and

(G) A foster care parent trained by a contracted child placement agency to coordinate mental health care services.

(7) 'Mental health care provider' means:

(A) A mental health care professional, or any person acting for any such professional directly related to providing mental health care;

(B) A mental health care facility; and

(C) Any person providing management or administrative services for:

(i) A mental health care professional; or

(ii) A mental health care facility.

(b) In an action involving a mental health care liability claim, no mental health care provider shall be held liable unless it is proven that the mental health care provider's actions showed gross negligence.

(c) In an action involving a mental health care liability claim, the court shall instruct the jury to consider, together with all other relevant matters:

(1) Whether the person providing mental health care did or did not have the patient's medical history or was able or unable to obtain a full medical history, including the knowledge of preexisting mental health conditions or illnesses;

(2) The presence or lack of a preexisting mental health care provider-patient relationship;

(3) The circumstances constituting the provision of mental health care services; and

(4) The circumstances surrounding the delivery of the mental health care services.

(d) In an action involving a mental health care liability claim, no mental health care provider shall be held liable for punitive damages unless the claimant proves that the actions of such provider showed willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of

harm, or intentional infliction of harm.
(e) This Code section shall apply to causes of action arising on and after July 1, 2024."

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 17th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 1409 (LC 33 9718S) by inserting after "applicability;" *on line 4 the following:*
to amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from certificate of need, so as to revise provisions relating to ambulatory surgical centers;

By inserting between lines 107 and 108 the following:
SECTION 2A.
Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from certificate of need, is amended by revising subparagraph (A) of paragraph (18) and subparagraph (A) of paragraph (19) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(A)(i) Has capital expenditures associated with the construction, development, or other establishment of the clinical health service which do not exceed ~~$2.5~~ $10 million; or

(ii) Is the only single specialty ambulatory surgical center in the county owned by the group practice and has two or fewer operating rooms; provided, however, that a center exempt pursuant to this division shall be required to obtain a certificate of need in order to add any additional operating rooms;"

"(A) Has capital expenditures associated with the construction, development, or other establishment of the clinical health service which do not exceed ~~$5~~ $10 million;"

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Parent of the 42nd objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler

N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 31, nays 23, and the Watson amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the amendment.

The President ruled the request out of order, as the vote on the adoption of the amendment had begun prior to the request.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery

Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 14.

HB 1409, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/28/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 1409. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Still of the 48th

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 461. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Momtahan of the 17th, Washburn of the 144th, Smith of the 138th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to require that the proceeds of local government regulatory fees be used to pay for regulatory activity and not general operations; to revise the list of professions which may be subject to such regulatory fees; to remove certain provisions authorizing calculation of regulatory fees for renovation and other construction projects; to provide for refunds in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Payne of the 54th asked unanimous consent that HB 282, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 282, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 282. By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a minimum course of study in career readiness education for students in grades six through 12 to include instruction and training experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills; to provide for legislative findings; to direct the Department of Education to develop, assemble, and make available instructional resources and materials concerning employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and career oriented learning experiences; to provide for implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Payne of the 54th.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to HB 282:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for improved curriculum, programs, and activities related to civic education, English as a Second Language, and career readiness; to provide for a definition; to prioritize the use of school facilities to certain youth groups; to provide for a civic education coursework; to provide a minimum course of study in career readiness education; to provide for legislative findings; to direct the Department of Education to develop, assemble, and make available instructional resources and materials concerning employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and career oriented learning experiences; to provide for community outreach efforts regarding English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) programs; to provide for standards for foreign language interpreters; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for instructional materials and content on civic education in digital or electronic format; to provide for the payment of the costs of health insurance coverage for family members of local board of education members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-12, which is reserved, as follows:

"20-2-12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'patriotic society' means a youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society, including the Boy Scouts of America and its affiliated Georgia groups and councils and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and its affiliated Georgia groups and councils.

(b) Every local board of education that uses state funds to implement programs under this chapter shall give priority in the use of school facilities to a patriotic society in order to encourage schools to facilitate access for students to participate in activities provided by a patriotic society at times other than instructional time during the school day for the purposes of encouraging civic education. If a local board of education denies priority access to a patriotic society, such local board shall provide reasons for the denial in writing to a requesting entity. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 1A.

Code Section 20-2-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to per diem, insurance, and expenses of local board members, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) A local board of education is authorized to provide group medical and dental insurance for its members who elect to participate. Such insurance may be provided through a group policy secured by the local school district, a group policy secured by several local school districts, a policy secured by an organization of local school boards, or in accordance with Code Section 45-18-5 providing for the inclusion of members of the local board of education and their spouses and dependents within any health insurance plan or plans established under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. It shall be the duty of the board to make the employer contributions required for the operation of such plan or plans. Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a board providing such insurance shall pay no greater percentage of the cost of that insurance than the percentage of the cost paid as an employer contribution by the state for the health insurance plan for state employees pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. The remainder of such insurance costs~~, and all the costs of any coverage for family members,~~ shall be paid as an employee contribution by the board member. It shall be the duty of the board to deduct from the salary or other remuneration of qualified members or otherwise collect such payment from the qualified members or dependents."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-142.1, relating to coursework in the founding philosophy and principles of the United States of America, by revising subparagraph (c)(2)(G) as follows:

"(G) The principles of economy in spending, constitutional limitations on government power to tax and spend, and prompt payment of public debt, and an interactive taxpayer receipt web-based application and a budget simulator web-based application;"

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-145.1, relating to career education, as follows:

"20-2-145.1.

(a) The General Assembly finds that students will be better prepared to enter the workforce and succeed in their chosen careers by having the opportunity to participate in classroom instruction and training experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills, including, but not limited to, professionalism; problem solving and resiliency; effective communication; time management and efficiency; and collaboration, teamwork, and leadership competencies in the workplace.

(b)(1) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a minimum course of study in career readiness education for students in grades six through 12. Such minimum course of study shall be age appropriate and shall include, but not be limited to, instruction and training experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and career oriented learning experiences. Instruction and training experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills shall include those skills described in subsection (a) of this Code section. Career oriented learning experiences shall include, but not be limited to, participation in work based learning programs such as internships, apprenticeships, cooperative education, or employability skill development. The State Board of Education shall ensure that career oriented learning experiences include rigorous industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, if such rigorous industry credentialing has been created or endorsed by Georgia employers.

(2) Subject to specific appropriations by the General Assembly, the Department of Education is directed to assemble and develop instructional resources and materials concerning employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and career oriented learning experiences. The Department of Education shall make such instructional resources and materials available to public schools and local school systems in this state.

(3) The minimum course of study to be prescribed by the State Board of Education pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be ready for implementation not later than July 1, 2024."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 3, relating to educational programs, by revising Code Section 20-2-156, relating to program for limited-English-proficient students, as follows:

"20-2-156.

(a) The State Board of Education shall create a program for limited-English-proficient students whose native language is not English, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. The purpose of this program is to assist such students to develop proficiency in the English language, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing, sufficient to perform effectively at the currently assigned grade level. The state board shall prescribe such rules and regulations regarding eligibility criteria and standards as may be needed to carry out the provisions of this Code section. The state board shall also prescribe rules and regulations regarding community outreach efforts by local school systems to ensure that limited-English-proficient students and their parents and guardians are provided information regarding the program. This program may also be referred to as the English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program.

(b) The State Board of Education shall establish standards for foreign language interpreters working with students in educational settings. Such standards shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Demonstrated proficiency in English and the target language in listening, speaking, and reading domains; and

(2) Familiarity with legal concepts related to and service requirements of Part B of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as well as standards for the use of remote interpreter services, including, but not limited to, the conditions under which remote interpreter services may be used to provide high-quality interpreter services.

(c) Each local school system shall provide:

(1) Information concerning the availability of interpretation services at IEP team meetings;

(2) An explanation of how parents can request an interpreter;

(3) Notice that a parent has the right to request that the interpreter serve no other role in the IEP meeting than as an interpreter, and that the district should make reasonable efforts to fulfill this request;

(4) A point of contact to address any questions or complaints about interpretation services; and

(5) For each IEP meeting, the following information on the recorded minutes of such meeting:

(A) Whether a parent requested an interpreter, had previously requested interpretation services, or had otherwise indicated that an interpreter was necessary to ensure meaningful parental involvement in the IEP meeting;

(B) The language for interpretation;

(C) Whether a parent provided an interpreter of his her own choosing or a qualified in-person interpreter, a digital language service tool, or a language accessibility phone line was provided; and

(D) Whether a parent requested that the interpreter serve no other role in the IEP meeting and, if so, whether the district granted that request.

(d) Each local school system shall engage in community outreach efforts directed toward

limited-English-proficient students and their parents and guardians. Such efforts shall comply with the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-1015, relating to instructional materials and content in digital or electronic format and funding, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(c) Subject to specific appropriations by the General Assembly, starting July 1, 2025, the State Board of Education shall annually provide for free to local boards of education a web-based application for a taxpayer receipt and budget simulator as provided for in Code Section 20-2-142.1, provided that:

(1) The taxpayer receipt shall:

(A) Allow a user to estimate the individual amount of major tax categories, including, but not limited to, income, sales, alcohol, tobacco, and motor vehicle fuel tax;

(B) Estimate how the taxes an individual pays are allocated to each major expenditure category; and

(C) Estimate the income and sales taxes paid by the individual based on their income and age; and

(2) The budget simulator shall:

(A) Produce an estimated state budget based on variables entered by the user; such variables shall include adjustments in major expenditure categories, adjustments in major tax revenue categories, implementation of various policy options, and the year of the budget estimate; and

(B) Provide visual feedback on the effects of the user adjustments.

(d) The Department of Education shall:

(1) House the application provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section on its public website;

(2) Work with the Office of Planning and Budget to obtain the proper budget information to be used in the application provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section; and

(3) Coordinate with the Georgia Technology Authority and the Department of Administrative Services to implement the requirements of this Code section and to develop competitive bidding requirements in accordance with and as permitted by Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50."

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, and Payne of the 54th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to HB 282 (LC 49 1919S) by inserting after "members;" *in line 13 the following:*

to amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," so as to revise provisions for expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; to provide for calculating maximum scholarship amounts for certain students; to provide for electronic deposits;

By inserting between lines 169 and 170 the following:

Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," is amended by revising subsections (a) and (f) of Code Section 20-2-2116, relating to amount of scholarship and method of payments, as follows:

"(a) The maximum scholarship granted a scholarship student pursuant to this article shall be an amount equivalent to the costs of the educational program that would have been provided for the student in the resident school system as calculated under Code Section 20-2-161 and, if a scholarship student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), based upon services specified in the Individualized Education Program in place at the time of the most recent enrollment count, as described in Code Section 20-2-160~~.~~; provided, however, that in the case of a student whose first Individual Education Program was expedited as provided for in subparagraph (a)(3)(A) of Code Section 20-2-2114 but was not in effect at the time of the most recent enrollment count, the initial calculation of the maximum scholarship amount shall be based upon services specified in the Individualized Education Program in place at the time such Individualized Education Program takes effect. Such initial calculation shall be revised based upon services specified in the Individualized Education Program in place at the time of the next enrollment count. This shall not include any federal funds."

"(f) Payment to the parents ~~must~~ shall be made by individual warrant made payable to the student's parent. The department shall electronically deposit payments that have been restrictively endorsed by parents into the account of such school; provided, however, that in the event an electronic deposit cannot be made, such payment may be ~~and~~ mailed by the department to the participating school of the parent's choice, and the parent shall restrictively endorse the warrant to the participating school for deposit into the account of such school."

SECTION 7.

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Dixon of the 45th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to HB 282 (LC 49 1919S) by replacing line 14 with the following:

require local education agencies to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency; to provide for exceptions; to require the Department of Administrative Services to conduct market research and possibly issue a competitive solicitation for multiple vendors to provide for such systems; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By inserting after line 138 the following:

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 11, relating to public school property and facilities, by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

20-2-590.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as 'Alyssa's Law.'

(b)(1) Not later than July 1, 2026, each local education agency, as that term is defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1, shall implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies. Such system shall be known as the 'Alyssa's Alert' and shall integrate with existing technology found in each local public safety answering point infrastructure to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations.

(2) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection, each local education agency may implement additional strategies or systems to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency.

(3) A local education agency shall not be required to procure or implement new or additional capabilities if, as of July 1, 2025, such local education agency has already implemented a mobile panic alert system with capabilities which meet the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2025, the Department of Administrative Services shall conduct market research in consultation with the State School Superintendent and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to identify whether an existing competitive source of supply is available for a system that satisfies the requirements of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section from multiple vendors for use by local education agencies. If no existing source of supply exists, the

Department of Administrative Services shall issue a competitive solicitation for such source of supply no later than January 1, 2026."

By redesignating Sections 1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 on lines 32, 52, 59, 90, 139, and 169, respectively, as Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Payne of the 54th, Dolezal of the 27th, and Gooch of the 51st offered the following amendment #3:

Amend the Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to HB 282 (LC 49 1919S) by inserting after "board of education members;" *on line 13 the following:*
to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to add an exception for the Department of Early Care and Learning to the prohibition on collecting certain personal information;

By replacing lines 169 through 170 with the following:

SECTION 6.

Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, is amended in Code Section 50-18-160 by deleting "and" at the end of subparagraph (d)(12)(C), replacing the period at the end of subparagraph (d)(12)(D) with "; and", and adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(E) By the Department of Early Care and Learning for purposes authorized in Chapter 1A of Title 20."

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, and Summers of the 13th offered the following amendment #4:

Amend HB 282 SCS (LC 49 1919S) by inserting on line 11 before "to provide for related matters;" *the following:*
to amend Code Section 19-15-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions concerning child abuse, so as to include school chaplains in the definition of "child protection professional"; to amend Code Section 20-2-182 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program weights to reflect funds for payment of salaries and benefits, maximum class size, reporting requirements, and application to specific school years, so as to authorize local school systems and public schools to employ or accept as volunteers school chaplains; to provide that school chaplains shall provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned; to provide that school chaplains need not be certificated professional personnel; to amend Code Section 49-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records, so as to authorize school chaplains to review records of reports of child abuse;

By inserting after line 33 the following:

SECTION 1-1 A.

Code Section 19-15-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions concerning child abuse, is amended by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) 'Child protection professional' means any person who is employed by the state or a political subdivision of the state as a law enforcement officer, school teacher, school administrator, ~~or~~ school counselor, or school chaplain or who is employed to render services to children by the Department of Public Health, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or the Department of Human Services or any county board of health, community service board, or county department of family and children services."

SECTION 1.1 B.

Code Section 20-2-182 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program weights to reflect funds for payment of salaries and benefits, maximum class size, reporting requirements, and application to specific school years, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) The program weights for the kindergarten, kindergarten early intervention, primary, primary grades early intervention, upper elementary, upper elementary grades early intervention, middle school, and alternative education programs and the program weights for the high school programs authorized pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-151, when multiplied by the base amount, shall reflect sufficient funds to pay the beginning salaries for at least one school counselor for every 450 full-time equivalent students. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2015 and thereafter, the program weights for the English for speakers of other languages program and the programs for persons with disabilities shall also earn school counselor funding. Further, beginning in Fiscal Year 2016 and thereafter, the program weights for the program for intellectually gifted students and the remedial education program shall also earn school counselor funding. The duties and responsibilities for such school counselors shall be established by the state board to require a minimum of five of the six full-time equivalent program count segments of the counselor's time to be spent counseling or advising students or parents.

(2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'chaplain' means a clergy member who is trained to serve in a secular environment; provided, however, that such term shall not include any person who is a satanist.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (1) of this subsection or any other law to the contrary, a local school system or public school shall be authorized to employ or accept as a volunteer a school chaplain to provide ancillary support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the local school superintendent or the local board of education or other public school governing body. A school chaplain employed or accepted as a volunteer under this subsection is not required to be a certificated professional personnel or otherwise subject to any rule or regulation of the Professional Standards Commission.

(C) No later than December 31, 2024, each local board of education or other public school governing body shall vote in public on whether to adopt a policy authorizing the employment of school chaplains."

SECTION 1.1 C.

Code Section 49-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records, is amended by revising paragraph (10) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(10) Any school principal or any school guidance counselor, school social worker, ~~or~~ school psychologist who is certified under Chapter 2 of Title 20, or school chaplain and who is counseling a student as a part of such counseling person's school employment duties, but those records shall remain confidential and information obtained therefrom by that counseling person may not be disclosed to any person, except that student, not authorized under this Code section to obtain those records, and such unauthorized disclosure shall be punishable as a misdemeanor;"

On the adoption of amendment #1, Senator Mallow of the 2nd objected.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd requested a ruling of the Chair, objecting that the series of amendments to HB 282 violated Senate Rule 7-1.6 (d).

The President ruled the amendments in order.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd appealed the ruling of the Chair.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 22; the motion prevailed, and the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

On the adoption of amendment #1, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 33, nays 20, and the Dolezal amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2, there were no objections, and the Anavitarte amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #3, there were no objections, and the Kennedy amendment #3 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #4, Senator Mallow of the 2nd objected.

On the adoption of amendment #4, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
N Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	N Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	N Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 26, nays 29, and the Harbin amendment #4 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers

Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 22.

HB 282, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that HB 82, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 82, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 82. By Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Williams of the 168th, Beverly of the 143rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to state income taxes, so as to limit eligibility for the rural physician tax credit to persons qualifying as a rural physician on or before December 31, 2023; to provide for automatic repeal; to create a new tax credit for rural physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for an aggregate cap; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Burns of the 23rd.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 24, 2023

Honorable Chuck Hufstetler
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
121 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 82 (LC 43 2749S)

Dear Chairman Hufstetler:

The bill would replace the existing rural physician tax credit with a new credit for rural health care professionals. The rural physician credit would no longer be open to new qualifications after May 15, 2023. Effective on that date, the new credit would allow physicians and dentists to qualify, redefines eligible counties to those with fewer than 50,000 residents, and would be capped at $2 million annually, allowed on a first-come, first-served basis. The annual credit amount remains at $5,000 andmay still be earned for up to five years. The new credit is nonrefundable and may not be carried forward.

Impact on State Revenue
Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would impact revenue asshown in Table 1. The appendix provides details of the analysis.

Table 1. Estimated State Revenue Effects of LC 43 2749S

($ *millions*)	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**
State Revenue Effect	$0.1	($0.1)	($0.2)	($0.4)	($0.5)

Impact on State Expenditures
The Department of Revenue would be able to implement provisions of the bill with existing resources.The agency noted that changes to its information system would require 12 weeks, equating to approximately $117,000 of staff time.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

/s/ Kelly Farr
Kelly Farr, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center

Summary
The subject bill proposes to repeal and replace the existing rural physician tax credit (RPTC). EffectiveMay 15, 2023, no person may qualify anew as a rural physician under O.C.G.A §48-7-29, though thosequalified on or before that date will remain eligible for credits under the terms and subject to the conditions of that code section until it is repealed

in full on December 31, 2028.

Effective May 15, 2023, the bill proposes to create a new rural health care professional credit (RHPC)under O.C.G.A §48-7-29.26 as follows:

- In addition to medical doctors eligible for the current-law credit, dentists licensed to practice inGeorgia may qualify for the new credit.
- A rural health care professional, for purposes of the new credit, must both practice and reside ina rural county, whereas a rural physician under current law may reside in any county that is contiguous to the rural county where they practice.
- The definition of a rural county will change from having a population density of fewer than 65 persons per square mile in the 1990 census under current law to having fewer than 50,000 totalresidents in the 2020 census for purposes of the new credit. This definitional change increases the number of rural counties from 101, under RPTC, to 117 for the new credit.
- No rural healthcare professional who as of May 15, 2023, is currently practicing, or who in thelatest three years has practiced, in a rural county will be eligible for the proposed credit. A similar provision applied to the rural physician credit, but with a cut-off date of July 1, 1995.
- The proposed credit will be subject to a $2 million annual cap, allowed on a first come, firstserved basis.

The annual credit amount remains at $5,000, earnable for up to five years but prorated in the first yearbased on the months remaining from the date of qualification (for anyone qualifying for only a partial credit the first year, credits continue to be earned, if still qualified, in a partial sixth year). Also like the current-law credit, the new credit is nonrefundable and may not be carried forward. No person may claim both credits for the same year, nor may any person claim either credit for more than five years combined.

Analysis
Department of Revenue (DOR) data indicate that approximately $1.07 million of RPTC's were claimed on Georgia tax returns for tax year (TY) 2020. This amount is projected forward, based on historical data beginning TY 2015, at an annual growth rate of approximately 1.6 percent to estimate the current-law baseline tax expenditures for TY's 2023-28, as shown in Table 2 below.

Because RPTC are taken for five years and physicians can qualify through May 15, 2023, tax expenditures for the RPTC will wind down gradually under the proposed law before reaching zero forTY 2028. We project the proforma RPTC tax expenditures through TY 2028 as follows:

- Newly qualified rural physicians are assumed to qualify ratably over the year, so the

2023 cohort for purposes of the old credit under the proposed law is reduced to approximately 46 percent of its size under current law.

- The rural physicians earning a credit in TY 2022 are assumed to include equally sized cohorts in the first through fifth year of credit eligibility, so one fifth will age out of eligibility in each year starting TY 2023. The partial-year cohort entering in 2023 will earn their final credits in TY 2027.

Estimates for the proposed RHPC are based on the following data and assumptions:

- The 1990 and 2020 Census, along with data from the Georgia Board of Healthcare Workforce, indicate that during 2020 41 percent more doctors worked in counties with populations of less than 50,000 than counties with less than 65 persons per square mile on the 1990 Census. Thus, cohort sizes of physicians qualifying for the RHPC are assumed to be 41 percent larger each year than the trend implied by the existing RPTC.
- Also based on these data, there were approximately 577 dentists practicing in counties with less than 50,000 people in 2020, approximately 26 percent of the number of physicians practicing in those same counties.
- Based on the change in eligible counties and the addition of dentists to those qualifying for RHPC's, annual cohorts under the proposed law are estimated to be 78 percent larger than under the RPTC baseline.
- Because RHPC's are prorated for partial years. Credits earned during TY 2023 are assumed to be $1,354 on average and all initial year credits earned after 2023 are assumed to be $2,500 with full year credits of $5,000.
- Data limitations do not permit accounting for professionals practicing in a rural county while residing in a non-rural but rural-contiguous county under the old law, though the somewhat more stringent requirement under the new law may tend to decrease the number of eligible professionals and thus the amount of credits.

Table two summarizes the baseline of expected RPTC's, the winding down of RPTC's under the proposed law, and the initial ramp-up of the proposed RHCPC for TY2023-28 based on the data and assumptions described above. Credits taken during a tax year are assumed to impact state revenues at the time of filing of returns, thus in the fiscal year beginning July 1 of the given tax year. Resulting net state revenue effects for FY 2024-28 are provided in Table 1.

Table 2. Baseline and Proforma Projected Rural Physician and Rural Health Care Professional Credits

($ *millions*)	**TY 2023**	**TY 2024**	**TY 2025**	**TY 2026**	**TY 2027**	**TY 2028**
Current-Law RPTC's	$1.0	$1.0	$1.0	$1.0	$1.1	$1.1
Proforma RPTC's	$0.9	$0.7	$0.5	$0.3	$0.1	$0.0
RHCPC's	$0.1	$0.4	$0.7	$1.1	$1.5	$1.8

Total New-Law Credits	$0.9	$1.1	$1.2	$1.4	$1.6	$1.8

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 82:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to state income taxes, so as to limit eligibility for the rural physician tax credit to persons qualifying as a rural physician on or before May 15, 2024; to provide for automatic repeal; to create a new tax credit for rural physicians and dentists; to provide for proration; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for an aggregate cap; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to state income taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-29, relating to tax credits for rural physicians, as follows:

"48-7-29.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Rural county' means a county in this state that has ~~65 persons per square mile or fewer according to the United States decennial census of 1990 or any future such census~~ a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census; provided, however, that for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of such county for purposes of this definition.

(2) 'Rural hospital' means an acute-care hospital located in a rural county that contains fewer than 100 beds.

(3) 'Rural physician' means a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state, who practices in a rural county and resides in a rural county or a county contiguous to the rural county in which such physician practices and primarily admits patients to a rural hospital and practices in the fields of family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, internal medicine, or general surgery.

(b)(1) A person qualifying as a rural physician on or before May 15, 2024, shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 in an amount not to exceed $5,000.00. The tax credit may be claimed for not more than five years, provided that the physician continues to qualify as a rural physician. In no event shall the amount

of the tax credit exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability, and any unused tax credit shall not be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(2) No physician who on July 1, 1995, is currently practicing in a rural county shall be eligible to receive the credit provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection. No credit shall be allowed for a physician who has previously practiced in a rural county, unless, after July 1, 1995, that physician returns to practice in a rural county after having practiced in a nonrural county for at least three years.

(c) The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section.

(d) This Code section shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2029."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-29.26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Dentist' means a person licensed pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 43 to practice dentistry in this state.

(2) 'Physician' means a person licensed pursuant to Chapter 34 of Title 43 as a physician who practices medicine in the field of family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, internal medicine, or general surgery.

(3) 'Rural county' means a county in this state that has a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census; provided, however, that for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of such county for purposes of this definition.

(4) 'Rural health care professional' means a dentist or physician who practices in a rural county and resides in a rural county.

(b)(1) A person qualifying as a rural health care professional shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 in the amount of $5,000.00 for each 12 month period of employment as a rural health care professional; provided, however, that such amount shall be prorated on a monthly basis for the first year during which a person qualifies as a rural health care professional. The tax credit may be claimed each year for up to five years, provided that the rural health care professional continues to qualify as a rural health care professional. No person shall be allowed a tax credit under this Code section and Code Section 48-7-29 in the same taxable year. Each person shall be limited to a total of five years of tax credits across this Code section and Code Section 48-7-29 combined. In no event shall the amount of the tax credit exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability, nor shall any unused tax credit be allowed to be carried forward or applied to any of the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(2) No rural health care professional who on May 15, 2024, is currently practicing in a

rural county shall be eligible to receive the credit provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection. No credit shall be allowed for a rural health care professional who has previously practiced in a rural county, unless after May 15, 2024, that rural health care professional returns to practice in a rural county after having practiced in a county other than a rural county for at least three years.

(3) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall not exceed $2 million for any calendar year. The commissioner shall allow the tax credits on a first come, first served basis.

(c) The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section.

(d) This Code section shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2029."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on May 15, 2024, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

HB 82, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 126. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Evans of the 57th, Reeves of the 99th and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appellate practice, so as to change a provision relating to judgments deemed directly appealable; to provide for a definition; to provide for an out-of-time remedy for certain types of postjudgment relief in criminal cases; to provide for procedure and time frames; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its substitute to HB 126.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its substitute to HB 126.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 414. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to prohibit the collecting of certain personal information; to prohibit the release of certain personal information; to create exceptions; to exclude certain information from state open records laws; to create the crime of improper collection or disclosure of personal information; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 414:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to prohibit the collecting of certain personal information; to prohibit the release of certain personal information; to create exceptions; to exclude certain information from state open records laws; to create the crime of improper collection or disclosure of personal information; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Personal Privacy Protection Act."

SECTION 2.
Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

50-18-160.
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
(1) 'Nonprofit organization' means an entity that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, has submitted an application with the Internal Revenue Service for recognition of an exemption under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, an entity registered as a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' a charitable trust under Code Section 53-12-170, a charitable organization as defined by Code Section 43-17-2, or a religious organization as defined by Code Section 43-17-2. Such term shall not include any public agency.
(2) 'Person' means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company, an association, a joint-stock company, a trust, or any unincorporated organization.
(3) 'Personal information' means any list, record, register, registry, roll, roster, or other compilation of data of any kind that directly or indirectly identifies a person as a member, supporter, volunteer, or donor of financial or nonfinancial support to a nonprofit organization.
(4) 'Public agency' means any department, division, board, bureau, commission, system, or other agency of state government or any state authority; any local board, county, municipal corporation, commission, council, school district, or political

subdivision of the state or any local authority; and any office, agency, or court provided for under Title 15.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and subject to the limitations in subsection (d) of this Code section, a public agency shall not:

(1) Require any individual or nonprofit organization to provide the public agency with personal information or otherwise compel the release of personal information;

(2) Release, publicize, or otherwise publicly disclose personal information in possession of the public agency; or

(3) Request or require a current or prospective contractor or grantee with the public agency to provide a list of nonprofit organizations to which the current or prospective contractor or grantee has provided financial or nonfinancial support.

(c) Subject to the limitations in subsection (d) of this Code section, personal information shall not be subject to Article 4 of this chapter, relating to open records.

(d) Subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) Any report or disclosure required by Chapter 5 of Title 21;

(2) Any lawful warrant for personal information issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(3) A lawful request for discovery of personal information in litigation if both of the following conditions are met:

(A) The requestor demonstrates a compelling need for the personal information by clear and convincing evidence; and

(B) The requestor obtains a protective order barring disclosure of personal information to any person not named in the litigation;

(4) Admission of personal information as evidence before a court of competent jurisdiction. However, such evidence shall be made part of the record under seal, and no court shall unseal such personal information absent a specific finding of good cause;

(5) A public body or agency from collecting or releasing personal information that was voluntarily released by the person or voluntarily released by the nonprofit organization to the public;

(6) A collection of information disclosing the identity of any director, officer, registered agent, or incorporator of a nonprofit organization in any report or disclosure required by statute to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code';

(7) Disclosure of personal information derived from a donation to a nonprofit organization that is affiliated with a public agency and required by statute, if the individual has not previously requested anonymity from the nonprofit organization;

(8) Any lawful request for personal information issued during an investigation pursuant to Chapter 17 of Title 43, the 'Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act of 1988';

(9) A collection of information disclosing the identifying information of any executive officers, directors, trustees, or executive personnel of a charitable organization in any registration statement, report, or disclosure required by statute or rule pursuant to Chapter 17 of Title 43, the 'Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act of 1988';

(10) Collection of information on any return, form, report, statement, or disclosure

required for purposes of tax administration authorized by statute and pursuant to the express statutory authority granted to the Department of Revenue, provided that such information shall only be used in connection with the specific return, form, report, statement, or disclosure to which the request relates;

(11) Disclosure of personal information to the Department of Banking and Finance to conduct regulatory oversight of chartered and licensed entities pursuant to express statutory authority under Chapter 1 of Title 7, the 'Financial Institutions Code of Georgia'; and

(12) Collection and use of personal information as permitted by statute, rule, or regulation for purposes of administration of programs and services, regulatory oversight, and ensuring compliance by prospective and approved contractors:

(A) By the Department of Human Services for purposes authorized in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49;

(B) By the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for purposes authorized in Title 37;

(C) By the Department of Community Health for purposes authorized in Chapter 5 of Title 26, Title 31, Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 37, Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49, or Article 7 of Chapter 6 of Title 49; and

(D) By the Department of Juvenile Justice for purposes authorized in Chapter 4A of Title 49.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall apply to a national securities association that is registered pursuant to Section 15A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. Section 78o-3, as amended, or any information such national securities association provides to the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 10, the 'Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008.'

(f) The provisions of this Code section may be enforced through civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief pursuant to Article I, Section II, Paragraph V of the Georgia Constitution.

(g)(1) A person who suffers injury or damages as a result of an individual's malicious or corrupt violation of this Code section may bring a civil action in superior court for damages. A successful claimant shall be awarded the actual damages of any such violation. Where it is proven that the violation was willful, the plaintiff shall be entitled to recover treble damages and reasonable attorney's fees.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be construed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the state or any officer or employee thereof beyond this subsection.

(h) An employee of a public agency who knowingly violates this Code section commits the crime of improper collection or disclosure of personal information and is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than $1,000.00, or both."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72, relating to

when public disclosure not required of public records, by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (50), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (51) with "; or", and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(52) Any information, including, but not limited to, data and records, prohibited from disclosure pursuant to Code Section 50-18-160."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 414.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 21; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 414.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/28/2024

I inadvertently voted yes on SB 414. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote no.

/s/ Merritt of the 9th

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 417. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Burns of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-2-106 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of accidents relative to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, manlifts, and moving walks and removal from service of such equipment involved in accident; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses; to amend Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public employee hazardous chemical protection and right to know; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 417:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 8-2-106 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of accidents relative to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, manlifts, and moving walks and removal from service of such equipment involved in accident, so as to provide for timing and documentation for such reports; to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise the offense of criminal damage to property in the second degree; to provide for a criminal offense for ignition of fireworks near an emergency medical technician, firefighter, or law enforcement officer for purposes of hindering the official duties thereof or causing injury thereto; to provide for punishment; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety, so as to provide for authority of state fire marshal and employees to investigate and arrest upon request by the Safety Fire Commissioner; to prohibit the use of fireworks to cause injury or property damage; to

revise licensing requirements and penalties relative to the display of fireworks and pyrotechnics and the sale of fireworks; to require a license for the use of certain special effects in production of a motion picture or television production; to revise provisions relative to the prohibition on the release of certain fire-propelled devices; to provide for penalties; to revise inspection and certification requirements relative to boilers and pressure vessels; to revise and provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public employee hazardous chemical protection and right to know, so as to allow for the dissemination of certain information relative to hazardous chemicals in written or electronic format; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 8-2-106 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of accidents relative to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, manlifts, and moving walks and removal from service of such equipment involved in accident, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) The owner or lessee shall report, by telephone, to the enforcement authority on the same day or by noon on the next work day, excluding state holidays and weekends, all elevator, escalator, manlift, moving walk, or power dumbwaiter related accidents involving personal injury or death. The owner or lessee shall also ~~provide a written report of this accident within seven days~~ file a report with all documentation of this accident by the end of the next business day.

(b) The owner or lessee shall report~~, in writing,~~ to the enforcement authority ~~within seven days~~ by the end of the next business day, excluding state holidays and weekends, all elevator, escalator, manlift, moving walk, or power dumbwaiter related accidents involving structural damage to the elevator, escalator, manlift, moving walk, or power dumbwaiter."

SECTION 2.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 16-7-23, relating to criminal damage to property in the second degree, as follows:

"16-7-23.

(a) A person commits the offense of criminal damage to property in the second degree when he or she:

(1) Intentionally damages any property of another person without his or her consent and the damage thereto exceeds $500.00; or

(2) Recklessly or intentionally, by means of fire, ~~or~~ explosive, or fireworks damages property of another person.

(b) A person convicted of the offense of criminal damage to property in the second

degree shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-10-35.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Emergency medical technician' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-10-24.2.

(2) 'Firefighter' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-10-24.1.

(3) 'Firework' means any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances or article the possession of which is regulated by Chapter 10 of Title 25.

(4) 'Law enforcement officer' means any person certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as having successfully completed the course of training required by Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.'

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and intentionally ignite a firework when such firework or component thereof explodes or detonates within 150 feet of or causes injury or harm to an emergency medical technician, firefighter, or law enforcement officer for the purpose of hindering or disrupting such emergency medical technician, firefighter, or law enforcement officer during the lawful discharge of his or her duties.

(c) Any person who violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor."

SECTION 4.

Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety, is amended by revising Code Section 25-2-9, relating to authority of state fire marshal and employees to investigate and arrest, as follows:

"25-2-9.

(a) Upon the direction of the Commissioner or the request of the sheriff of the county, the chief of police of the jurisdiction, the district attorney of the judicial circuit, or a local fire official, the state fire marshal and any employees of such official shall have the authority to investigate the cause and origin of any fire which occurred in said county, jurisdiction, or judicial circuit.

(b) Upon the direction of the Commissioner or the request of the sheriff of the county, the chief of police of the jurisdiction, the district attorney of the judicial circuit, or a local fire official, the state fire marshal and any employees of such official shall have the authority to investigate and enforce any laws provided for within this title or any regulations promulgated under this title.

(c) Personnel employed and authorized by the state fire marshal shall have the power to make arrests for criminal violations established as a result of investigations. Such personnel ~~must~~ shall hold certification as a peace officer from the Georgia Peace Officer

Standards and Training Council and shall have the power to execute arrest warrants and search warrants for criminal violations and to arrest, upon probable cause and without warrant, any person found violating any of the provisions of applicable criminal laws. Authorized personnel empowered to make arrests pursuant to this Code section shall be empowered to carry firearms as authorized by the state fire marshal in the performance of their duties. It shall be unlawful for any person to resist an arrest authorized by this Code section or to interfere in any manner, including abetting or assisting such resistance or interference, with personnel employed by the state fire marshal in the duties imposed upon such personnel by law."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 25-10-1, relating to definitions relative to regulation of fireworks, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Consumer fireworks' means any small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition, designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, that comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission as provided for in Parts 1500 and 1507 of Title 16 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the United States Department of Transportation as provided for in Part 172 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the American Pyrotechnics Association as provided for in the 2001 American Pyrotechnics Association Standard 87-1, and additionally shall mean Roman candles.

(2) 'Consumer fireworks retail sales facility' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124; provided, however, that such term shall not include a tent, canopy, or membrane structure.

(3) 'Consumer fireworks retail sales stand' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124.

(4) 'Distributor' means any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership which sells consumer fireworks.

~~(4.1)~~(5) 'Electric plant' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 46-3A-1.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Fireworks' means any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, including blank cartridges, firecrackers, torpedos, skyrockets, bombs, sparklers, and other combustibles and explosives of like construction, as well as articles containing any explosive or flammable compound and tablets and other devices containing an explosive substance.

(7) 'Fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience' means any exhibition or display of fireworks, or any use of pyrotechnic special effects, that occurs within a building or structure or before an audience closer to the pyrotechnic devices than permitted by National Fire Protection Association Standard 1123, *Code for Fireworks Display*, as adopted by the Safety Fire Commissioner; provided,

however, that such term shall not include the use of pyrotechnic special effects in television and motion picture production when no audience is present.

(8) 'Flame effect' means the combustion of solids, liquids, or gases utilizing atmospheric oxygen to produce thermal, physical, visual, or audible phenomena before an audience or for use in motion picture and television production.

~~(6)~~(9) 'NFPA 1124' means the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1124, *Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles*, 2006 Edition.

~~(7)~~(10) 'Nonprofit group' means any entity exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any entity incorporated under Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' or a sponsored organization of a public or private elementary or secondary school in this state.

~~(8) 'Proximate audience' means an audience closer to pyrotechnic devices than permitted by the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1123, *Code for Fireworks Display*, as adopted by the Safety Fire Commissioner.~~

(11) 'Personal and private use' means the use of consumer fireworks for any activity other than any activity of a professional or commercial nature or for profit or commercial gain and intended, in particular, for household entertainment or enjoyment for private gatherings.

(12) 'Public exhibition or display of fireworks' means the use of pyrotechnics, display fireworks, consumer fireworks, or any combination thereof for any purpose relating to the amusement or entertainment of the public that does not occur within a building or structure or before a proximate audience; provided, however, that such term shall not include the private and personal use of consumer fireworks by the public.

~~(9)~~(13) 'Pyrotechnics' means fireworks not intended for use by the general public.

(14) 'Special effect' means an audible or visual effect created for motion picture and television production through the use of flammable or combustible liquids, flammable solids, explosives, fireworks, pyrotechnics, flame effects, and any similar materials and devices.

~~(10)~~(15) 'Store' shall have the same meaning as provided for by NFPA 1124; provided, however, that such term shall only include such buildings with at least 4,000 square feet of retail display space and wherefrom:

(A) No more than 25 percent of such retail display space is used for consumer fireworks and items or products as provided for under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(B) Other items or products which are not consumer fireworks or items or products as provided for under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section are sold;

and provided, further, that such term means a person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership with more than one mercantile location, where all such mercantile locations are collectively known to the public by the same name or share central management.

~~(11)~~(16) 'Waste-water treatment plant' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 43-51-2.

~~(12)~~(17) 'Water treatment plant' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code

Section 43-51-2."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 25-10-2, relating to prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership to cause injury to another person or damage any property of another by means of fireworks whether recklessly or intentionally."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-3.2, relating to license required for pyrotechnics exhibits, requirements, and penalty for violations, as follows:

"25-10-3.2.

(a)(1) No person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership shall cause the combustion, explosion, deflagration, detonation, or ignition of pyrotechnics for the purpose of a ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience unless such person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership holds a valid license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of ~~this Code section~~ paragraph (2) of this subsection. Any application for such a license shall be made to the Safety Fire Commissioner in the form prescribed by the Safety Fire Commissioner.

~~(b)~~(2) All applicants ~~must~~ shall meet the following requirements for licensure to conduct a fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience:

~~(1)~~(A) The applicant shall submit to the Safety Fire Commissioner proof of a valid comprehensive liability insurance policy purchased from an insurer authorized to do business in Georgia. The coverage ~~must~~ shall include bodily injury and property damage, products liability, completed operations, and contractual liability. The proof of insurance ~~must~~ shall also be provided before any license can be renewed. The minimum amount of said coverage shall be $1 million or such other amount as specified by the Safety Fire Commissioner. An insurer that provided such coverage shall notify the Safety Fire Commissioner of any change in coverage;

~~(2)~~(B) The applicant shall pay the required licensing fee as prescribed in Code Section 25-10-5; and

~~(3)~~(C) The applicant shall comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to this chapter.

~~(c)~~(b)(1) No person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership shall cause the combustion, explosion, deflagration, detonation, or ignition of fireworks for the purpose of a public exhibition or display of fireworks unless such person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership holds a valid license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection. Any application for such a license shall be made to the Safety Fire Commissioner in the form prescribed by the Safety Fire Commissioner. ~~Any violation of this chapter~~

~~shall be grounds for revocation or denial of licensure to conduct pyrotechnic displays.~~

(2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements for licensure to conduct a public exhibition or display of fireworks:

(A) The applicant shall submit to the Safety Fire Commissioner proof of competency of all operators and assistants;

(B) The applicant shall pay the required licensing fee as prescribed in Code Section 25-10-5; and

(C) The applicant shall comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to this chapter.

(c)(1) No person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership shall cause the combustion, explosion, deflagration, detonation, or ignition of special effects unless such person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership holds a valid license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, provided that any use of special effects in which an audience is present shall require licensure pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. Any application for such a license shall be made to the Safety Fire Commissioner in the form prescribed by the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements for licensure to use special effects:

(A) The applicant shall submit to the Safety Fire Commissioner proof of competency of all operators and assistants;

(B) The applicant shall pay the required licensing fee as prescribed in Code Section 25-10-5; and

(C) The applicant shall comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to this chapter.

(d) The license issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code Section shall not authorize the manufacture, transportation, use, sale, or storage of explosives as provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 25-2-17.

(e) Any violation of this chapter shall be grounds for revocation or denial of licensure to conduct a fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience, to conduct a public exhibition or display of fireworks, or for the use of special effects."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-4, relating to permit required to conduct public fireworks exhibition or display, as follows:

"25-10-4.

(a) Any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership desiring to conduct a public exhibition or display of fireworks ~~not before a proximate audience~~ shall first obtain a permit from the ~~judge of the probate court of the county~~ local fire authority of the county, municipality, or other political subdivision or the chartered fire department legally organized to operate in this state pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title and having operational authority of the area in which the public exhibition or display of fireworks is to be held. Application for a permit ~~must~~ shall be made in writing and filed with the ~~judge~~ local fire

authority not less than ten days prior to the date of the proposed public exhibition or display of fireworks. Fireworks distributors located outside this state shall obtain display permit application forms and provide the same to applicants upon request. The ~~judge~~ local fire authority may grant a permit for the ~~display~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks on the following conditions:

(1) That the ~~display be conducted by a competent operator approved by the judge~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks be conducted by an operator licensed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 25-10-3.2;

~~(2) That the display shall be of such character as in the opinion of the judge will not be hazardous to persons or property;~~

~~(3)~~(2) That the ~~local fire official responsible for the area in question certifies in writing that the site for the display meets his or her approval and~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks is in compliance with all applicable codes; and

~~(4)~~(3) That the application be accompanied by a bond in the principal sum of ~~$10,000.00~~ $50,000.00, payable to the county, municipality, or other political subdivision in which the ~~display~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks is being held and conditioned for the payment of damages which may be caused either to persons or to property by reason of the ~~display~~ public exhibition or display of fireworks or, alternatively, that the application be accompanied by evidence that the applicant carries proper liability insurance for bodily injury in the amount of not less than $25,000.00 for each person and $50,000.00 for each accident and for property damage in the amount of not less than $25,000.00 for each accident and $50,000.00 aggregate~~, with an insurance company duly licensed by the Commissioner of Insurance~~.

(b) Any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership desiring to conduct a ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display ~~of fireworks~~ before a proximate audience shall first obtain a permit from the ~~judge of the probate court of the county~~ local fire authority of the county, municipality, or other political subdivision or the chartered fire department legally organized to operate in this state pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title and having operational authority of the area in which the ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display is to be held. Application for a permit ~~must~~ shall be made in writing and filed with the ~~judge~~ local fire authority not less than ten days prior to the date of the proposed ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display ~~of fireworks~~ before a proximate audience. ~~Such application must contain the license number issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner for the person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that will cause the combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation of pyrotechnics at the public exhibition or display.~~ Fireworks distributors located outside this state shall obtain display permit application forms and provide the same to applicants upon request. The ~~judge~~ local fire authority may grant a permit for the ~~display~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience on the following conditions:

(1) That the fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display be conducted by ~~a competent operator approved by the judge~~ an operator licensed pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 25-10-3.2;

~~(2) That the display shall be of such character as in the opinion of the judge will not be~~

~~hazardous to persons or property;~~

~~(3)~~(2) That the ~~local fire official responsible for the area in question certifies in writing that the site for the display meets his or her approval and~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display is in compliance with all applicable codes; and

~~(4)~~(3) That the application be accompanied by a bond in the principal sum of ~~$10,000.00~~ $50,000.00, payable to the county, municipality, or other political subdivision in which the display is being held and conditioned for the payment of damages that may be caused either to persons or to property by reason of the fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display or, alternatively, that the application be accompanied by evidence that the applicant carries property liability insurance for bodily injury in the amount of not less than $25,000.00 for each person and $50,000.00 for each accident and for property damage in the amount of not less than $25,000.00 for each accident and $50,000.00 aggregate~~, with an insurance company duly licensed by the Commissioner of Insurance~~.

(c) No permit, as provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, shall be granted unless the applicant has met all the requirements of and is in full compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to this chapter.

(d) The permit provided for in subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be limited to the time specified therein, ~~such time not to~~ which shall not exceed a two-week period. The permit shall not be transferable. In the event any fireworks bought and possessed under this Code section are not used by the licensee or in the event that there is a surplus or excess after the two-week period expires, it shall be the duty of the licensee to return such fireworks to a facility approved in accordance with Code Section 25-10-3.1 and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Fire Commissioner. Fireworks stored in accordance with Code Section 25-10-3.1 and regulations shall not be deemed contraband and shall not be subject to seizure.

(e) The ~~judge of the probate court shall receive $10.00 for his or her services~~ local fire authority shall receive a fee of up to $100.00 for the administrative cost of processing in granting or refusing the original permit ~~and $1.00~~ pursuant to this Code section and $10.00 for each copy issued, to be paid by the applicant. In addition to the original permit fees, local fire authorities may also charge reasonable fees for personnel needed for standby fire suppression and permit compliance. The ~~judge of the probate court~~ local fire authority shall provide the Safety Fire Commissioner a copy of each permit granted prior to the proposed date of the public exhibition or display of fireworks or the fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibition or display before a proximate audience."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-5, relating to license and fee for manufacture, storage, and transportation of fireworks or pyrotechnic displays, regulations, and inspections, as follows:

"25-10-5.

(a) The annual license fee for any person, firm, ~~or~~ corporation, association, or partnership

conducting business in this state under paragraph (4) of Code Section 25-10-3 or storing fireworks under Code Section 25-10-3.1 or conducting ~~pyrotechnic displays under~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibitions or displays before a proximate audience under subsection (a) of Code Section 25-10-3.2 shall be $1,500.00 per year, payable to the Safety Fire Commissioner. The license shall expire on December 31 of each year. The Safety Fire Commissioner is authorized and directed to promulgate safety regulations relating to the manufacture, storage, and transportation of fireworks within this state in order to ensure the adequate protection of the employees of any such person, firm, ~~or~~ corporation, association, or partnership and of the general public. The Safety Fire Commissioner is ~~also~~ further authorized and directed to promulgate safety regulations relating to ~~the public exhibition or display of pyrotechnics~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibitions or displays before a proximate audience and the licensing requirements of those conducting such ~~public~~ fireworks or pyrotechnics exhibitions or displays before a proximate audience, as he or she deems necessary. The Safety Fire Commissioner is further authorized and directed to conduct periodic inspections of the facilities of any person, firm, ~~or~~ corporation, association, or partnership manufacturing, storing, and transporting fireworks as provided in paragraph (4) of Code Section 25-10-3 or as provided in Code Section 25-10-3.1 in order to ensure compliance with fire safety rules and regulations.

(b) The annual license fee for any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership conducting public exhibitions or displays of fireworks or using special effects under Code Section 25-10-3.2 shall be $500.00 per year, payable to the Safety Fire Commissioner. The license shall expire on December 31 of each year. The Safety Fire Commissioner is authorized and directed to promulgate safety regulations relating to public exhibitions or displays of fireworks and the licensing requirements of those conducting such public exhibitions or displays of fireworks, as he or she deems necessary. The Safety Fire Commissioner is further authorized and directed to promulgate safety regulations relating to the use of special effects and the licensing requirements of those using such special effects, as he or she deems necessary."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 25-10-8, relating to penalty for violations of chapter, by adding a new subsection and revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that violates subsection (a) of Code Section 25-10-2 shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished pursuant to Code Section 16-7-23 and shall also be subject to a monetary penalty of not more than $10,000.00.

~~(b)~~(c) Any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that violates any other provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to monetary penalties as provided for in Code Section 25-10-9."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-9, relating to penalty for

illegal use or sale of fireworks, as follows:

"25-10-9.

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Safety Fire Commissioner shall have the authority to subject any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that ~~knowingly~~ violates this chapter to a monetary penalty of up to $2,500.00 for each and every act in violation of this chapter; provided, however, that the Safety Fire Commissioner shall have the authority to subject any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership that knowingly sells consumer fireworks from a tent, canopy, or membrane structure to a monetary penalty of up to $5,000.00 and, if any such person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership is a distributor, then a license revocation for not more than two years. Each sales transaction in violation of this chapter shall be a separate offense."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-10-10, relating to prohibition on release of certain fire-propelled devices into the air and certain floating lantern devices into public water locations, as follows:

"25-10-10.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership to sell or offer for sale or release or cause to be released any balloon, bag, parachute, or other similar device which requires fire underneath for propulsion ~~or to release or cause to be released any floating water lantern or wish lantern which uses a flame to create a lighting effect in any public waterway, lake, pond, stream, or river~~.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership to release or cause to be released any floating water lantern which uses a flame to create a lighting effect in any public waterway, lake, pond, stream, or river."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 25-15-16, relating to exceptions from article and exemptions from inspection and certificate requirements relative to regulation of boilers and pressure vessels, by revising paragraphs (13) through (15) of subsection (a) as follows:

"~~(13) Boilers and pressure vessels operated and maintained as a part of a manufacturing process; provided, however, that any person, firm, partnership, or corporation operating such a boiler or pressure vessel has insurance or is self-insured and such boiler or pressure vessel is regularly inspected in accordance with the minimum requirements for safety as defined in the ASME Code by an inspector who has been issued a certificate of competency by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 25-15-19;~~

~~(14)~~(13) Boilers and pressure vessels operated and maintained by a public utility; and

~~(15)~~(14) Autoclaves used only for the sterilization of reusable medical or dental implements in the place of business of any professional licensed by the laws of this

state."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-15-18, relating to deputy inspectors for boilers and pressure vessels, as follows:

"25-15-18.

The Commissioner may employ deputy inspectors who shall be responsible to the chief inspector and who shall have, ~~had~~ at the time of appointment ~~not~~:

(1)(A) Not less than three years' experience in the construction, installation, inspection, operation, maintenance, or repair of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels as a mechanical engineer, steam operating engineer, boilermaker, or boiler inspector ~~and who shall have passed~~; or

(B) Successfully completed a nationally recognized program which provides adequate experience in the field that has been approved by the Commissioner through rule or regulation; and

(2) Passed the examination provided for in Code Section 25-15-20."

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 25-15-23, relating to inspections of boilers and pressure vessels, by revising subparagraph (b)(1)(D) as follows:

"(D) Pressure vessels ~~subject to internal corrosion~~ shall receive a certificate inspection ~~triennially~~ biannually with an internal inspection at the discretion of the inspector. Pressure vessels not subject to internal corrosion shall receive a certificate of inspection at intervals set by the office; and"

SECTION 16.

Chapter 22 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public employee hazardous chemical protection and right to know, is amended in Code Section 45-22-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (15) through (20) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"~~(15) 'Material safety data sheet' means the document prepared by manufacturers in accordance with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard, 29 C.F.R. Sections 1910.0000 through 1910.1500 (1987) and containing the following information:~~

~~(A) The chemical name and the common name of the hazardous chemical;~~

~~(B) The hazards or other risks in the use of the hazardous chemical, including:~~

~~(i) The potential for fire, explosion, corrosivity, and reactivity;~~

~~(ii) The known acute and chronic health effects of risks from exposure, including the medical conditions which are generally recognized as being aggravated by exposure to the hazardous chemical; and~~

~~(iii) The primary routes of entry and the symptoms of overexposure;~~

~~(C) The proper precautions, handling practices, necessary personal protective equipment, and other safety precautions in the use of or exposure to the hazardous~~

~~chemicals, including appropriate emergency treatment in case of overexposure;~~
~~(D) The emergency procedures for spills, fire, disposal, and first aid;~~
~~(E) A description in lay terms of the known specific potential health risks posed by the hazardous chemical intended to alert any person reading this information; and~~
~~(F) The year and month, if available, that the information was compiled and the name, address, and emergency telephone number of the manufacturer responsible for preparing the information.~~

~~(16)~~(15) 'Mixture' means any combination of two or more chemicals, if the combination is not, in whole or in part, the result of a chemical reaction.

~~(17)~~(16) 'Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard' means the Hazard Communication Standard issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 29 C.F.R. Sections 1910.0000 through 1910.1500 ~~(1987)~~ in effect as of January 1, 2024.

~~(18)~~(17) 'Person' means any individual, natural person, public or private corporation, incorporated association, government, government agency, partnership, or unincorporated association.

~~(19)~~(18) 'Physical hazard' means a chemical for which there is scientifically valid evidence that it is a combustible liquid, a compressed gas, explosive, flammable, an organic peroxide, an oxidizer, pyrophoric, unstable (reactive), or water reactive.

~~(20)~~(19) 'Produce' means to manufacture, process, formulate, or repackage.

(20) 'Safety data sheet' means the document prepared by manufacturers in accordance with the requirements of Section 1920.1220(g) and Appendix D of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard."

SECTION 17.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 45-22-4, relating to responsibility of public contractors who introduce hazardous materials into workplace, as follows:

"45-22-4.

A public contractor who introduces hazardous materials into the workplace shall agree, and include a statement, in all bids, agreements, contracts, or other ~~instrument~~ instruments to the effect that such contractor shall be responsible for compliance with the provisions of this chapter for persons employed by such contractor utilized under such contract. Any such public contractor who introduces hazardous chemicals into the workplace shall provide ~~material~~ safety data sheets for such chemicals to all employees using ~~them~~ such hazardous chemicals and instruction in handling, emergency procedures, and disposal prior to introducing such hazardous chemicals. This Code section shall not be construed to place responsibility on any person, firm, or corporation other than public contractors."

SECTION 18.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 45-22-7, relating to material safety data sheets, notice to employees, and rights of employees, as follows:

"45-22-7.

(a) The manufacturer, importer, or distributor of any hazardous chemical shall prepare a ~~material~~ safety data sheet which, to the best knowledge of the manufacturer, importer, or distributor, is current, accurate, and complete, based on information then reasonably available to the manufacturer, importer, or distributor, and provide a copy of the ~~material~~ safety data sheet to employers who purchase such hazardous chemicals ~~and an electronic copy to the department annually~~ in a written or electronic format. Such safety data sheet shall be maintained by the employer for a period of not less than three years.

(b) Any person who produces a mixture may, for the purposes of this Code section, prepare and use a mixture ~~material~~ safety data sheet, subject to the provisions of subsection (j) of this Code section.

(c) A manufacturer, importer, distributor, or employer may provide the information required by this Code section on an entire mixture, instead of on each hazardous chemical in it, when all of the following conditions exist:

(1) Toxicity test information exists on the mixture itself or adequate information exists to form a valid judgment of the hazardous properties of the mixture itself and the ~~material~~ safety data sheet indicates that the information presented and the conclusions drawn are from some source other than direct test data on the mixture itself, and that a ~~material~~ safety data sheet on each constituent hazardous chemical identified on the ~~material~~ safety data sheet is available upon request;

(2) Provision of information on the mixture will be as effective in protecting employee health as information on the ingredients;

(3) The hazardous chemicals in the mixture are identified on the ~~material~~ safety data sheet unless it is unfeasible to describe all the ingredients in the mixture, provided that the reason why the hazardous chemicals in the mixture are not identified shall be stated on the ~~material~~ safety data sheet; and

(4) A single mixture ~~material~~ safety data sheet may be provided for more than one formulation of a product mixture if the information provided does not vary for the formulation.

(d) A manufacturer, importer, or distributor who is responsible for preparing and transmitting a ~~material~~ safety data sheet under the provisions of this Code section shall revise such ~~material~~ safety data sheet on a timely basis, as appropriate to the importance of any new information which would affect the contents of the existing ~~material~~ safety data sheet, and in any event within three months of such information becoming available to the manufacturer, importer, or distributor. Each such manufacturer, importer, or distributor shall provide a copy of the ~~material~~ safety data sheet to employers who have purchased such hazardous chemicals ~~and an electronic copy to the department~~ in a written or electronic format. Such safety data sheet shall be maintained by the employer for a period of not less than three years.

(e) Any person subject to the provisions of this Code section shall be relieved of the obligation to provide a direct purchaser of a hazardous chemical with a ~~material~~ safety data sheet if:

(1) He or she has a record of having provided the direct purchaser with the most recent

version of the ~~material~~ safety data sheet;

(2) The chemical is labeled pursuant to:

(A) The federal Atomic Energy Act; or

(B) The federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; or

(3) The article is one sold at retail and is incidentally sold to an employer or the employer's employees in the same form, approximate amount, concentration, and manner as it is sold to consumers, and, to the seller's knowledge, employee exposure to the article is not significantly greater than the consumer exposure occurring during the principal consumer use of the article.

(f) If an employer is not supplied with a ~~material~~ safety data sheet by a manufacturer, importer, or distributor for a hazardous chemical subject to this Code section, such employer shall, within a reasonable amount of time after discovering that a ~~material~~ safety data sheet has not been supplied, use diligent efforts to obtain such ~~material~~ safety data sheet from the manufacturer, importer, or distributor. For purposes of this ~~subsection~~ Code section, 'diligent efforts' means a prompt inquiry by the employer to the manufacturer, importer, or distributor of the hazardous chemicals; provided, however, that an independent contractor or subcontractor shall be responsible for obtaining the ~~material~~ safety data sheet for his or her employees in the workplace of another.

~~(g)~~ If after having used diligent efforts, an employer still fails to obtain a ~~material~~ safety data sheet, such employer shall notify the department of the employer's inability to obtain such ~~material~~ safety data sheet.

(g) The department shall be authorized to punish any manufacturer, importer, or distributor of a hazardous chemical that violates this Code section by imposition of a monetary penalty not to exceed $1,000.00 for each day that such manufacturer, importer, or distributor of a hazardous chemical subject to this Code section has not provided the employer with the safety data sheet.

(h) An employer who has used diligent efforts and who has made a documented notification to the department pursuant to this Code section shall not be found in violation of this Code section with respect to the ~~material~~ safety data sheet which was not supplied by the manufacturer, importer, or distributor as required by this Code section.

(i) Every employer who manufactures, produces, uses, applies, or stores hazardous chemicals in the workplace shall post a notice ~~as prescribed by rule or regulation promulgated by the department~~ in a place where notices are normally posted, informing employees of their rights under this chapter.

(j) Every employer who manufactures, produces, uses, applies, or stores hazardous chemicals in the workplace shall maintain a ~~material~~ safety data sheet for each hazardous chemical which is present in such workplace. All ~~material~~ safety data sheets shall be readily available in the workplace in a written or electronic format; provided, however, that employers who maintain one or more work areas which are not fixed at specific geographic locations shall be authorized to maintain ~~material~~ safety data sheets for each hazardous chemical used in such work area at a central location.

(k)(1) A ~~material~~ safety data sheet may be kept in any form, including operations procedures, and may be designed to cover groups of hazardous chemicals in a work

area where it may be appropriate to address the hazards of a process rather than individual hazardous chemicals. The employer shall ensure that in all cases the required information is provided for each hazardous chemical, and is readily accessible during each workshift to employees when they are in their work area; provided, however, that employers who maintain one or more work areas which are not fixed at specific geographic locations shall be authorized to maintain ~~material~~ safety data sheets for each hazardous chemical used in such work area at a central location.

(2) Any employee may request in writing and shall have the right to examine and obtain the ~~material~~ safety data sheets for the hazardous chemicals to which he or she is, has been, or may be exposed. The employer shall provide any ~~material~~ safety data sheet within its possession within five of the requesting employee's working days, subject to the provisions of subsection ~~(g)~~ (f) of this Code section. The employer may adopt reasonable procedures for acting upon such requests to avoid interruption of normal work operations.

(3) An independent contractor or subcontractor working in the workplace of another employer may request in writing and shall have the right to examine the ~~material~~ safety data sheets for the hazardous chemicals to which such contractor, subcontractor, or employees thereof are, have been, or may be exposed. The employer shall provide any ~~material~~ safety data sheet within its possession within five of the requesting independent contractor's or subcontractor's working days, subject to the provisions of subsection ~~(g)~~ (f) of this Code section. The employer may adopt reasonable procedures for acting upon such requests to avoid interruption of normal work operations.

(4) If an employee who has requested a ~~material~~ safety data sheet pursuant to this chapter has not received such ~~material~~ safety data sheet within five of the requesting employee's working days, subject to the provisions of subsection ~~(g)~~ (f) of this Code section, that employee may refuse to work with the chemical for which he or she has requested the ~~material~~ safety data sheet until such ~~material~~ safety data sheet is provided by the employer; provided, however, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to permit any employee to refuse to perform essential services, as such term is defined by rule or regulation; provided, further, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to interfere with the right of the employer to transfer an employee who so refuses to work to other duties until such ~~material~~ safety data sheet is provided~~,~~ and such a transfer shall not ~~to~~ be considered ~~as~~ a discriminatory act under Code Section 45-22-10. No pay, position, seniority, or other benefits shall be lost for exercise of any right provided by this chapter as a result of such a transfer.

(l) No employer shall discharge or otherwise discriminate against an employee for the employee's assertion of the employee's rights under this chapter.

(m) For ~~the~~ purposes of this Code section, an employer, independent contractor, or subcontractor shall maintain ~~material~~ safety data sheets for their own workplaces only; provided, however, that employees of such independent contractor or subcontractor, insofar as they are exposed in the course of their employment to hazardous chemicals in other workplaces, shall have the right to examine ~~material~~ safety data sheets for those chemicals to which they are exposed from the workplace employer through a written

request to their own employer as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (k) of this Code section. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to require an employer to conduct studies to develop new information."

SECTION 19.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 45-22-8, relating to information and training standards, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) Each employer shall be required to comply with the minimum information standards set forth in this subsection. Each employee shall be informed of:

(1) The requirements of this Code section;

(2) What a ~~material~~ safety data sheet is and the contents of the ~~material~~ safety data sheet for any hazardous chemical to which he or she is exposed, or equivalent information, either in written form or through training programs;

(3) Any operations in his or her work area where hazardous chemicals are present;

(4) The location and availability of training programs;

(5) His or her right to receive information regarding hazardous chemicals to which he or she may be exposed;

(6) His or her right for his or her physician to receive information regarding hazardous chemicals to which the employee may be exposed; and

(7) His or her right against discharge or other discrimination due to the employee's exercise of the rights provided by this chapter.

(b) In addition to providing the information required by subsection (a) of this Code section, each employer shall be required to provide a training program for all employees who are exposed to hazardous chemicals in the normal course of their employment. When training employees who are exposed to hazardous chemicals, the employer shall explain any physical or health hazards associated with the use of the chemical or mixture; proper precautions for handling, necessary personal protective equipment, or other safety precautions necessary to prevent or minimize exposure to the hazardous chemical; methods of observation that may be used to detect the presence or release of a hazardous chemical in a work area, including, but not limited to, spot check monitoring, continuous monitoring, or methods of visual or olfactory detection; the labeling system and the ~~material~~ safety data sheet~~,~~ and how employees can obtain and use the appropriate hazard information; and emergency procedures for spills, fire, disposal, and first aid. This information may relate to an entire class of hazardous chemicals to the extent appropriate and related to the job. Whenever any employer receives a new or revised ~~material~~ safety data sheet, such information shall be provided to employees on a timely basis not to exceed 30 days after receipt, if the new information indicates significantly increased risks to or measures necessary to protect employee health as compared to those stated on a ~~material~~ safety data sheet previously provided."

SECTION 20.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 45-22-9, relating to publication by employers of list of hazardous chemicals in workplace, as follows:

"45-22-9.

Each employer shall publish, ~~On and after July 1, 1989, each employer shall publish in print or electronically~~ in January and July of each year, a list of hazardous chemicals that its employees use or are exposed to in the workplace. Such list shall be in written or electronic format and available for public inspection at the workplace office. A comprehensive list of all hazardous chemicals used by the employer shall also be available for public inspection at the employer's state headquarters."

SECTION 21.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Albers of the 56th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 417.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
N Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 5; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 417.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under

consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1241	Do Pass	HB 1330	Do Pass
HB 1337	Do Pass	HB 1500	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent to declare 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 2024, the Larry Walker III Power Hour.

A vocal contingent of Senators objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 2024, was declared the Larry Walker III Power Hour.

At 7:01 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand at ease until 7:30 p.m.

At 7:38 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 886. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Gooch of the 51st, Burns of the 23rd, Watson of the 11th and Still of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the life and achievements of George Oliver White, Jr.; and for other purposes.

SR 887. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Harrell of the 40th, Sims of the 12th, Harbison of the 15th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. George Jones, Jr., on his outstanding service as an internal medicine specialist; and for other purposes.

SR 888. By Senator Beach of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Frank Poe; and for other purposes.

SR 889. By Senator Halpern of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Contessa Metcalfe; and for other purposes.

SR 890. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jones of the 10th and Williams of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Dutchtown High School girls dance team for winning the 2024 GHSA State High Kick Dance Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 891. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Williams of the 25th, Jones of the 10th, Bearden of the 30th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Ola High School wrestling team for winning the 2024 GHSA Traditional AAAAA Wrestling State Championship; and for other purposes.

The President recognized Natalie Dolezal, wife of Senator Dolezal of the 27th, and Maegan Brass, wife of Senator Brass of the 28th.

The President recognized His Excellency, Governor Brian P. Kemp, who addressed the Senate.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 354. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cosmetologists and barbers, so as to exempt from licensure persons performing certain limited responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters: to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 354:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cosmetologists and barbers, so as to exempt from licensure persons performing certain limited responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cosmetologists and barbers, is amended by revising Code Section 43-10-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"43-10-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Barber apprentice' means an individual who practices barbering under the constant and direct supervision of a licensed master barber.

(2) 'Barber II' means an individual who performs any one or more of the following services for compensation:

(A) Shaving or trimming the beard;

(B) Cutting or dressing the hair;

(C) Giving facial or scalp massages; or

(D) Giving facial or scalp treatment with oils or cream or other preparations made for this purpose, either by hand or by means of mechanical appliances.

Such term shall not apply to an individual whose activities are limited to shampooing or blow-dry styling if an individual performs no other practices requiring a license under this chapter.

(3) 'Barbering' means the occupation of shaving or trimming the beard, cutting or dressing the hair, giving facial or scalp massages, giving facial or scalp treatment with oils or cream or other preparations made for this purpose, either by hand or by means of mechanical appliances, singeing and shampooing the hair, coloring or dyeing the hair, or permanently waving, relaxing, or straightening the hair of an individual for compensation.

(4) 'Beautician' means 'cosmetologist' as such term is defined in this Code section.

(5) 'Beauty shop' or 'beauty salon' or 'barber shop' means any premises where one or more individuals engage in barbering or in the occupation of a cosmetologist.

(5.1) 'Blow-dry styling' means the practice of only shampooing, conditioning, drying, arranging, curling, straightening, or styling hair using only mechanical devices, hair sprays, and topical agents, such as balms, oils, and serums; provided, however, that such mechanical devices shall not include any flat irons or curling irons. Such term includes the use and styling of hair extensions, hair pieces, and wigs and excludes cutting hair or the application of dyes, bleach, reactive chemicals, keratin treatments, or other preparations to color or alter the structure of hair. Such practices are distinct from those performed by a barber II, hair designer, master barber, or master cosmetologist.

(6) 'Board' means the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers.

(7)(A) 'Cosmetologist' means any individual who performs any one or more of the following services for compensation:

~~(A)~~(i) Cuts or dresses the hair;

~~(B)~~(ii) Gives facial or scalp massages or facial and scalp treatment with oils or cream or other preparations made for this purpose, either by hand or by means of mechanical appliances;

~~(C)~~(iii) Singes and shampoos the hair, colors or dyes the hair, or does permanent waving, relaxing, or straightening of the hair;

~~(D)~~(iv) Performs the services of a nail technician as defined in paragraph (12) of this Code section; or

~~(E)~~(v) Performs the services of an esthetician as defined in paragraph (8) of this Code section.

(B) Such individual shall be considered as practicing the occupation of a cosmetologist within the meaning of this Code section; provided, however, that such term shall not mean an individual who only braids the hair by hairweaving; interlocking; twisting; plaiting; wrapping by hand, chemical, or mechanical devices; or using any natural or synthetic fiber for extensions to the hair, and no such individual shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(C) Such term shall not apply to an individual whose activities are limited to the following practices and no other practices requiring a license under this chapter:

(i) The application of cosmetics ~~which are marketed to individuals and are readily commercially available to consumers~~;

(ii) Shampooing; and

(iii) Blow-dry styling.

(8) 'Esthetician' or 'esthetics operator' means an individual who, for compensation, engages in any one or a combination of the following practices, esthetics, or cosmetic skin care:

(A) Massaging the face, neck, décolletage, or arms of an individual;

(B) Trimming, tweezing, shaping, or threading eyebrows;

(C) Dyeing eyelashes or eyebrows or applying eyelash extensions; or

(D) Waxing, threading, stimulating, cleansing, or beautifying the face, neck, arms, torso, or legs of an individual by any method with the aid of the hands or any mechanical or electrical apparatus or by the use of a cosmetic preparation.

Such practices of esthetics shall not include the diagnosis, treatment, or therapy of any dermatological condition or medical aesthetics or the use of lasers. Such term shall not apply to an individual whose activities are limited to the application of cosmetics ~~during the production of film, television, or musical entertainment or to the application of cosmetics in a retail environment in which cosmetics are marketed to individuals and are readily commercially available to consumers~~.

(9) 'Hair designer' means an individual who performs any one or more of the following services for compensation:

(A) Cuts or dresses the hair; or

(B) Singes and shampoos the hair, applies a permanent relaxer or straightener to the hair, or colors or dyes the hair.

Such term shall not apply to an individual whose activities are limited to shampooing or blow-dry styling if an individual performs no other practices requiring a license under this chapter.

(9.1) 'License' means a certificate of registration or other document issued by the board or by the division director on behalf of the board pursuant to the provisions of this chapter permitting an individual to practice in an occupation or operate a school.

(10) 'Master barber' means an individual who performs any one or more of the following services for compensation:

(A) Shaving or trimming the beard;

(B) Cutting or dressing the hair;

(C) Giving facial or scalp massages;

(D) Giving facial or scalp treatment with oils or cream or other preparations made for this purpose, either by hand or by means of mechanical appliances; or

(E) Singeing and shampooing the hair, coloring or dyeing the hair, or permanently waving, relaxing, or straightening the hair.

Such term shall not apply to an individual whose activities are limited to shampooing and blow-dry styling if an individual performs no other practices requiring a license under this chapter.

(11) 'Master cosmetologist' means a cosmetologist who is possessed of the requisite skill and knowledge to perform properly all the services set forth in paragraph (7) of this Code section for compensation.

(12) 'Nail technician' means an individual who, for compensation, performs manicures or pedicures or who trims, files, shapes, decorates, applies sculptured or otherwise

artificial nail extensions, or in any way cares for the nails of another individual.

(13) 'Person' means any individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

(14) 'School of barbering' means any establishment that receives compensation for training more than one individual in barbering. Technical colleges whose programs have been approved by the Technical College System of Georgia or the Department of Education are not 'schools of barbering' within the meaning of this chapter; provided, however, that all such colleges and their programs shall be considered to be 'board approved.'

(15) 'School of cosmetology' means any establishment that receives compensation for training more than one individual in the occupation of a cosmetologist. Technical colleges whose programs have been approved by the Technical College System of Georgia or the Department of Education are not 'schools of cosmetology' within the meaning of this chapter; provided, however, that all such colleges and their programs shall be considered to be 'board approved.'

(16) 'School of esthetics' means any establishment that receives compensation for training more than one individual in the occupation of an esthetician. Technical colleges whose programs have been approved by the Technical College System of Georgia or the Department of Education are not 'schools of esthetics' within the meaning of this chapter; provided, however, that all such colleges and their programs shall be considered to be 'board approved.'

(17) 'School of hair design' means any establishment that receives compensation for training more than one individual in the occupation of a hair designer. Technical colleges whose programs have been approved by the Technical College System of Georgia or the Department of Education are not 'schools of hair design' within the meaning of this chapter; provided, however, that all such colleges and their programs shall be considered to be 'board approved.'

(18) 'School of nail care' means any establishment that receives compensation for training more than one individual in the occupation of a nail technician. Technical colleges whose programs have been approved by the Technical College System of Georgia or the Department of Education are not 'schools of nail care' within the meaning of this chapter; provided, however, that all such colleges and their programs shall be considered to be 'board approved.'"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-10-17, relating to employment of persons to wash, shampoo, comb, and brush hair in beauty shops, beauty salons, and barber shops, as follows:

"43-10-17.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a beauty shop, beauty salon, and barber shop shall be authorized to employ persons to do the following:

(1) ~~wash, shampoo, comb, and brush hair, and such persons~~ Washing, shampooing, combing, brushing, and blow-dry styling; and

(2) Applying cosmetics. Such persons shall not be required to be registered by the board. Moreover, a facility in which an individual performs or individuals perform only shampooing, blow-dry styling, or applying cosmetics and no other practices requiring a license under this chapter is exempt from all facility licensing requirements under this chapter."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 354.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
E Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 40, nays 11; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 354.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 449. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-7-12.8 of the O.C.G.A.,

relating to certification as nursing aid and employer sponsored training and competency examination program, to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to personnel regarding emergency medical services; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to licensed practical nurses; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 449:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide certain licensure requirements, regulations, and prohibitions relating to nurses and other medical professionals; to amend Code Section 31-7-12.8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification as nursing aide and employer sponsored training and competency examination program, so as to change certain provisions relating to such certification and programs; to allow certain military medical personnel to qualify for provisional certification as a certified nursing aide; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel regarding emergency medical services, so as to allow certain military medical personnel to provisionally qualify as a paramedic, cardiac technician, or an emergency medical technician; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensed practical nurses, so as to allow certain military medical personnel to provisionally qualify as a licensed practical nurse; to provide for a definition; to amend Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nurses, so as to provide for licensure of advanced practice registered nurses; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensure requirements; to provide for renewal of licenses; to provide for a misdemeanor to practice advanced nursing practice without a license; to change a provision relating to certain information to be given to the board by licensees to include certain hospitals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Code Section 31-7-12.8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification as nursing aide and employer sponsored training and competency examination program, is amended by revising subsection (b) and adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(b) The department shall approve employer based programs sponsored by or offered in assisted living communities, private home care providers, personal care homes, or other long-term care facilities licensed by the department for certified nurse aide training and competency examination programs~~, in the same manner as such programs are approved in nursing homes,~~ as determined by the department. ~~The department shall require all employer based programs to meet the requirements set forth in 42 C.F.R. 483.152 and other applicable laws and regulations.~~

(c) The department, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may provisionally operate within their scope of practice and training for a period of 12 months without meeting the examination requirements provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section. During such 12 month period, such individual may apply for certification at the appropriate level.

(d) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 12 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 1-2.

Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel regarding emergency medical services, is amended by revising Code Section 31-11-52, relating to certification and recertification of, and training for, paramedics and cardiac technicians and qualifications by felons, as follows:

"31-11-52.

(a) The department shall establish procedures and standards for certifying and recertifying paramedics and cardiac technicians. An applicant for initial certification as a paramedic or a cardiac technician ~~must~~ shall:

(1) Submit a completed application on a form to be prescribed by the department, which shall include evidence that the applicant is 18 years of age or older and is of good moral character;

(2) Submit from the department a notarized statement that the applicant has completed a training course approved by the department;

(3) Submit to the department a fee as set forth in the regulations of the department; and

(4) Meet such other requirements as are set forth in the rules and regulations of the department.

(b) The department shall also adopt procedures and standards for its approval of paramedic training courses and cardiac technician training courses. The department shall adopt such regulations after consultation with appropriate public and private agencies and organizations concerned with medical education and the practice of medicine. Procedures and standards adopted by the department shall be consistent with the purposes and provisions of this chapter.

(c) An applicant convicted of a felony more than five but less than ten years prior to

application shall not be disqualified for certification, provided that such applicant has:

(1) Successfully completed a training program approved by the department and sponsored by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Code Section 42-5-57; and

(2) Met all other requirements as set forth in this chapter.

(d) The department, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may provisionally operate within their scope of practice and training for a period of 12 months without meeting the requirements provided for in paragraphs (2) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section. The program established pursuant to this subsection shall not conflict with or supplant Code Section 38-3-71 or Georgia's status as a member of the EMS Interstate Compact.

(e) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 12 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 1-3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 31-11-53, relating to services which may be rendered by certified emergency medical technicians and trainees, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(c) The department, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may provisionally operate within their scope of practice and training without additional training, experience, or examination for a period of up to 12 months. During such 12 month period, such individual may apply for certification at the appropriate level. The program established pursuant to this subsection shall not conflict with or supplant Code Section 38-3-71 or Georgia's status as a member of the EMS Interstate Compact.

(d) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 12 months of seeking certification pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 1-4.

Article 2 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensed practical nurses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-26-36, relating to application for licensure and examination, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(c) Notwithstanding Code Section 43-1-35, or any other provision of law, the board, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may provisionally operate within their scope of practice and training for a period of 12 months without meeting the requirements provided for in paragraphs (3), (5), and (6) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(d) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'military medical personnel' means an individual who has, within 12 months of seeking licensure pursuant to this Code section, served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nurses, is amended in Code Section 43-26-3, relating to definitions relative to nurses, by revising paragraphs (1) and (1.1) as follows:

"(1) 'Advanced nursing practice' means practice in a population focus by a registered professional nurse who is licensed by the board under this article or who holds a multistate license under Article 4 of this chapter who meets those educational, practice, certification requirements, or any combination of such requirements as specified in Code Section 43-26-7.1 and established by the board, and includes certified nurse midwives, certified nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists and clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric/mental health, and others recognized by the board.

(1.1) 'Advanced practice registered nurse' means:

(A) A person ~~a registered professional nurse~~ who is licensed by the board ~~under this article or who holds a multistate license under Article 4 of this chapter, who is recognized by the board~~ as having met the requirements as specified in Code Section 43-26-7.1 and established by the board to engage in advanced nursing practice~~, and who holds a master's degree or other graduate degree from an approved nursing education program and national board certification in his or her area of specialty,~~ within one of the following roles: a certified nurse midwife, a certified nurse practitioner, a certified registered nurse anesthetist, or a clinical nurse specialist or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health; or

(B) A ~~a~~ person who was recognized as an advanced practice registered nurse by the board on or before June 30, 2006.

This paragraph shall not be construed to require a certified registered nurse anesthetist who graduated from an approved nurse anesthetist educational program prior to January 1, 1999, to hold a master's degree or other graduate degree. Further, this paragraph shall not be construed to require a registered professional nurse who holds a multistate license under Article 4 of this chapter authorizing such nurse to practice in another party state under a multistate licensure privilege to obtain a single-state license from the board as a condition of receiving ~~authorization~~ licensure by the board to practice in this state as an advanced practice registered nurse."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-26-7.1.

(a) On and after September 1, 2025, any applicant who meets the requirements of this Code section shall be eligible for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse.

(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an applicant for initial licensure to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse shall:

(A) Submit a completed written application and fee;

(B) Be currently licensed by the board as a registered professional nurse or hold a multistate license under Article 4 of this chapter;

(C) Have completed an accredited graduate or postgraduate level advanced practice registered nursing program in one of the four roles specified under subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1.1) of Code Section 43-26-3 and in at least one population focus;

(D) Be currently certified by a national certifying body recognized by the board in an advanced practice registered nursing program in a role and population focus appropriate for educational preparation;

(E) Have satisfactory results from a fingerprint record check report conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as determined by the board. Application for licensure under this subsection shall constitute express consent and authorization for the board to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for licensure agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such criminal background check; and

(F) Meet such other criteria as established by the board.

(2) A person who is authorized by the board to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse as of September 1, 2025, shall by operation of law be automatically licensed to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse on such date.

(c) An applicant for reinstatement of licensure who has previously held a valid advanced practice registered nurse license in Georgia or authorization to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in Georgia prior to September 1, 2025, shall:

(1) Submit a completed written application and fee;

(2) Meet continuing competency requirements as established by the board;

(3) Have satisfactory results from a fingerprint record check report conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as determined by the board. Application for reinstatement of licensure under this subsection shall constitute express consent and authorization for the board to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for reinstatement of licensure agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such criminal background check; and

(4) Meet such other criteria as established by the board."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-26-9, relating to biennial renewal of nursing licenses, continuing competency requirements, voluntary surrender or failure to renew license, and restoration and reissuance of license, as follows:

"43-26-9.

(a) Licenses issued under this article shall be renewed biennially according to schedules and fees approved by the board.

(b) A renewed license shall be issued to a registered professional nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed undergraduate nurse who remits the required fee and complies with requirements established by the board.

~~(b.1)~~(c) Beginning with the 2016 license renewal cycle, an applicant for license renewal as a registered professional nurse under this article shall meet one of the following continuing competency requirements during the previous licensure period:

(1) Completion of 30 continuing education hours by a board approved provider;

(2) Maintenance of certification or recertification by a national certifying body recognized by the board;

(3) Completion of an accredited academic program of study in nursing or a related field, as recognized by the board;

(4) Verification of competency by a health care facility or entity licensed under Chapter 7 of Title 31 or operated exclusively by the federal government or any of its agencies or by a physician's office that is part of a health system and at least 500 hours practiced as evidenced by employer certification on a form approved by the board; or

(5) Other activities as prescribed and approved by the board that show competency in the nursing field.

Failure to meet the minimum continuing competency requirement for renewal of a license shall be grounds for denial of a renewal application. The board may waive or modify the requirements contained in this subsection in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the board, in its discretion, deems appropriate. An applicant who is renewing a license for the first time shall not be required to meet the requirements of this subsection until the time of the second renewal if the applicant's initial license period is six months or less.

~~(c)~~(d) The voluntary surrender of a license or the failure to renew a license by the end of an established penalty period shall have the same effect as a revocation of said license, subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the board. The board may restore and reissue a license and, as a condition thereof, may impose any disciplinary sanction provided by Code Section 43-1-19 or 43-26-11."

SECTION 2-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-26-10, relating to practicing as a registered professional nurse without a license prohibited, as follows:

"43-26-10.

It shall be a misdemeanor for any person, including any corporation, association, or individual, to:

(1) Practice nursing as a registered professional nurse~~,~~ or advanced practice registered nurse without a valid, current license, except as otherwise permitted under Code Section 43-26-12;
(2) Practice nursing as a registered professional nurse or advanced practice registered nurse under cover of any diploma, license, or record illegally or fraudulently obtained, signed, or issued;
(3) Practice nursing as a registered professional nurse or advanced practice registered nurse during the time the license is suspended, revoked, surrendered, or administratively revoked for failure to renew;
(4) Use any words, abbreviations, figures, letters, title, sign, card, or device implying that such person is a registered professional nurse or advanced practice registered nurse unless such person is duly licensed or recognized by the board so to practice under the provisions of this article;
(5) Fraudulently furnish a license to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse or advanced practice registered nurse;
(6) Knowingly employ any person to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse or advanced practice registered nurse who is not a registered professional nurse or advanced practice registered nurse;
(7) Conduct a nursing education program preparing persons to practice nursing as registered professional nurses unless the program has been approved by the board; or
(8) Knowingly aid or abet any person to violate this article."

SECTION 2-5.

Said chapter is further amendment by revising Code Section 43-26-13, relating to certain information given to the board by licenses, as follows:

"43-26-13.

(a) A licensee may, in lieu of providing his or her home address, provide the board a legitimate business address for purposes of the public information made available by the board with regard to licensed registered professional nurses.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any reference to a rural hospital organization in this chapter shall also include any hospital located in any county that satisfies the definition of rural hospital organization in Code Section 31-8-9.1."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others filed the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 449 *(LC 36 5861S)* by:

Striking lines 113-262 and renumbering the trailing sections accordingly.

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 449.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
E Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	N Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 449.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

03-28-24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 449. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Walker III of the 20th

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 373. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-10A-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy, so as to provide for the issuance of expedited licenses by endorsement for marriage and family therapists; to provide a definition; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 373:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing provisions relative to professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to revise a definition; to change certain education requirements for licensure as a professional counselor or associate professional counselor; to provide for the issuance of expedited licenses by endorsement for marriage and family therapists; to provide a definition; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing provisions relative to professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, is amended by revising paragraph (20) of Code Section 43-10A-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(20) 'Supervisor' means a person who meets the licensure and other requirements established by the standards committee for that specialty which is being supervised ~~and who is either licensed under this article or is a psychiatrist or a psychologist~~."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 43-10A-11, relating to requirements for licensure as an associate professional counselor or professional counselor, as follows:

"43-10A-11.

(a) The education, experience, and training requirements for licensure in professional counseling are as follows:

(1) For licensure as an associate professional counselor:

(A) A minimum of an earned master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited program in clinical counseling or counseling psychology that consists of at least 60 semester hours or ~~80~~ 90 quarter hours with an approved supervised internship or practicum that is primarily counseling in content as a part of the degree program; and

(B) Registration with the board of an acceptable contract for obtaining the post-degree experience under direction and supervision that is required for licensure as a professional counselor.

(2) For licensure as a professional counselor:

(A)~~(i)~~ A minimum of an earned master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited program in clinical counseling or counseling psychology that consists of at least 60 semester hours or ~~80~~ 90 quarter hours with an approved supervised internship or practicum that is primarily counseling in content as a part of the degree program; and

~~(ii)~~(B) Two years of post-degree experience under direction and supervision in a work setting acceptable to the board~~; or~~

~~(B) A doctoral degree from a recognized educational institution in a program that is primarily counseling in content and requires at least one year of supervised internship in a work setting acceptable to the board~~.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this Code section, work settings acceptable to the board may include, but are not limited to, educational, rehabilitation, career development, mental health, or community organizations.

(c) Only a person licensed as an associate professional counselor may use the title 'associate professional counselor' or 'licensed associate professional counselor.' Associate professional counselors shall practice professional counseling only under direction and supervision and only for a period not to exceed five years while obtaining the post-degree experience required for licensure as a professional counselor."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 43-10A-13, relating to requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the board shall issue an expedited license by endorsement to any individual seeking licensure as a marriage and family therapist who:

(A) Completes an application for licensure and pays all applicable fees;

(B) Holds a current, valid, and unrestricted license to practice as a marriage and family therapist issued by another state;

(C) Is in good standing in such other state and is not the subject of an investigation or a disciplinary proceeding being conducted by a professional licensing board in such other state;

(D) Does not have a disqualifying criminal record; and

(E) Has been verified to have a lawful presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1.

(2) An expedited license by endorsement provided for in paragraph (1) of this

subsection shall be issued no later than 30 days from the date of receipt of an application and information and documents that show that all of the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection have been met. Such application for an expedited license by endorsement shall only require such information and documentation necessary to verify that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) This subsection shall not be used to grant an expedited license by endorsement to an associate marriage and family therapist.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'another state' or 'other state' means a state of the United States other than this state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 373.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
E Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 373.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 195. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Ginn of the 47th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, and Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces, and to enact statutes to facilitate licensure of transitioning service members, military spouses, and other qualified individuals who have certifications from or work experience in the military or licenses from or work experience in another state under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 195:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-1-35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces, so as to shorten the time frame in which such licenses shall be issued once all requirements are met; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date: to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 43-1-35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) An expedited license by endorsement shall be issued no later than ~~90~~ 30 days from the date of receipt of an application and information and documents that show that all of the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section have been met. Such application shall only require such information and documentation necessary to verify that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Walker III of the 20th filed the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 195 (LC 46 0655S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:
To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, and Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces, and to enact statutes to facilitate licensure of service members and their spouses who have certifications from or work experience in the military or licenses from or work experience in another state under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for criteria to obtain an expedited license by endorsement to practice a profession, business, or trade in this state; to provide for such license to be issued within a certain time frame from the date of application; to provide that such licensees are subject to this state's laws and the jurisdiction of the respective professional licensing board or other board; to provide for licenses by endorsement for certain professions other than firefighters, healthcare providers, and law enforcement officers; to establish qualifications for such licenses by endorsement; to provide for exceptions and applicability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Freedom to Work Act."

SECTION 2.
Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by repealing Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, in its entirety and enacting a new Code Section 43-1-34 to read as follows:
"43-1-34.
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
(1) 'License' means a document, permit, certificate of registration, or other authorization issued by or on behalf of a professional licensing board or other board that is required under this title for a person to engage in a profession, business, or trade or an occupational specialty, certification, or other document earned in the military.
(2) 'Military' means the United States armed forces, including the air force, army, coast guard, marine corps, navy, space force, national guard, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. Such term also includes the military reserves and militia of any United

States territory or state.

(3) 'Other board' means a board created pursuant to this title that is not a professional licensing board in this state.

(4) 'Scope of practice' means the procedures, actions, processes, and work that a person may perform under an occupational license.

(5) 'Service member' means an active duty member of the regular or reserve component of the United States military.

(6) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, or any branch or unit of the military.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other board shall issue an expedited license by endorsement to a service member or spouse of a service member upon application who:

(1) Holds a current and valid license to practice a profession, business, or trade issued by another state for an occupation with a similar scope of practice in this state, as determined by a professional licensing board or other board;

(2) Has held such license for at least one year;

(3) Is in good standing in such other state and whose license has not been revoked, suspended, or surrendered because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to such person's work in the profession, business, or trade;

(4) Does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending before a governmental entity in another state which relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime; provided, however, that, if such person has a pending complaint, allegation, or investigation, a professional licensing board or other board shall not issue or deny a license in this state until such complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved. In such instance, the licensing board or other board shall consult with such other state;

(5) Does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the professional licensing board or other board;

(6) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession, business, or trade for which such expedited license by endorsement is being sought; and

(7) Pays all applicable fees required by the professional licensing board or other board in this state.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other board shall issue an expedited license to a service member or spouse of a service member upon application based on work experience in another state if all of the following apply:

(1) Such service member or spouse worked in a profession, business, or trade in another state that does not require a license to regulate such occupation, but this state requires a license for an occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by a professional licensing board or other board;

(2) Such service member or spouse worked in such profession, business, or trade in

another state for at least three years; and

(3) Such service member or spouse satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (4) through (7) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) An expedited license shall be issued no later than 30 days from the date of receipt of an application and information and documents that show that all of the requirements of subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section have been met. Such application shall only require such information and documentation necessary to verify that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section.

(e) An applicant who is refused a license under this Code section may not apply again on an expedited basis for the same license.

(f) A license issued under this Code section is valid only in this state. Such license does not make the licensee eligible to work in another state under an interstate licensure compact or reciprocity agreement, unless otherwise provided by law.

(g) A person who obtains a license under this Code section is subject to the laws of this state and the jurisdiction of the respective professional licensing board or other board in this state.

(h) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any interstate licensure compact entered into by this state."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces, in its entirety and enacting a new Code Section 43-1-35 to read as follows:

"43-1-35.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Firefighter' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 45-9-81.

(2) 'Healthcare provider' means any physician or other person licensed or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish healthcare services, including any dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, pharmacist, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, clinical social worker, registered professional nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, registered optician, physical therapist, chiropractor, physician assistant, cardiac technician, emergency medical technician, or paramedic.

(3) 'Law enforcement officer' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 45-9-81.

(4) 'License' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

(5) 'Other board' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

(6) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other board shall issue a license by endorsement to any individual seeking licensure for a profession other than that of a firefighter, healthcare provider, or a law enforcement officer, provided that such individual has:

(1) Moved from another state and established residency in this state;
(2) Holds a current license to practice such occupation or profession issued by another state prior to establishing residency in this state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state to obtain a license;
(3) Is in good standing in such other state and is not the subject of an investigation or a disciplinary proceeding being conducted by a professional licensing board or other board in such other state; and
(4) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession, business, or trade for which such license by endorsement is being sought.

(c) Subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be used to grant a license by endorsement of a firefighter, healthcare provider, or law enforcement officer to any individual.
(d) An application for a license by endorsement shall only require such information and documentation necessary to verify that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this Code section.
(f) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to be applicable to a license or admission to practice law in this state.
(g) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia or to permit the issuance of a license without verification under Code Section 50-36-1."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 43-50-42, relating to issuance and renewal of temporary license for transitioning service members.

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on March 1, 2024.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Strickland of the 17th filed the following amendment #2:

Amend the House substitute to SB 195 (LC 46 0655S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:
To amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to create a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make an application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; to provide for definitions; to require certain licensing authorities to provide evidence to support adverse licensing decisions based on criminal convictions; to require a hearing prior to denying certain applicants on the basis of an individual's criminal

record; to establish findings that shall be made and evidence that shall and shall not be considered prior to refusing to grant certain licenses based on certain criminal convictions; to allow an applicant to submit his or her own criminal record when applying for certain licenses; to provide for reapplication for licensure; to authorize and provide a process and requirements for predetermination decisions; to require certain licensure application information be included in certain applications and posted on a public website; to require certain annual reports concerning certain applications, predeterminations, and conviction records be filed with the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training, so as to provide for the reporting of guilty pleas taken under the "Georgia First Offender Act" to obtain employment as a fire fighter; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"43-1-1.

As used in this title, the term:

(1) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of such finding, verdict, or plea has been sought.

(2) 'Covered misdemeanor' shall mean any:

(A) Misdemeanor conviction in the five years prior to the submission of the licensing application; and

(B) Misdemeanor conviction listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37, irrespective of the date of such conviction.

~~(1)~~(3) 'Division' means the professional licensing boards division created under Code Section 43-1-2.

~~(2)~~(4) 'Division director' means the individual appointed by the Secretary of State as director of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) 'Felony' means any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere.

~~(3)~~(6) 'Professional licensing board' means any board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the executive branch of state government which is created for the purpose of licensing or otherwise regulating or controlling any profession, business, or trade and which is placed by law under the jurisdiction of the division director ~~of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State~~."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A professional licensing board shall have the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant therefor or to revoke the license of a person licensed by that board or to discipline a person licensed by that board, upon a finding by a majority of the entire board that the licensee or applicant has:

(1) Failed to demonstrate the qualifications or standards for a license contained in this Code section, or under the laws, rules, or regulations under which licensure is sought or held; it shall be incumbent upon the applicant to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that he or she meets all the requirements for the issuance of a license, and, if the board is not satisfied as to the applicant's qualifications, it may deny a license without a prior hearing; provided, however, that the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so desires;

(2) Knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title or on any document connected therewith; practiced fraud or deceit or intentionally made any false statement in obtaining a license to practice the licensed business or profession; or made a false statement or deceptive registration with the board;

(3) Been convicted of ~~any~~ a directly related felony or a directly related covered misdemeanor ~~or of any crime involving moral turpitude~~ in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States~~; as used in this paragraph, paragraph (4) of this subsection, and subsection (q) of this Code section, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph and subsection (q) of this Code section, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;~~. The professional licensing board shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision. Before the professional licensing board may deny an applicant a license due to his or her criminal record, such applicant shall be entitled to a hearing before the professional licensing board in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act';

~~(4)(A) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony, or any crime involving moral turpitude, when:~~

~~(i) A sentence for such offense was imposed pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or another state's first offender laws;~~

~~(ii) A sentence for such offense was imposed pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2;~~

~~(iii) A sentence for such offense was imposed as a result of a plea of nolo contendere; or~~

~~(iv) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on~~

~~the charge.~~

~~(B) An order entered pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2, Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or another state's first offender treatment order shall be conclusive evidence of an arrest and sentencing for such offense;~~

~~(5)~~(4) Had his or her license to practice a business or profession licensed under this title revoked, suspended, or annulled by any lawful licensing authority other than the board; had other disciplinary action taken against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board; was denied a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings; or was refused the renewal of a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings;

~~(6)~~(5) Engaged in any unprofessional, immoral, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public that materially affects the fitness of the licensee or applicant to practice a business or profession licensed under this title or is of a nature likely to jeopardize the interest of the public; such conduct or practice need not have resulted in actual injury to any person ~~or~~ but must be directly related to the practice of the licensed business or profession ~~but shows~~ and show that the licensee or applicant has committed any act or omission which is indicative of ~~bad moral character or~~ untrustworthiness and which makes the licensee or applicant currently likely to harm the public. Such conduct or practice shall also include any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal reasonable standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of the business or profession licensed under this title;

~~(7)~~(6) Knowingly performed any act which in any way aids, assists, procures, advises, or encourages any unlicensed person or any licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked by a professional licensing board to practice a business or profession licensed under this title or to practice outside the scope of any disciplinary limitation placed upon the licensee by the board;

~~(8)~~(7) Violated a statute, law, or any rule or regulation of this state, any other state, the professional licensing board regulating the business or profession licensed under this title, the United States, or any other lawful authority without regard to whether the violation is criminally punishable when such statute, law, or rule or regulation relates to or in part regulates the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title and when the licensee or applicant knows or should know that such action violates such statute, law, or rule; or violated a lawful order of the board previously entered by the board in a disciplinary hearing, consent decree, or license reinstatement;

~~(9)~~(8) Been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction within or outside this state; any such adjudication shall automatically suspend the license of any such person and shall prevent the reissuance or renewal of any license so suspended for so long as the adjudication of incompetence is in effect;

~~(10)~~(9) Displayed an inability to practice a business or profession licensed under this title with reasonable skill and safety to the public or has become unable to practice the licensed business or profession with reasonable skill and safety to the public by reason of illness or the use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of

material; or

~~(11)~~(10) Failed to comply with an order for child support as defined by Code Section 19-11-9.3; it shall be incumbent upon the applicant or licensee to supply a notice of release to the board from the child support agency within the Department of Human Services indicating that the applicant or licensee has come into compliance with an order for child support so that a license may be issued or granted if all other conditions for licensure are met."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (j) as follows:

"(j) Neither the issuance of a private reprimand nor the denial of a license by reciprocity ~~nor the denial of a request for reinstatement of a revoked license nor the refusal to issue a previously denied license~~ shall be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; notice and hearing within the meaning of such chapter shall not be required, but the applicant or licensee shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so requests. A board may resolve a pending action by the issuance of a letter of concern. Such letter shall not be considered a disciplinary action or a contested case under Chapter 13 of Title 50 and shall not be disclosed to any person except the licensee or applicant."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (q) as follows:

"(q)(1) Notwithstanding ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (3) ~~and (4)~~ of subsection (a) of this Code section or any other provision of law, ~~and unless~~ the professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of such occupation, after considering the criteria in paragraph (2) of this subsection. Without finding a direct and substantial risk to public safety and a direct relationship between the conviction and the licensed occupation, no professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an applicant therefor or shall revoke the license of an individual licensed by that board due solely or in part to such applicant's or licensee's:

(A) Conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States;

(B) Arrest, charge, and sentence for the commission of such offense;

(C) Sentence for such offense pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or another

state's first offender laws;

(D) Sentence for such offense pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2;

(E) Sentence for such offense as a result of a plea of nolo contendere;

(F) Adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered; or

(G) Being under supervision by a community supervision officer, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-3-1, for a conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States, so long as such individual was not convicted of a felony violation of Chapter 5 of Title 16 nor convicted of a crime requiring registration on the state sexual offender registry.

(2) In determining if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the professional licensing board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor and the direct relationship of ~~such felony or crime involving moral turpitude~~ the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held~~.~~, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(3) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license, the professional licensing board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(iii) Aggravated assault;

(iv) Aggravated robbery;

(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(vi) Arson;

(vii) Carjacking;

(viii) Kidnapping; or

(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no professional licensing board may apply a vague character standard to licensure decisions or predeterminations, including, but not limited to, 'good moral character,' 'moral turpitude,' or 'character and fitness.'

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a professional licensing board shall provide individualized consideration of an individual's criminal record and shall not automatically deny licensure on the basis of the individual's criminal record.

(6)(A) If an applicant's criminal record includes issues that will or may prevent the board from issuing a license to the applicant, the board shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the specific issues in sufficient time for the applicant to provide additional documentation supporting the application before the board's final decision to deny the application. After receiving notice of any potential issue with licensure due to his or her criminal convictions, an applicant shall have 30 days to respond by correcting any inaccuracy in the criminal record or by submitting additional evidence of mitigation or rehabilitation for the board's consideration, or both.

(B) For the professional licensing board to deny a license on the basis of the applicant's criminal convictions, the board shall first provide an opportunity for a hearing for such applicant in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The applicant shall have the opportunity at such hearing to present the written or oral testimony of character witnesses, including, but not limited to, family members, friends, prospective employers, probation or parole

officers, and rehabilitation counselors. The professional licensing board shall issue a decision within 60 days of the complete submission of the issues for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(C) The professional licensing board shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence, after a hearing, that an applicant's criminal record supports any adverse licensing decision. If the board denies an applicant a license by reason of the applicant's criminal record, the board shall:

(i) Make written findings specifying any of the applicant's convictions and the factors provided for in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly relevant and explaining the basis and rationale for the denial. Such written findings shall be signed by the board's presiding officer and shall note the applicant's right to appeal and explain the applicant's ability to reapply. No applicant shall be restricted from reapplying for licensure for more than two years from the date of the most recent application;

(ii) Provide or serve a signed copy of the written findings to the applicant within 60 days of the denial; and

(iii) Retain a signed copy of the written findings for no less than five years.

(D) The denial of a license in part or in whole because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a license, the professional licensing board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought.

(7)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition a professional licensing board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether such individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection. Such petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(D) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the professional licensing board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational license, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner

from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The professional licensing board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to offer written or oral testimony of character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the professional licensing board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the professional licensing board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation.

(8) Each professional licensing board shall include in its application for licensure and on its public website all of the following information:

(A) Whether the board requires applicants to consent to a criminal record check;

(B) The direct relationship standard provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection and those factors provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection that the board shall consider when making a determination of licensure;

(C) The criminal record disclosure provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection;

(D) The appeals process pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' if the board denies or revokes licensure in whole or in part because of a criminal conviction; and

(E) The predetermination petition process, standards, and application, as well as the process for appealing an adverse predetermination pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(9) No later than March 31 each year, each occupational licensing board shall file with the Secretary of State an annual report containing information from the previous year as to:

(A) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number of licenses granted;

(B) The number of applicants with a criminal record and, of that number, the number of licenses granted, denied a license for any reason, and denied due to a conviction or state supervision status;

(C) The number of predetermination petitioners and, of that number, the number deemed eligible for a license and the number deemed ineligible for a license;

(D) The racial and ethnic distribution of licensing applicants, including the racial and ethnic distribution of applicants with a criminal record; and

(E) The racial and ethnic distribution of licensing applicants with a criminal record granted a license, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license due to a conviction or state supervision status."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-27, relating to requirement that licensee notify licensing authority of felony conviction, as follows:

"43-1-27.

Any licensed individual who is convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, territory, or country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the appropriate licensing authority of the conviction within ten days of the conviction. The failure of a licensed individual to notify the appropriate licensing authority of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license, permit, registration, certification, or other authorization to conduct a licensed profession."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Code Section 43-3-21, relating to revocation or refusal to grant or renew accountant's licenses, by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Had been convicted of any directly related felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state, any other state, a territory, or a country or in the courts of the United States. As used in this paragraph, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means and includes a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;

(B) 'Felony' means and includes any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere.

(4)(A) Had been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 when:

(i) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or

(ii) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge, except with respect to a plea of nolo contendere.

(B) An order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere;"

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"43-3-21.1.

(a) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21, the board of accountancy shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of public accountancy. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of accountancy shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(b) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license due to criminal record, the accountancy board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(4) A juvenile adjudication;
(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(A) A criminal sexual act;
(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(C) Aggravated assault;
(D) Aggravated robbery;
(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(F) Arson;
(G) Carjacking;
(H) Kidnapping; or
(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

43-3-21.2.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the accountancy board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.
(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 43-3-21.1. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21.1. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21.1 the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-3-27, relating to notification by an individual issued a license or certification as an accountant of conviction, time limit, and

suspension, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Any individual issued a license or certification under this chapter or providing services under substantial equivalency practice privileges and convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, any other state, or any other country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the board of such conviction within 30 days of such conviction. The failure of such individual to notify the board of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license or other authorization issued pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-10-20, relating to the teaching of barbering or the practice of a cosmetologist in prisons and certification of registration, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The board shall be required to test an inmate who is an applicant for a certificate or registration under this chapter who has completed successfully a barber or cosmetologist training program operated by the Department of Corrections and who meets the requirements stated in Code Section 43-10-9. If such inmate passes the applicable written and practical examinations, the board may issue the appropriate certificate of registration to such inmate after consideration of all requirements under Code Sections 43-10-9 and 43-1-19; provided, however, that the board shall not apply the provisions of paragraph ~~(4)~~ (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-1-19 to such inmate based solely upon such person's status as an inmate and shall apply such provisions in the same manner as would otherwise be applicable to an applicant who is not an inmate."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-47, relating to refusal to grant, or revocation of licenses by the Board of Dentistry, disciplining licensees, subpoenas, judicial review, investigations, immunity, failure to appear, and voluntary surrender, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(4) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony, or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, where~~:~~

~~(A) A~~ a plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge~~;~~.

~~(B) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or~~

~~(C) An adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.~~

The plea of nolo contendere ~~or the order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or other first offender treatment~~ shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;"

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-47, relating to refusal to grant, or revocation of, licenses by the Board of Dentistry, disciplining licensees, subpoenas, judicial review, investigations, immunity, failure to appear, and voluntary surrender, by adding two

new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the board of dentistry shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of dentistry. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of dentistry shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(6) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, a first offender adjudication, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in Code section 35-3-37(j)(4); or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(iii) Aggravated assault;

(iv) Aggravated robbery;

(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(vi) Arson;

(vii) Carjacking;

(viii) Kidnapping; or

(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(a.2)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of dentistry at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (6) subsection (a.1) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a.1) of this Code section and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (6) of subsection (a.1) of this Code section. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal

or written support. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the professional licensing board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a.1) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-71, relating to qualifications of applicants for license and criminal background check, by revising subsection (a) and by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a) No person shall be entitled to or be issued such license as set out in Code Section 43-11-70 unless such person is at least 18 years of age~~, of good moral character,~~ and a graduate of a dental hygiene program recognized by the board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (ADA) or its successor agency which is operated by a school or college accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education whose curriculum is at least two academic years of courses at the appropriate level and at the completion of which an associate or baccalaureate degree is awarded.

(b) Application for a license under Code Section 43-11-70 shall constitute consent for performance of a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for licensure agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including but not limited to classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, the board of dentistry shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction

directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of a dental hygienist. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of dentistry shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(6) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(d)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of dentistry at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subparagraph (c)(6)(F) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (c) of this Code section and shall not consider any offenses falling under subparagraph (c)(6)(F) of this Code section. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the professional licensing board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or

the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (c) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-46, relating to grounds for denial or revocation of license or registration and other discipline for funeral directors and embalmers, as follows:

"43-18-46.

In addition to the authority and provided in Code Section 43-1-19, the board may refuse to grant a license to operate a funeral establishment or to practice embalming or funeral directing, may refuse to grant a registration to serve as an apprentice, or may revoke, suspend, fine, or otherwise discipline a licensee or registrant upon any of the following grounds:

(1) The employment of fraud or deception in applying for a license or registration or in passing the examination provided for in this article;

(2) Issuance of a license or registration through error;

~~(3) Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;~~

~~(4)~~(3) The practice of embalming or funeral directing under a false name or the impersonation of another embalmer, funeral director, or apprentice of a like or different name;

~~(5)~~(4) The making of a false statement or representation regarding the qualifications, training, or experience of any applicant;

~~(6)~~(5) The making of a misrepresentation of any kind regarding any funeral merchandise;

~~(7)~~(6) Directly or indirectly, by gifts or otherwise, committing the offense of buying business or paying a commission or making gifts, directly or indirectly, for the purpose

of securing business to any physician or hospital, or to any institution where death occurs, or to any hospital superintendent, nurse, intern, or employee of any hospital, nursing home, or other institution where death occurs; or to any coroner or other government official;

~~(8)~~(7) Gross or willful malpractice or gross neglect in the practice of embalming, funeral directing, or cremating;

~~(9)~~(8) Signing a death certificate as having embalmed or prepared a body for burial or preservation when in fact someone else performed such embalming or preparation;

~~(10)~~(9) Interfering, either directly or indirectly, with a licensed embalmer or funeral director having legal charge of a dead human body;

~~(11)~~(10) Using any statements that mislead or deceive the public including, but not limited to, false or misleading statements regarding a legal or cemetery requirement, funeral merchandise, funeral services, or in the operation of a funeral establishment;

~~(12)~~(11) Failing to fulfill the terms of a funeral service contract;

~~(13)~~(12) Disregarding a decedent's dignity, right to privacy, or right to confidentiality unless compelled by law to do otherwise;

~~(14)~~(13) Using profane, indecent, or obscene language in the presence of a dead human body, or within the immediate hearing of the family or relatives of a deceased, whose body has not yet been interred or otherwise disposed;

~~(15)~~(14) Failing to turn assigned benefits in excess of charges incurred over to the assignee of the deceased within ten working days of receipt of the assigned funds;

~~(16)~~(15) Refusing to surrender promptly the custody of a dead human body upon the express order of the person lawfully entitled to the custody;

~~(17)~~(16) Failing to have the charges rendered to be in compliance with those listed in the funeral establishment general price list, the casket price list, the outer burial container list, or the funeral service contract price list;

~~(18)~~(17) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to practice under this article;

~~(19)~~(18) Promoting or participating in a burial society, burial association, burial certificate plan, or burial membership plan;

~~(20)~~(19) Soliciting, as defined in paragraph (21) of Code Section 43-18-1;

~~(21)~~(20) Presenting a false certification of work done by an apprentice or as an apprentice;

~~(22)~~(21) Willfully violating any state law or regulation; Federal Trade Commission law or regulation; Occupational Safety and Health Administration law or regulation; Department of Public Health law or regulation; Environmental Protection Agency law or regulation; or municipal or county ordinance or regulation that affects the handling, custody, care, or transportation of dead human bodies, including, but not limited to, the disposal of equipment, residual fluids, or medical wastes;

~~(23)~~(22) Knowingly making any misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representation in the practice of funeral directing or embalming or in any document connected therewith;

~~(24)~~(23) Discriminating in the provision of services because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, or national origin;

~~(25)~~(24) Failing to safeguard all personal properties that were obtained from dead human remains and failing to dispose of same as directed by a legally authorized person;
~~(26)~~(25) Failing to refund moneys due as a result of overpayment by an insurance company or other third party;
~~(27)~~(26) Engaging in any unprofessional, immoral, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public~~, which conduct or practice~~ that materially affects the fitness of the licensee or registrant to practice in the funeral business, or is of a nature likely to jeopardize the interest of the general public, ~~which conduct or practice~~ and that need not have resulted in actual injury to any person or be directly related to the practice of funeral directing or embalming but shows that the person has committed any act or omission which is indicative of bad moral character or ~~untrustworthiness; unprofessional~~ untrustworthiness. Unprofessional conduct shall also include any departure from or failure to conform to the minimal reasonable standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of funeral services;
~~(28)~~(27) Engaging in any practice whereby a person who is both a funeral director and a coroner or who is both a funeral director and a minister presents that person as a funeral director to a legally authorized person when death is imminent or after death occurs prior to when the legally authorized person selects a funeral director or funeral establishment which will handle the dead human body;
~~(29)~~(28) Practicing embalming or funeral directing or operating a funeral establishment or crematory prior to the board's having approved an application for licensure; or
~~(30)~~(29) Failing to satisfy the funeral director in full and continuous charge requirements as set out in Code Section 43-18-71 or funeral establishment requirements as set out in Code Section 43-18-70."

SECTION 2-9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-24A-9, relating to provisional permits for massage therapists, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A provisional permit to practice as a provisionally permitted massage therapist shall, upon proper application, be issued for a six-month period to an applicant who meets the following criteria:

(1) Holds and maintains a valid license as a massage therapist in another state;

(2) Is not a resident of this state as confirmed in a secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2;

(3) Has not had a license or permit to practice as a massage therapist voided, revoked, suspended, denied, or annulled by this state or another state, territory, or jurisdiction; and

(4) Has not been convicted of a directly related felony in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including, but not limited to, a plea of nolo contendere entered to such charge ~~or the affording of first offender treatment to any such charge~~ in the same manner as provided in ~~paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of~~ subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'felony' shall have the same meaning a provided in Code Section

43-1-1."

SECTION 2-10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-26-11, relating to denial or revocation of licenses and other discipline under the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act," by revising paragraph (1) as follows:

"(1) Been convicted of any directly related felony~~, crime involving moral turpitude,~~ or directly related crime violating a federal or state law relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including but not limited to a plea of nolo contendere entered to the charge~~,~~; provided, however, that such conviction shall be evaluated as provided by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19; or"

SECTION 2-11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-26-40, relating to refusal to grant license and revocation of registered practical nurses licenses and disciplining of licensees, as follows:

"43-26-40.

(a) In addition to the authority granted in Code Section 43-1-19, the board shall have the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant, to revoke the license of a licensee, or to discipline a licensee upon a finding by the board that the applicant or licensee has:

(1) Been convicted of a directly related felony~~, a crime involving moral turpitude,~~ or any directly related crime violating a federal or state law relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs or marijuana in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including, but not limited to, a plea of nolo contendere entered to the charge; provided, however, that such conviction shall be evaluated as provided by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19;

(2) Had a license to practice nursing revoked, suspended, or annulled by any lawful licensing authority, had other disciplinary action taken by any lawful licensing authority, or was denied a license by any lawful licensing authority;

(3) Engaged in any unprofessional, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public, which conduct or practice need not have resulted in actual injury to any person. As used in this paragraph, the term 'unprofessional conduct' includes the improper charting of medication and any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice;

(4) Violated or attempted to violate a law or any lawfully promulgated rule or regulation of this state, any other state, the board, the United States, or any other lawful authority, without regard to whether the violation is criminally punishable, which statute, law, or rule or regulation relates to or in part regulates the practice of nursing, when the licensee or applicant knows or should know that such action is violative of such law or rule;

(5) Violated a lawful order of the board previously entered by the board in a disciplinary hearing; or

(6) Displayed an inability to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse with reasonable skill and safety due to illness, use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other types of material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition:

(A) In enforcement of this paragraph, the board may, upon reasonable grounds, require a licensee or applicant to submit to a mental or physical examination by a board approved health care professional. The expense of such mental or physical examination shall be borne by the licensee or applicant. The results of such examination shall be admissible in any hearing before the board, notwithstanding any claim of privilege under contrary law or rule. Every person who is licensed to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this state, or an applicant for examination, endorsement, or reinstatement, shall be deemed to have given such person's consent to submit to such mental or physical examination and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of the results in any hearing before the board upon the grounds that the same constitutes a privileged communication. If a licensee or applicant fails to submit to such an examination when properly directed to do so by the board, unless such failure was due to circumstances beyond that person's control, the board may enter a final order upon proper notice, hearing, and proof of such refusal. Any licensee or applicant who is prohibited from practicing under this paragraph shall at reasonable intervals be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the board that such person can resume or begin to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse with reasonable skill and safety; and

(B) In enforcement of this paragraph, the board may, upon reasonable grounds, obtain any and all records relating to the mental or physical condition of a licensee or applicant, including psychiatric records; such records shall be admissible in any hearing before the board, notwithstanding any privilege under a contrary rule, law, or statute. Every person who is licensed in this state or who shall file an application for said license shall be deemed to have given such person's consent to the board's obtaining such records and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of such records in any hearing before the board upon the grounds that the same constitute a privileged communication.

(b) Neither denial of an initial license, the issuance of a private reprimand, the denial of a license by endorsement under Code Section 43-26-38, nor the denial of a request for reinstatement of a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee has failed to meet the minimum requirements shall be considered a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and notice and hearing within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50 shall not be required, but the applicant or licensee shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so requests.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, the denial of an initial license or the denial of a request for reinstatement of a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee is disqualified due to a criminal record shall be in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 43-1-19."

SECTION 2-12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-8, relating to the authority of the Composite Medical Board to refuse license, certificate, or permit medical professionals or to issue discipline, suspension, restoration, investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Been convicted of a felony in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, country, or of the United States. As used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction of a felony' shall include a conviction of an offense which if committed in this state would be deemed a felony under either state or federal law, without regard to its designation elsewhere. As used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilt, ~~a plea of guilty resulting in first offender status,~~ or a plea of nolo contendere in a criminal proceeding~~, regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon~~;"

SECTION 2-13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-8, relating to the authority of the Composite Medical Board to refuse license, certificate, or permit medical professionals or to issue discipline, suspension, restoration, investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3), (4), and (11) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the medical board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of medicine. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the medical board shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;
(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(6) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(D) A juvenile adjudication;
(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(a.2)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (a.1)(6) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a.1) of this subsection and shall not

consider any offenses falling under paragraph (a.1)(6) of this Code section. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational license, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in subsection (a.2) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-14.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-107, relating to termination of approval and revocation of licenses of physician assistants by the Composite Medical Board, notice and hearing, and sanctions, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The approval of a physician's utilization of a physician assistant may be terminated and the license revoked by the board when, after due notice and a hearing, in accordance with this Code section, it shall find that the assistant is incompetent or has committed unethical or immoral acts, including, but not limited to, holding himself or herself out or permitting another to represent him or her as a licensed physician; performing otherwise than at the direction of a physician approved by the board to utilize the assistant's services; habitually using intoxicants or drugs to such an extent that he or she is unable safely to perform as an assistant to the physician; or being convicted in any court, state or federal, of any felony or other ~~criminal offense involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor.

(2) The board shall recommend action to terminate and revoke on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a physician assistant. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a physician assistant, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the physician assistant;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(3) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board or investigator shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(D) A juvenile adjudication;
(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder."

SECTION 2-15.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-283, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics by the Composite Medical Board, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) Upon the filing of an application for a license, the board may cause a thorough investigation of the applicant to be made and such investigation may include a criminal background check; provided, however, that the board shall cause a thorough investigation of a new applicant to be made, and such investigation shall include a background check. If satisfied that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, the board shall issue a license. However, the board may issue licenses with varying restrictions to such persons where the board deems it necessary for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare.

(2) The board shall recommend action to deny licensure on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the administration of a pain management clinic. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the administration of a pain management clinic, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the licensee;
(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;
(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;
(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating

circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board."

SECTION 2-16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-34-284, relating to denial, suspension, and revocation of licenses of pain management clinics by the Composite Medical Board, as follows:

"43-34-284.

(a) In addition to the authority granted in Code Section 43-34-8, a license obtained pursuant to this article may be denied, suspended, or revoked by the board upon finding that the licensee or a physician practicing at a licensed pain management clinic has:

(1) Furnished false or fraudulent material information in any application filed under this chapter;

(2) Been convicted of a crime under any state or federal law relating to any controlled substance;

(3) Had his or her federal registration to prescribe, distribute, or dispense controlled substances suspended or revoked; or

(4) Violated the provisions of this chapter, Chapter 13 of Title 16, or Chapter 4 of Title 26.

(b) In determining whether to deny, suspend, or revoke a license based upon a criminal conviction or adjudication, the board shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the physician practicing at a licensed pain management clinic;

(2) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating

circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board."

SECTION 2-17.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-39A-14, relating to grant of licenses for appraisers by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor. The commission shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision.

(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:

(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or

(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence

imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The board shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for a licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the appraiser;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(F) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(i) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(ii) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(iii) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned; or

(iv) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.3) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person

may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of ~~a single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;

(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and

(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-18.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-40-15, relating to grant of licenses for brokers and salespersons by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this Code section, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or any crime involving ~~moral turpitude~~ a covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor. The commission shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision.

(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:

(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or

(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall

have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The commission shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for a licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of the license sought. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a broker or real estate salesperson, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the licensee;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(F) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(i) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(ii) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(iii) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned; or

(iv) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.3) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if

such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of a ~~single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;

(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and

(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-19.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-45-9, relating to examination for structural pest control operator certification by the Structural Pest Control Commission, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) All applicants for examination for certification as an operator must have a knowledge of the practical and scientific facts underlying the practice of structural pest control, control of wood-destroying organisms, and fumigation and the necessary knowledge and ability to recognize and control those hazardous conditions which may affect human life and health. The commission may refuse to examine anyone convicted of a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related felony or directly related covered misdemeanor.

(2) The commission shall refuse to examine an applicant on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an operator. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a pest control operator, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the operator;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;
(v) Education and training;
(vi) Employment history;
(vii) Employment aspirations;
(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(3) In determining whether to refuse to examine an applicant, the commission shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(D) A juvenile adjudication;
(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(4)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the commission at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for certification, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify such individual from obtaining a certification as an operator.
(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the commission to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to

submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the commission shall apply the direct relationship standard in paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The commission shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(D) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the commission only if the petitioner applies for certification, fulfills all other requirements for operator certification, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for certification.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from certification, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The commission may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of certification only after the commission has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The commission shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The commission shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the commission decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection the commission deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the commission's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the commission not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination

petition, the commission shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 20-2-982.1, relating to definitions relative to professional standards of teachers and other school personnel, to read as follows:

"(1.1) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of such finding, verdict, or plea has been sought."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-984.3, relating to preliminary investigation of violations by the Professional Standards Commission, requirement for automatic investigation, and investigation of sexual offenses, as follows:

"20-2-984.3.

(a) Upon receipt of a written request from a local board, the state board, or one or more individual residents of this state, the commission shall be authorized to investigate:

(1) Alleged violations by an educator of any law of this state pertaining to educators or the profession of education;

(2) Alleged violations by an educator of the code of ethics of the commission;

(3) Alleged violations by an educator of rules, regulations, or policies of the state board or the commission;

(4) Complaints alleging a failure by an educator to meet or comply with standards of performance of the commission or the state board; or

(5) Complaints alleging that an educator has been convicted of any directly related felony, of any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1, of any other criminal offense involving the manufacture, distribution, trafficking, sale, or possession of a controlled substance or marijuana as provided for in Chapter 13 of Title 16, or of any other sexual offense as provided for in Code Sections 16-6-1 through 16-6-17 or Code Section 16-6-20, 16-6-22.2, or 16-12-100 in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States. ~~As used in this paragraph, the term 'convicted' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought; a situation where first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; and a situation where an adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge or the charge was otherwise disposed of in a similar manner in any jurisdiction.~~

(b) The commission shall decide whether to conduct a preliminary investigation pursuant to this Code section within 30 days of the request unless an extension is granted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-984.5. The commission may appoint a committee of its membership with the power to transact and carry out the

business and duties of the commission when deciding whether to conduct a preliminary investigation.

(b.1) In investigating whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a certificate, the commission shall not consider nor require an educator to disclose:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(4) A juvenile adjudication;

(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(A) A criminal sexual act;

(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(C) Aggravated assault;

(D) Aggravated robbery;

(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(F) Arson;

(G) Carjacking;

(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(c) When an educator admits on a Professional Standards Commission application to having resigned or being discharged for committing a felony or ~~misdemeanor involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 or being under investigation by law enforcement authorities for such conduct or for committing a breach of the code of ethics or for a violation of state education laws or having a criminal ~~history~~ record or having had a surrender, denial, revocation, or suspension of a certificate or being the subject of an investigation or adverse action regarding a certificate, an investigation will automatically open without notification to the commission and with written notification to the educator.

(c.1) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this Code section, the commission shall not consider nor require an educator to disclose on a Professional Standards Commission application:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(4) A juvenile adjudication;

(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(A) A criminal sexual act;

(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(C) Aggravated assault;

(D) Aggravated robbery;

(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(F) Arson;

(G) Carjacking;

(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(d) Notwithstanding the requirements of this Code section, the staff of the commission shall be authorized, without notification to the commission, to immediately open an investigation submitted to the commission by a local school superintendent, with approval of the local board of education, of a complaint by a student against an educator alleging a sexual offense, as provided for in Code Sections 16-6-1 through 16-6-17 or Code Section 16-6-20, 16-6-22.2, or 16-12-100.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the commission at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for certification, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a certificate.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (c.1) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the commission shall apply the direct relationship standard provided for in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 20-2-984.5 and shall not consider any offenses falling under subsection (c.1) of this Code section. The commission shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a certificate shall be binding on the commission only if the petitioner applies for certification, fulfills all other requirements for the certificate, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a certificate.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from certification, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their

opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The commission may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the commission has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The commission shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The commission shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the commission decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a certificate, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 20-2-984.5 the commission deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the commission's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the commission not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the commission shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-2-984.5, relating to preliminary investigations of educators, disciplinary actions, and hearings by the Professional Standards Commission, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) The commission shall recommend disciplinary action on the basis of a criminal conviction only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an educator. In determining if a criminal conviction directly relates to the role of an educator, the commission shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the educator;

(2) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;
(3) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;
(4) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and
(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:
(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;
(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;
(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;
(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;
(E) Education and training;
(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(a.2) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license, the commission or investigator shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(4) A juvenile adjudication;
(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(A) A criminal sexual act;
(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(C) Aggravated assault;
(D) Aggravated robbery;
(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(F) Arson;
(G) Carjacking;
(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-41, relating to qualifications for pharmacist licenses, examination, and internships and other training programs, as follows:

"(a) **Qualifications.** To obtain a license to engage in the practice of pharmacy, an applicant for licensure by examination shall:

(1) Have submitted an application in the form prescribed by the board;

(2) Have attained the age of majority;

~~(3) Be of good moral character;~~

~~(4)~~(3) Have graduated and received a professional undergraduate degree from a college or school of pharmacy as the same may be approved by the board; provided, however, that, since it would be impractical for the board to evaluate a school or college of pharmacy located in another country, the board may accept a graduate from such a school or college so long as the graduate has completed all requirements of the Foreign Pharmacy Equivalency Certification Program administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This shall include successful completion of all required examinations and the issuance of the equivalency certificate and be based upon an individual evaluation by the board of the applicant's educational experience, professional background, and proficiency in the English language;

~~(5)~~(4) Have completed an internship or other program that has been approved by the board or demonstrated to the board's satisfaction that experience in the practice of pharmacy which meets or exceeds the minimum internship requirements of the board;

~~(6)~~(5) Have successfully passed an examination or examinations approved by the board; and

~~(7)~~(6) Have paid the fees specified by the board for the examination and any related materials and have paid for the issuance of the license."

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 26-4-60, relating to grounds for suspension, revocation or refusal to grant pharmacist licenses, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Except as prohibited in Code Section 26-4-60.1, for being ~~Being~~:

(A) Convicted of a felony;

(B) Convicted of any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, as defined in Code Section 43-1-1, in this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; or

(C) Convicted or guilty of violations of the pharmacy or drug laws of this state, or rules and regulations pertaining thereto, or of laws, rules, and regulations of any other

state, or of the federal government;"

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"26-4-60.1.

(a) Notwithstanding paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-60, the board of pharmacy shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of pharmacy. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of pharmacy shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(b) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license due to criminal record, the board of pharmacy shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or

pardoned;
(4) A juvenile adjudication;
(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(A) A criminal sexual act;
(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(C) Aggravated assault;
(D) Aggravated robbery;
(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(F) Arson;
(G) Carjacking;
(H) Kidnapping;
(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder; or
(J) Distribution, manufacturing, or possession of a controlled substance.

26-4-60.2.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of pharmacy at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.
(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-60.1. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.
(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-60.1 and shall not consider any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 26-4-60.1. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.
(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.
(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.
(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in

accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Code Section 31-7-351, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia long-term care background check program, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5)(A) 'Criminal record' means any of the following:

(i) Conviction of a crime;

(ii) Arrest, charge, and sentencing for a crime when:

(I) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the crime;

(II) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt was granted to the crime; or

(III) Adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered for the crime; or

(iii) Arrest and charges for a crime if the charge is pending, unless the time for prosecuting such crime has expired pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 17.

(B) Such term shall not include an owner, applicant, or employee for which at least ten years have elapsed from the date of his or her criminal background check since the ~~completion of all of the terms of his or her sentence~~ dates of conviction or adjudication; such term also shall not include an owner, applicant, or employee who has received a general pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles for the convictions; provided, however, that such ten-year period exemption ~~or~~ and pardon exemption shall never apply to any crime identified in subsection (j) of Code Section 42-8-60."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Code Section 33-23-21, relating to grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of insurance agent licenses, by revising paragraphs (15) and (16) as follows:

"(15) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 33-23-21.2, has ~~Has~~ been convicted of any felony or of any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; as used in this paragraph and paragraph (16) of this subsection, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;

(16) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 33-23-21.2, has ~~Has~~ been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any directly related felony, or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1, where:

(A) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or

(B) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.

The order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation of first offenders, or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;"

SECTION 6-2.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"33-23-21.2.

Notwithstanding Code Section 33-23-21, the Commissioner shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been

rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of a licensee. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the Commissioner shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the Commissioner.

33-23-21.3.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the Commissioner shall apply the direct relationship standard in Code Section 33-23-21.2.

(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal

record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.

(f) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the factors in Code Section 33-23-21.2 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier."

SECTION 6-3.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"33-23-43.11.

Notwithstanding Code Section 33-23-43.10, the Commissioner shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of a licensee. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the Commissioner shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;
(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the Commissioner.

33-23-43.12.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a public adjuster's license.
(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.
(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the Commissioner shall apply the direct relationship standard in Code Section 33-23-43.11.
(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.
(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.
(f) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:
(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in Code Section 33-23-43.11 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;
(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and
(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier."

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-4-8, relating to qualifications of firefighters generally, to read as follows:

"(d) A person who pleaded guilty to a felony offense under the 'Georgia First Offender Act' and successfully completed the terms of his or her sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 may, at the council's discretion, be certified and employed as a firefighter if such person otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in this Code section. Such person shall provide information on the circumstances underlying the plea of guilty, as requested by the council, to enable the council to make an informed decision on such individual's qualification status."

PART VIII
SECTION 8-1.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2024, and shall apply to all applications for licensure submitted on or after such date.

SECTION 8-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Strickland of the 17th and Walker III of the 20th filed the following amendment #3:

Amend the House substitute to SB 195 (LC 46 0655S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:

To amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to create a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make an application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; to provide for definitions; to require certain licensing authorities to provide evidence to support adverse licensing decisions based on criminal convictions; to require a hearing prior to denying certain applicants on the basis of an individual's criminal record; to establish findings that shall be made and evidence that shall and shall not be considered prior to refusing to grant certain licenses based on certain criminal convictions; to allow an applicant to submit his or her own criminal record when applying for certain licenses; to provide for reapplication for licensure; to authorize and provide a process and requirements for predetermination decisions; to require certain licensure application information be included in certain applications and posted on a public website; to require certain annual reports concerning certain applications, predeterminations, and conviction records be filed with the Secretary of State; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official

Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training, so as to provide for the reporting of guilty pleas taken under the "Georgia First Offender Act" to obtain employment as a fire fighter; to repeal Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, and Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces, and to enact statutes to facilitate licensure of service members and their spouses who have certifications from or work experience in the military or licenses from or work experience in another state under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for criteria to obtain an expedited license by endorsement to practice a profession, business, or trade in this state; to provide for such license to be issued within a certain time frame from the date of application; to provide that such licensees are subject to this state's laws and the jurisdiction of the respective professional licensing board or other board; to provide for licenses by endorsement for certain professions other than firefighters, healthcare providers, and law enforcement officers; to establish qualifications for such licenses by endorsement; to provide for exceptions and applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"43-1-1.

As used in this title, the term:

(1) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of such finding, verdict, or plea has been sought.

(2) 'Covered misdemeanor' shall mean any:

(A) Misdemeanor conviction in the five years prior to the submission of the licensing application; and

(B) Misdemeanor conviction listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37, irrespective of the date of such conviction.

~~(1)~~(3) 'Division' means the professional licensing boards division created under Code Section 43-1-2.

~~(2)~~(4) 'Division director' means the individual appointed by the Secretary of State as director of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) 'Felony' means any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere.

~~(3)~~(6) 'Professional licensing board' means any board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the executive branch of state government which is created for the purpose of

licensing or otherwise regulating or controlling any profession, business, or trade and which is placed by law under the jurisdiction of the division director ~~of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of State~~."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A professional licensing board shall have the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant therefor or to revoke the license of a person licensed by that board or to discipline a person licensed by that board, upon a finding by a majority of the entire board that the licensee or applicant has:

(1) Failed to demonstrate the qualifications or standards for a license contained in this Code section, or under the laws, rules, or regulations under which licensure is sought or held; it shall be incumbent upon the applicant to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that he or she meets all the requirements for the issuance of a license, and, if the board is not satisfied as to the applicant's qualifications, it may deny a license without a prior hearing; provided, however, that the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so desires;

(2) Knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title or on any document connected therewith; practiced fraud or deceit or intentionally made any false statement in obtaining a license to practice the licensed business or profession; or made a false statement or deceptive registration with the board;

(3) Been convicted of ~~any~~ a directly related felony or a directly related covered misdemeanor ~~or of any crime involving moral turpitude~~ in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States~~; as used in this paragraph, paragraph (4) of this subsection, and subsection (q) of this Code section, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph and subsection (q) of this Code section, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;~~. The professional licensing board shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision. Before the professional licensing board may deny an applicant a license due to his or her criminal record, such applicant shall be entitled to a hearing before the professional licensing board in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act';

~~(4)(A) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony, or any crime involving moral turpitude, when:~~

~~(i) A sentence for such offense was imposed pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or another state's first offender laws;~~

~~(ii) A sentence for such offense was imposed pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of~~

~~Code Section 16-13-2;~~

~~(iii) A sentence for such offense was imposed as a result of a plea of nolo contendere; or~~

~~(iv) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.~~

~~(B) An order entered pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2, Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or another state's first offender treatment order shall be conclusive evidence of an arrest and sentencing for such offense;~~

~~(5)~~(4) Had his or her license to practice a business or profession licensed under this title revoked, suspended, or annulled by any lawful licensing authority other than the board; had other disciplinary action taken against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board; was denied a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings; or was refused the renewal of a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings;

~~(6)~~(5) Engaged in any unprofessional, immoral, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public that materially affects the fitness of the licensee or applicant to practice a business or profession licensed under this title or is of a nature likely to jeopardize the interest of the public; such conduct or practice need not have resulted in actual injury to any person ~~or~~ but must be directly related to the practice of the licensed business or profession ~~but shows~~ and show that the licensee or applicant has committed any act or omission which is indicative of ~~bad moral character or~~ untrustworthiness and which makes the licensee or applicant currently likely to harm the public. Such conduct or practice shall also include any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal reasonable standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of the business or profession licensed under this title;

~~(7)~~(6) Knowingly performed any act which in any way aids, assists, procures, advises, or encourages any unlicensed person or any licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked by a professional licensing board to practice a business or profession licensed under this title or to practice outside the scope of any disciplinary limitation placed upon the licensee by the board;

~~(8)~~(7) Violated a statute, law, or any rule or regulation of this state, any other state, the professional licensing board regulating the business or profession licensed under this title, the United States, or any other lawful authority without regard to whether the violation is criminally punishable when such statute, law, or rule or regulation relates to or in part regulates the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title and when the licensee or applicant knows or should know that such action violates such statute, law, or rule; or violated a lawful order of the board previously entered by the board in a disciplinary hearing, consent decree, or license reinstatement;

~~(9)~~(8) Been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction within or outside this state; any such adjudication shall automatically suspend the license of any such person and shall prevent the reissuance or renewal of any license so suspended for so long as the adjudication of incompetence is in effect;

~~(10)~~(9) Displayed an inability to practice a business or profession licensed under this title with reasonable skill and safety to the public or has become unable to practice the licensed business or profession with reasonable skill and safety to the public by reason of illness or the use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material; or

~~(11)~~(10) Failed to comply with an order for child support as defined by Code Section 19-11-9.3; it shall be incumbent upon the applicant or licensee to supply a notice of release to the board from the child support agency within the Department of Human Services indicating that the applicant or licensee has come into compliance with an order for child support so that a license may be issued or granted if all other conditions for licensure are met."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (j) as follows:

"(j) Neither the issuance of a private reprimand nor the denial of a license by reciprocity ~~nor the denial of a request for reinstatement of a revoked license nor the refusal to issue a previously denied license~~ shall be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; notice and hearing within the meaning of such chapter shall not be required, but the applicant or licensee shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so requests. A board may resolve a pending action by the issuance of a letter of concern. Such letter shall not be considered a disciplinary action or a contested case under Chapter 13 of Title 50 and shall not be disclosed to any person except the licensee or applicant."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-19, relating to a professional licensing board's authority to refuse, grant, revoke, and reinstate licenses, surrender of licenses, and probationary licenses, by revising subsection (q) as follows:

"(q)(1) Notwithstanding ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (3) ~~and (4)~~ of subsection (a) of this Code section or any other provision of law, ~~and unless~~ the professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of such occupation, after considering the criteria in paragraph (2) of this subsection. Without finding a direct and substantial risk to public safety and a direct relationship between the conviction and the licensed occupation, no professional licensing board shall refuse to grant a license to an applicant therefor or shall revoke the license of an individual licensed by that board due solely or in part to such applicant's or licensee's:

(A) Conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered

misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States;

(B) Arrest, charge, and sentence for the commission of such offense;

(C) Sentence for such offense pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or another state's first offender laws;

(D) Sentence for such offense pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of Code Section 16-13-2;

(E) Sentence for such offense as a result of a plea of nolo contendere;

(F) Adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered; or

(G) Being under supervision by a community supervision officer, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-3-1, for a conviction of any felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, whether it occurred in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States, so long as such individual was not convicted of a felony violation of Chapter 5 of Title 16 nor convicted of a crime requiring registration on the state sexual offender registry.

(2) In determining if a felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the professional licensing board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor and the direct relationship of ~~such felony or crime involving moral turpitude~~ the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of such felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held~~.~~, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(3) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license, the professional licensing board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(iii) Aggravated assault;

(iv) Aggravated robbery;

(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(vi) Arson;

(vii) Carjacking;

(viii) Kidnapping; or

(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no professional licensing board may apply a vague character standard to licensure decisions or predeterminations, including, but not limited to, 'good moral character,' 'moral turpitude,' or 'character and fitness.'

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a professional licensing board shall provide individualized consideration of an individual's criminal record and shall not automatically deny licensure on the basis of the individual's criminal record.

(6)(A) If an applicant's criminal record includes issues that will or may prevent the board from issuing a license to the applicant, the board shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the specific issues in sufficient time for the applicant to provide additional documentation supporting the application before the board's final decision to deny the application. After receiving notice of any potential issue with licensure due to his or her criminal convictions, an applicant shall have 30 days to respond by correcting any inaccuracy in the criminal record or by submitting additional evidence of mitigation or rehabilitation for the board's consideration, or both.

(B) For the professional licensing board to deny a license on the basis of the applicant's criminal convictions, the board shall first provide an opportunity for a

hearing for such applicant in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The applicant shall have the opportunity at such hearing to present the written or oral testimony of character witnesses, including, but not limited to, family members, friends, prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors. The professional licensing board shall issue a decision within 60 days of the complete submission of the issues for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(C) The professional licensing board shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence, after a hearing, that an applicant's criminal record supports any adverse licensing decision. If the board denies an applicant a license by reason of the applicant's criminal record, the board shall:

(i) Make written findings specifying any of the applicant's convictions and the factors provided for in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly relevant and explaining the basis and rationale for the denial. Such written findings shall be signed by the board's presiding officer and shall note the applicant's right to appeal and explain the applicant's ability to reapply. No applicant shall be restricted from reapplying for licensure for more than two years from the date of the most recent application;

(ii) Provide or serve a signed copy of the written findings to the applicant within 60 days of the denial; and

(iii) Retain a signed copy of the written findings for no less than five years.

(D) The denial of a license in part or in whole because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a license, the professional licensing board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought.

(7)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition a professional licensing board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether such individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection. Such petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(D) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the professional licensing board only if the petitioner

applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational license, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The professional licensing board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to offer written or oral testimony of character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the professional licensing board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection the board deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the professional licensing board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation.

(8) Each professional licensing board shall include in its application for licensure and on its public website all of the following information:

(A) Whether the board requires applicants to consent to a criminal record check;

(B) The direct relationship standard provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection and those factors provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection that the board shall consider when making a determination of licensure;

(C) The criminal record disclosure provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection;
(D) The appeals process pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' if the board denies or revokes licensure in whole or in part because of a criminal conviction; and
(E) The predetermination petition process, standards, and application, as well as the process for appealing an adverse predetermination pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(9) No later than March 31 each year, each occupational licensing board shall file with the Secretary of State an annual report containing information from the previous year as to:
(A) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number of licenses granted;
(B) The number of applicants with a criminal record and, of that number, the number of licenses granted, denied a license for any reason, and denied due to a conviction or state supervision status;
(C) The number of predetermination petitioners and, of that number, the number deemed eligible for a license and the number deemed ineligible for a license;
(D) The racial and ethnic distribution of licensing applicants, including the racial and ethnic distribution of applicants with a criminal record; and
(E) The racial and ethnic distribution of licensing applicants with a criminal record granted a license, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license due to a conviction or state supervision status."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-27, relating to requirement that licensee notify licensing authority of felony conviction, as follows:

"43-1-27.

Any licensed individual who is convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, territory, or country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the appropriate licensing authority of the conviction within ten days of the conviction. The failure of a licensed individual to notify the appropriate licensing authority of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license, permit, registration, certification, or other authorization to conduct a licensed profession."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Code Section 43-3-21, relating to revocation or refusal to grant or renew accountant's licenses, by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Had been convicted of any directly related felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in

the courts of this state, any other state, a territory, or a country or in the courts of the United States. As used in this paragraph, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means and includes a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;

(B) 'Felony' means and includes any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere.

(4)(A) Had been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony or ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 when:

(i) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or

(ii) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge, except with respect to a plea of nolo contendere.

(B) An order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere;"

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"43-3-21.1.

(a) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21, the board of accountancy shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of public accountancy. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of accountancy shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol

treatment program;
(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;
(E) Education and training;
(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(b) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license due to criminal record, the accountancy board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(4) A juvenile adjudication;
(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(A) A criminal sexual act;
(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(C) Aggravated assault;
(D) Aggravated robbery;
(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(F) Arson;
(G) Carjacking;
(H) Kidnapping; or
(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

43-3-21.2.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the accountancy board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.
(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or

authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 43-3-21.1. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21.1. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-3-21.1 the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-3-27, relating to notification by an individual issued a license or certification as an accountant of conviction, time limit, and suspension, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Any individual issued a license or certification under this chapter or providing services under substantial equivalency practice privileges and convicted under the laws of this state, the United States, any other state, or any other country of a felony as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section ~~43-1-19~~ 43-1-1 shall be required to notify the board of such conviction within 30 days of such conviction. The failure of such individual to notify the board of a conviction shall be considered grounds for revocation of his or her license or other authorization issued pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-10-20, relating to the teaching of barbering or the practice of a cosmetologist in prisons and certification of registration, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The board shall be required to test an inmate who is an applicant for a certificate or registration under this chapter who has completed successfully a barber or cosmetologist training program operated by the Department of Corrections and who meets the requirements stated in Code Section 43-10-9. If such inmate passes the applicable written and practical examinations, the board may issue the appropriate certificate of registration to such inmate after consideration of all requirements under Code Sections 43-10-9 and 43-1-19; provided, however, that the board shall not apply the provisions of paragraph ~~(4)~~ (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-1-19 to such inmate based solely upon such person's status as an inmate and shall apply such provisions in the same manner as would otherwise be applicable to an applicant who is not an inmate."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-47, relating to refusal to grant, or revocation of licenses by the Board of Dentistry, disciplining licensees, subpoenas, judicial review, investigations, immunity, failure to appear, and voluntary surrender, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(4) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony, or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, where~~:~~

~~(A) A~~ a plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge~~;~~.

~~(B) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or~~

~~(C) An adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.~~

The plea of nolo contendere ~~or the order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or other first offender treatment~~ shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;"

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-47, relating to refusal to grant, or revocation of, licenses by the Board of Dentistry, disciplining licensees, subpoenas, judicial review, investigations, immunity, failure to appear, and voluntary surrender, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the board of dentistry shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of dentistry. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of dentistry shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(6) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, a first offender adjudication, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or

pardoned;
(D) A juvenile adjudication;
(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in Code section 35-3-37(j)(4); or
(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(a.2)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of dentistry at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.
(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (6) subsection (a.1) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.
(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a.1) of this Code section and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (6) of subsection (a.1) of this Code section. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.
(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.
(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.
(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by

teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the professional licensing board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a.1) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-11-71, relating to qualifications of applicants for license and criminal background check, by revising subsection (a) and by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a) No person shall be entitled to or be issued such license as set out in Code Section 43-11-70 unless such person is at least 18 years of age~~, of good moral character,~~ and a graduate of a dental hygiene program recognized by the board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (ADA) or its successor agency which is operated by a school or college accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education whose curriculum is at least two academic years of courses at the appropriate level and at the completion of which an associate or baccalaureate degree is awarded.

(b) Application for a license under Code Section 43-11-70 shall constitute consent for performance of a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for licensure agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including but not limited to classifiable

sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, the board of dentistry shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of a dental hygienist. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of dentistry shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(6) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(D) A juvenile adjudication;

(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(i) A criminal sexual act;

(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(iii) Aggravated assault;

(iv) Aggravated robbery;

(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(vi) Arson;

(vii) Carjacking;

(viii) Kidnapping; or

(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(d)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of dentistry at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subparagraph (c)(6)(F) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (c) of this Code section and shall not consider any offenses falling under subparagraph (c)(6)(F) of this Code section. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the professional licensing board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal

or written support. The professional licensing board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in subsection (c) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-46, relating to grounds for denial or revocation of license or registration and other discipline for funeral directors and embalmers, as follows:

"43-18-46.

In addition to the authority and provided in Code Section 43-1-19, the board may refuse to grant a license to operate a funeral establishment or to practice embalming or funeral directing, may refuse to grant a registration to serve as an apprentice, or may revoke, suspend, fine, or otherwise discipline a licensee or registrant upon any of the following grounds:

(1) The employment of fraud or deception in applying for a license or registration or in passing the examination provided for in this article;

(2) Issuance of a license or registration through error;

~~(3) Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;~~

~~(4)~~(3) The practice of embalming or funeral directing under a false name or the impersonation of another embalmer, funeral director, or apprentice of a like or different name;

~~(5)~~(4) The making of a false statement or representation regarding the qualifications, training, or experience of any applicant;

~~(6)~~(5) The making of a misrepresentation of any kind regarding any funeral

merchandise;

~~(7)~~(6) Directly or indirectly, by gifts or otherwise, committing the offense of buying business or paying a commission or making gifts, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of securing business to any physician or hospital, or to any institution where death occurs, or to any hospital superintendent, nurse, intern, or employee of any hospital, nursing home, or other institution where death occurs; or to any coroner or other government official;

~~(8)~~(7) Gross or willful malpractice or gross neglect in the practice of embalming, funeral directing, or cremating;

~~(9)~~(8) Signing a death certificate as having embalmed or prepared a body for burial or preservation when in fact someone else performed such embalming or preparation;

~~(10)~~(9) Interfering, either directly or indirectly, with a licensed embalmer or funeral director having legal charge of a dead human body;

~~(11)~~(10) Using any statements that mislead or deceive the public including, but not limited to, false or misleading statements regarding a legal or cemetery requirement, funeral merchandise, funeral services, or in the operation of a funeral establishment;

~~(12)~~(11) Failing to fulfill the terms of a funeral service contract;

~~(13)~~(12) Disregarding a decedent's dignity, right to privacy, or right to confidentiality unless compelled by law to do otherwise;

~~(14)~~(13) Using profane, indecent, or obscene language in the presence of a dead human body, or within the immediate hearing of the family or relatives of a deceased, whose body has not yet been interred or otherwise disposed;

~~(15)~~(14) Failing to turn assigned benefits in excess of charges incurred over to the assignee of the deceased within ten working days of receipt of the assigned funds;

~~(16)~~(15) Refusing to surrender promptly the custody of a dead human body upon the express order of the person lawfully entitled to the custody;

~~(17)~~(16) Failing to have the charges rendered to be in compliance with those listed in the funeral establishment general price list, the casket price list, the outer burial container list, or the funeral service contract price list;

~~(18)~~(17) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to practice under this article;

~~(19)~~(18) Promoting or participating in a burial society, burial association, burial certificate plan, or burial membership plan;

~~(20)~~(19) Soliciting, as defined in paragraph (21) of Code Section 43-18-1;

~~(21)~~(20) Presenting a false certification of work done by an apprentice or as an apprentice;

~~(22)~~(21) Willfully violating any state law or regulation; Federal Trade Commission law or regulation; Occupational Safety and Health Administration law or regulation; Department of Public Health law or regulation; Environmental Protection Agency law or regulation; or municipal or county ordinance or regulation that affects the handling, custody, care, or transportation of dead human bodies, including, but not limited to, the disposal of equipment, residual fluids, or medical wastes;

~~(23)~~(22) Knowingly making any misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representation in the practice of funeral directing or embalming or in any document

connected therewith;

~~(24)~~(23) Discriminating in the provision of services because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, or national origin;

~~(25)~~(24) Failing to safeguard all personal properties that were obtained from dead human remains and failing to dispose of same as directed by a legally authorized person;

~~(26)~~(25) Failing to refund moneys due as a result of overpayment by an insurance company or other third party;

~~(27)~~(26) Engaging in any unprofessional, immoral, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public~~, which conduct or practice~~ that materially affects the fitness of the licensee or registrant to practice in the funeral business, or is of a nature likely to jeopardize the interest of the general public, ~~which conduct or practice~~ and that need not have resulted in actual injury to any person or be directly related to the practice of funeral directing or embalming but shows that the person has committed any act or omission which is indicative of bad moral character or ~~untrustworthiness; unprofessional~~ untrustworthiness. Unprofessional conduct shall also include any departure from or failure to conform to the minimal reasonable standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of funeral services;

~~(28)~~(27) Engaging in any practice whereby a person who is both a funeral director and a coroner or who is both a funeral director and a minister presents that person as a funeral director to a legally authorized person when death is imminent or after death occurs prior to when the legally authorized person selects a funeral director or funeral establishment which will handle the dead human body;

~~(29)~~(28) Practicing embalming or funeral directing or operating a funeral establishment or crematory prior to the board's having approved an application for licensure; or

~~(30)~~(29) Failing to satisfy the funeral director in full and continuous charge requirements as set out in Code Section 43-18-71 or funeral establishment requirements as set out in Code Section 43-18-70."

SECTION 2-9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-24A-9, relating to provisional permits for massage therapists, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A provisional permit to practice as a provisionally permitted massage therapist shall, upon proper application, be issued for a six-month period to an applicant who meets the following criteria:

(1) Holds and maintains a valid license as a massage therapist in another state;

(2) Is not a resident of this state as confirmed in a secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2;

(3) Has not had a license or permit to practice as a massage therapist voided, revoked, suspended, denied, or annulled by this state or another state, territory, or jurisdiction; and

(4) Has not been convicted of a directly related felony in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including, but not limited to, a plea of nolo contendere entered to such charge ~~or the affording of first~~

~~offender treatment to any such charge~~ in the same manner as provided in ~~paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of~~ subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'felony' shall have the same meaning a provided in Code Section 43-1-1."

SECTION 2-10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-26-11, relating to denial or revocation of licenses and other discipline under the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act," by revising paragraph (1) as follows:

"(1) Been convicted of any directly related felony~~, crime involving moral turpitude,~~ or directly related crime violating a federal or state law relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including but not limited to a plea of nolo contendere entered to the charge~~,~~; provided, however, that such conviction shall be evaluated as provided by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19; or"

SECTION 2-11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-26-40, relating to refusal to grant license and revocation of registered practical nurses licenses and disciplining of licensees, as follows:

"43-26-40.

(a) In addition to the authority granted in Code Section 43-1-19, the board shall have the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant, to revoke the license of a licensee, or to discipline a licensee upon a finding by the board that the applicant or licensee has:

(1) Been convicted of a directly related felony~~, a crime involving moral turpitude,~~ or any directly related crime violating a federal or state law relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs or marijuana in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including, but not limited to, a plea of nolo contendere entered to the charge; provided, however, that such conviction shall be evaluated as provided by subsection (q) of Code Section 43-1-19;

(2) Had a license to practice nursing revoked, suspended, or annulled by any lawful licensing authority, had other disciplinary action taken by any lawful licensing authority, or was denied a license by any lawful licensing authority;

(3) Engaged in any unprofessional, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public, which conduct or practice need not have resulted in actual injury to any person. As used in this paragraph, the term 'unprofessional conduct' includes the improper charting of medication and any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice;

(4) Violated or attempted to violate a law or any lawfully promulgated rule or regulation of this state, any other state, the board, the United States, or any other lawful authority, without regard to whether the violation is criminally punishable, which statute, law, or rule or regulation relates to or in part regulates the practice of nursing, when the licensee or applicant knows or should know that such action is violative of

such law or rule;

(5) Violated a lawful order of the board previously entered by the board in a disciplinary hearing; or

(6) Displayed an inability to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse with reasonable skill and safety due to illness, use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other types of material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition:

(A) In enforcement of this paragraph, the board may, upon reasonable grounds, require a licensee or applicant to submit to a mental or physical examination by a board approved health care professional. The expense of such mental or physical examination shall be borne by the licensee or applicant. The results of such examination shall be admissible in any hearing before the board, notwithstanding any claim of privilege under contrary law or rule. Every person who is licensed to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this state, or an applicant for examination, endorsement, or reinstatement, shall be deemed to have given such person's consent to submit to such mental or physical examination and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of the results in any hearing before the board upon the grounds that the same constitutes a privileged communication. If a licensee or applicant fails to submit to such an examination when properly directed to do so by the board, unless such failure was due to circumstances beyond that person's control, the board may enter a final order upon proper notice, hearing, and proof of such refusal. Any licensee or applicant who is prohibited from practicing under this paragraph shall at reasonable intervals be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the board that such person can resume or begin to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse with reasonable skill and safety; and

(B) In enforcement of this paragraph, the board may, upon reasonable grounds, obtain any and all records relating to the mental or physical condition of a licensee or applicant, including psychiatric records; such records shall be admissible in any hearing before the board, notwithstanding any privilege under a contrary rule, law, or statute. Every person who is licensed in this state or who shall file an application for said license shall be deemed to have given such person's consent to the board's obtaining such records and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of such records in any hearing before the board upon the grounds that the same constitute a privileged communication.

(b) Neither denial of an initial license, the issuance of a private reprimand, the denial of a license by endorsement under Code Section 43-26-38, nor the denial of a request for reinstatement of a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee has failed to meet the minimum requirements shall be considered a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and notice and hearing within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50 shall not be required, but the applicant or licensee shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so requests.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, the denial of an initial license or the denial of a request for reinstatement of a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee is disqualified due to a criminal record shall be in accordance with

subsection (a) of Code Section 43-1-19."

SECTION 2-12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-8, relating to the authority of the Composite Medical Board to refuse license, certificate, or permit medical professionals or to issue discipline, suspension, restoration, investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Been convicted of a felony in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, country, or of the United States. As used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction of a felony' shall include a conviction of an offense which if committed in this state would be deemed a felony under either state or federal law, without regard to its designation elsewhere. As used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilt, ~~a plea of guilty resulting in first offender status,~~ or a plea of nolo contendere in a criminal proceeding~~, regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon~~;"

SECTION 2-13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-8, relating to the authority of the Composite Medical Board to refuse license, certificate, or permit medical professionals or to issue discipline, suspension, restoration, investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3), (4), and (11) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the medical board shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of medicine. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the medical board shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;
(E) Education and training;
(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(6) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(D) A juvenile adjudication;
(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(a.2)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.
(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (a.1)(6) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the professional licensing board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a.1) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (a.1)(6) of this Code section. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the occupational license, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in subsection (a.2) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 2-14.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-107, relating to termination of approval and revocation of licenses of physician assistants by the Composite Medical Board, notice and hearing, and sanctions, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The approval of a physician's utilization of a physician assistant may be terminated and the license revoked by the board when, after due notice and a hearing, in accordance with this Code section, it shall find that the assistant is incompetent or has committed unethical or immoral acts, including, but not limited to, holding himself or herself out or permitting another to represent him or her as a licensed physician; performing otherwise than at the direction of a physician approved by the board to utilize the assistant's services; habitually using intoxicants or drugs to such an extent that he or she is unable safely to perform as an assistant to the physician; or being convicted in any court, state or federal, of any felony or other ~~criminal offense involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor.

(2) The board shall recommend action to terminate and revoke on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a physician assistant. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a physician assistant, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the physician assistant;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(3) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board or investigator shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(D) A juvenile adjudication;
(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder."

SECTION 2-15.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-283, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics by the Composite Medical Board, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) Upon the filing of an application for a license, the board may cause a thorough investigation of the applicant to be made and such investigation may include a criminal background check; provided, however, that the board shall cause a thorough investigation of a new applicant to be made, and such investigation shall include a background check. If satisfied that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, the board shall issue a license. However, the board may issue licenses with varying restrictions to such persons where the board deems it necessary for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare.

(2) The board shall recommend action to deny licensure on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the administration of a pain management clinic. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the administration of a pain management clinic, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the licensee;
(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;
(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;
(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating

circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board."

SECTION 2-16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-34-284, relating to denial, suspension, and revocation of licenses of pain management clinics by the Composite Medical Board, as follows:

"43-34-284.

(a) In addition to the authority granted in Code Section 43-34-8, a license obtained pursuant to this article may be denied, suspended, or revoked by the board upon finding that the licensee or a physician practicing at a licensed pain management clinic has:

(1) Furnished false or fraudulent material information in any application filed under this chapter;

(2) Been convicted of a crime under any state or federal law relating to any controlled substance;

(3) Had his or her federal registration to prescribe, distribute, or dispense controlled substances suspended or revoked; or

(4) Violated the provisions of this chapter, Chapter 13 of Title 16, or Chapter 4 of Title 26.

(b) In determining whether to deny, suspend, or revoke a license based upon a criminal conviction or adjudication, the board shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the physician practicing at a licensed pain management clinic;

(2) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating

circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board."

SECTION 2-17.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-39A-14, relating to grant of licenses for appraisers by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor. The commission shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision.

(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:

(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or

(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence

imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The board shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for a licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an appraiser, the board shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the appraiser;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(F) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(i) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(ii) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(iii) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned; or

(iv) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.3) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person

may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of ~~a single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;

(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and

(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-18.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-40-15, relating to grant of licenses for brokers and salespersons by the Real Estate Commission and Appraisers Board, grounds for suspension or revocation of license, other sanctions, surrender or lapse, and conviction, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this Code section, the term:

(A) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been brought; a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt pursuant to a charge of a felony or any crime involving ~~moral turpitude~~ a covered misdemeanor; or a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of a felony or ~~any crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor. The commission shall have the burden of justifying by clear and convincing evidence that a conviction supports an adverse licensing decision.

(B) 'Felony' means any offense committed:

(i) Within this state and deemed a felony under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States; or

(ii) In another state and deemed a felony under the laws of that state or the laws of the United States.

(1.1) No person who has a directly related conviction shall be eligible to become an applicant for a license or an approval authorized by this chapter unless such person has successfully completed all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for such conviction, provided that if such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has a single conviction, at least two years shall

have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval.

(1.2) The commission shall recommend disciplinary action or denial of an application for a licensure or approval authorized by this chapter on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of the license sought. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a broker or real estate salesperson, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the licensee;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(v) Education and training;

(vi) Employment history;

(vii) Employment aspirations;

(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(ix) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(x) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(F) In determining whether to terminate and revoke a license, the board shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(i) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(ii) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(iii) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned; or

(iv) A juvenile adjudication.

~~(1.2)~~(1.3) A person who has a directly related conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state or any other state shall be eligible to become an applicant for a licensure or an approval authorized by this chapter only if:

(A) Such person has satisfied all terms and conditions of any conviction such person may have had before making application for licensure or approval, provided that if

such individual has multiple convictions, at least five years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval; and provided, further, that if such individual has been convicted of a single felony or of a ~~single crime of moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, at least two years shall have passed since the individual satisfied all terms and conditions of any sentence imposed for the last conviction before making application for licensure or approval;

(B) No criminal charges for forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a felony, a sexual offense, a probation violation, or a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor are pending against the person; and

(C) Such person presents to the commission satisfactory proof that the person now bears a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and competence to transact the business of a licensee in such a manner as to safeguard the interest of the public."

SECTION 2-19.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-45-9, relating to examination for structural pest control operator certification by the Structural Pest Control Commission, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) All applicants for examination for certification as an operator must have a knowledge of the practical and scientific facts underlying the practice of structural pest control, control of wood-destroying organisms, and fumigation and the necessary knowledge and ability to recognize and control those hazardous conditions which may affect human life and health. The commission may refuse to examine anyone convicted of a ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related felony or directly related covered misdemeanor.

(2) The commission shall refuse to examine an applicant on the basis of a criminal conviction or adjudication only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an operator. In determining if a criminal conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of a pest control operator, the commission shall consider:

(A) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the operator;

(B) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;

(C) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;

(D) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(E) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(i) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(ii) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(iii) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(iv) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;
(v) Education and training;
(vi) Employment history;
(vii) Employment aspirations;
(viii) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(ix) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(x) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(xi) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(3) In determining whether to refuse to examine an applicant, the commission shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(A) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(B) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(C) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(D) A juvenile adjudication;
(E) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(F) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(i) A criminal sexual act;
(ii) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(iii) Aggravated assault;
(iv) Aggravated robbery;
(v) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(vi) Arson;
(vii) Carjacking;
(viii) Kidnapping; or
(ix) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(4)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the commission at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for certification, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify such individual from obtaining a certification as an operator.
(B) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the commission to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to

submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(C) In considering predetermination petitions, the commission shall apply the direct relationship standard in paragraph (2) of this subsection and shall not consider any offenses falling under paragraph (3) of this subsection. The commission shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(D) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the commission only if the petitioner applies for certification, fulfills all other requirements for operator certification, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for certification.

(E) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from certification, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(F) The commission may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of certification only after the commission has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The commission shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The commission shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(G) If the commission decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(i) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any of the petitioner's specific convictions and the factors provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection the commission deemed directly relevant;

(ii) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the commission's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(iii) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the commission not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(H) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination

petition, the commission shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 20-2-982.1, relating to definitions relative to professional standards of teachers and other school personnel, to read as follows:

"(1.1) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of such finding, verdict, or plea has been sought."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-984.3, relating to preliminary investigation of violations by the Professional Standards Commission, requirement for automatic investigation, and investigation of sexual offenses, as follows:

"20-2-984.3.

(a) Upon receipt of a written request from a local board, the state board, or one or more individual residents of this state, the commission shall be authorized to investigate:

(1) Alleged violations by an educator of any law of this state pertaining to educators or the profession of education;

(2) Alleged violations by an educator of the code of ethics of the commission;

(3) Alleged violations by an educator of rules, regulations, or policies of the state board or the commission;

(4) Complaints alleging a failure by an educator to meet or comply with standards of performance of the commission or the state board; or

(5) Complaints alleging that an educator has been convicted of any directly related felony, of any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1, of any other criminal offense involving the manufacture, distribution, trafficking, sale, or possession of a controlled substance or marijuana as provided for in Chapter 13 of Title 16, or of any other sexual offense as provided for in Code Sections 16-6-1 through 16-6-17 or Code Section 16-6-20, 16-6-22.2, or 16-12-100 in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States. ~~As used in this paragraph, the term 'convicted' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought; a situation where first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; and a situation where an adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge or the charge was otherwise disposed of in a similar manner in any jurisdiction.~~

(b) The commission shall decide whether to conduct a preliminary investigation pursuant to this Code section within 30 days of the request unless an extension is granted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-984.5. The commission may appoint a committee of its membership with the power to transact and carry out the

business and duties of the commission when deciding whether to conduct a preliminary investigation.

(b.1) In investigating whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a certificate, the commission shall not consider nor require an educator to disclose:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(4) A juvenile adjudication;

(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(A) A criminal sexual act;

(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(C) Aggravated assault;

(D) Aggravated robbery;

(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(F) Arson;

(G) Carjacking;

(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(c) When an educator admits on a Professional Standards Commission application to having resigned or being discharged for committing a felony or ~~misdemeanor involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 or being under investigation by law enforcement authorities for such conduct or for committing a breach of the code of ethics or for a violation of state education laws or having a criminal ~~history~~ record or having had a surrender, denial, revocation, or suspension of a certificate or being the subject of an investigation or adverse action regarding a certificate, an investigation will automatically open without notification to the commission and with written notification to the educator.

(c.1) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this Code section, the commission shall not consider nor require an educator to disclose on a Professional Standards Commission application:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;

(4) A juvenile adjudication;

(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or

(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:

(A) A criminal sexual act;

(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;

(C) Aggravated assault;

(D) Aggravated robbery;

(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;

(F) Arson;

(G) Carjacking;

(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder.

(d) Notwithstanding the requirements of this Code section, the staff of the commission shall be authorized, without notification to the commission, to immediately open an investigation submitted to the commission by a local school superintendent, with approval of the local board of education, of a complaint by a student against an educator alleging a sexual offense, as provided for in Code Sections 16-6-1 through 16-6-17 or Code Section 16-6-20, 16-6-22.2, or 16-12-100.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the commission at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for certification, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a certificate.

(2) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (c.1) of this Code section. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(3) In considering predetermination petitions, the commission shall apply the direct relationship standard provided for in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 20-2-984.5 and shall not consider any offenses falling under subsection (c.1) of this Code section. The commission shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.

(4) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a certificate shall be binding on the commission only if the petitioner applies for certification, fulfills all other requirements for the certificate, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a certificate.

(5) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from certification, the commission shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their

opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.

(6) The commission may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the commission has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The commission shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The commission shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(7) If the commission decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a certificate, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(A) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including any specific convictions and the factors in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 20-2-984.5 the commission deemed directly relevant;

(B) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the commission's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(C) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the commission not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(8) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the commission shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-2-984.5, relating to preliminary investigations of educators, disciplinary actions, and hearings by the Professional Standards Commission, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(a.1) The commission shall recommend disciplinary action on the basis of a criminal conviction only if the conviction or adjudication directly relates to the role of an educator. In determining if a criminal conviction directly relates to the role of an educator, the commission shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the crime and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the educator;

(2) The age of the individual at the time such crime was committed;
(3) The length of time elapsed since such crime was committed;
(4) All circumstances relative to such crime, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and
(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the certificate is sought or held, including, but not limited to:
(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;
(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;
(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;
(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;
(E) Education and training;
(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the commission.

(a.2) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license, the commission or investigator shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:
(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;
(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;
(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or pardoned;
(4) A juvenile adjudication;
(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the commission's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(A) A criminal sexual act;
(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(C) Aggravated assault;
(D) Aggravated robbery;
(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(F) Arson;
(G) Carjacking;
(H) Kidnapping; or

(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-41, relating to qualifications for pharmacist licenses, examination, and internships and other training programs, as follows:

"(a) **Qualifications.** To obtain a license to engage in the practice of pharmacy, an applicant for licensure by examination shall:

(1) Have submitted an application in the form prescribed by the board;

(2) Have attained the age of majority;

~~(3) Be of good moral character;~~

~~(4)~~(3) Have graduated and received a professional undergraduate degree from a college or school of pharmacy as the same may be approved by the board; provided, however, that, since it would be impractical for the board to evaluate a school or college of pharmacy located in another country, the board may accept a graduate from such a school or college so long as the graduate has completed all requirements of the Foreign Pharmacy Equivalency Certification Program administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This shall include successful completion of all required examinations and the issuance of the equivalency certificate and be based upon an individual evaluation by the board of the applicant's educational experience, professional background, and proficiency in the English language;

~~(5)~~(4) Have completed an internship or other program that has been approved by the board or demonstrated to the board's satisfaction that experience in the practice of pharmacy which meets or exceeds the minimum internship requirements of the board;

~~(6)~~(5) Have successfully passed an examination or examinations approved by the board; and

~~(7)~~(6) Have paid the fees specified by the board for the examination and any related materials and have paid for the issuance of the license."

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 26-4-60, relating to grounds for suspension, revocation or refusal to grant pharmacist licenses, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) Except as prohibited in Code Section 26-4-60.1, for being ~~Being~~:

(A) Convicted of a felony;

(B) Convicted of any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor, as defined in Code Section 43-1-1, in this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; or

(C) Convicted or guilty of violations of the pharmacy or drug laws of this state, or rules and regulations pertaining thereto, or of laws, rules, and regulations of any other

state, or of the federal government;"

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"26-4-60.1.

(a) Notwithstanding paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-60, the board of pharmacy shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of the practice of pharmacy. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the board of pharmacy shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the board.

(b) In determining whether to deny, diminish, limit, suspect, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise withhold a license due to criminal record, the board of pharmacy shall not consider nor require an individual to disclose:

(1) A deferred adjudication, first offender treatment, participation in a diversion program, a conditional discharge, or an arrest not followed by a conviction;

(2) A conviction for which no sentence of incarceration can be imposed;

(3) A conviction that has been restricted, sealed, annulled, dismissed, vacated, or

pardoned;
(4) A juvenile adjudication;
(5) A misdemeanor conviction older than five years, unless the offense of conviction is listed in subparagraph (j)(4)(B) of Code Section 35-3-37; or
(6) A conviction older than five years for which the individual was not incarcerated, or a conviction for which the individual's incarceration ended more than five years before the date of the board's consideration, except for a felony conviction related to:
(A) A criminal sexual act;
(B) Criminal fraud or embezzlement;
(C) Aggravated assault;
(D) Aggravated robbery;
(E) Aggravated abuse, neglect, or endangerment of a child;
(F) Arson;
(G) Carjacking;
(H) Kidnapping;
(I) Manslaughter, homicide, or murder; or
(J) Distribution, manufacturing, or possession of a controlled substance.

26-4-60.2.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the board of pharmacy at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.
(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the board to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petitioning individual need not disclose any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-60.1. The petition shall also include any information the petitioner chooses to submit concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.
(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the board shall apply the direct relationship standard in subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-60.1 and shall not consider any offenses falling under subsection (b) of Code Section 26-4-60.1. The board shall support any adverse predetermination with clear and convincing evidence.
(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the board only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.
(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the board shall notify the petitioner of the potentially disqualifying convictions. The letter of concern shall advise the petitioner of their opportunity to submit additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigation or for a hearing, or both.
(f) The board may predetermine that the petitioner's criminal record is likely grounds for denial of a license only after the board has held a hearing on the petitioner's eligibility in

accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The hearing shall be held in person, by remote video, or by teleconference within 60 days of receipt of the predetermination petition. The individual shall have the opportunity to include character witnesses at the hearing, including but not limited to family members, friends, past or prospective employers, probation or parole officers, and rehabilitation counselors, who may offer their verbal or written support. The board shall not make an adverse inference by a petitioner's decision to forgo a hearing or character witnesses. The board shall issue a final decision within 60 days of complete submission of the issue for consideration or the hearing, whichever is later.

(g) If the board decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the board shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section the board deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the board's predetermination decision under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act'; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the board not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier.

(h) The denial of a predetermination petition because of the applicant's criminal record shall constitute a contested case as defined in Code Section 50-13-2. In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing the denial of a predetermination petition, the board shall have the burden of proving that the applicant's criminal record directly relates to the licensed occupation."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Code Section 31-7-351, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia long-term care background check program, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5)(A) 'Criminal record' means any of the following:

(i) Conviction of a crime;

(ii) Arrest, charge, and sentencing for a crime when:

(I) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the crime;

(II) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt was granted to the crime; or

(III) Adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered for the crime; or

(iii) Arrest and charges for a crime if the charge is pending, unless the time for prosecuting such crime has expired pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 17.

(B) Such term shall not include an owner, applicant, or employee for which at least ten years have elapsed from the date of his or her criminal background check since the ~~completion of all of the terms of his or her sentence~~ dates of conviction or adjudication; such term also shall not include an owner, applicant, or employee who has received a general pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles for the convictions; provided, however, that such ten-year period exemption ~~or~~ and pardon exemption shall never apply to any crime identified in subsection (j) of Code Section 42-8-60."

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Code Section 33-23-21, relating to grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of insurance agent licenses, by revising paragraphs (15) and (16) as follows:

"(15) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 33-23-21.2, has ~~Has~~ been convicted of any felony or of any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1 in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; as used in this paragraph and paragraph (16) of this subsection, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph, the term 'conviction' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;

(16) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 33-23-21.2, has ~~Has~~ been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any directly related felony, or any ~~crime involving moral turpitude~~ directly related covered misdemeanor as defined in Code Section 43-1-1, where:

(A) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or

(B) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge.

The order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation of first offenders, or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;"

SECTION 6-2.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"33-23-21.2.

Notwithstanding Code Section 33-23-21, the Commissioner shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been

rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of a licensee. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the Commissioner shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;

(F) Employment history;

(G) Employment aspirations;

(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;

(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;

(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and

(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the Commissioner.

33-23-21.3.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a license.

(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.

(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the Commissioner shall apply the direct relationship standard in Code Section 33-23-21.2.

(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal

record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.

(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.

(f) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:

(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the factors in Code Section 33-23-21.2 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;

(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and

(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier."

SECTION 6-3.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"33-23-43.11.

Notwithstanding Code Section 33-23-43.10, the Commissioner shall refuse to grant a license to an individual or shall revoke a license only if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held and granting the license would pose a direct and substantial risk to public safety because the individual has not been rehabilitated to safely perform the duties and responsibilities of a licensee. In determining if a conviction directly relates to the occupation for which the license is sought or held, the Commissioner shall consider:

(1) The nature and seriousness of the offense and the direct relationship of the criminal conduct to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the license is sought or held;

(2) The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed;

(3) The length of time elapsed since the offense was committed;

(4) All circumstances relative to the offense, including, but not limited to, mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense; and

(5) Evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the occupation for which the license is sought or held, including, but not limited to:

(A) The completion of the criminal sentence;

(B) A program and treatment certificate issued by the Board of Corrections;

(C) Completion of, or active participation in, a rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment program;

(D) Testimonials and recommendations, which may include a progress report from the individual's probation or parole officer;

(E) Education and training;
(F) Employment history;
(G) Employment aspirations;
(H) The individual's current family or community responsibilities, or both;
(I) Whether a bond is required to practice the occupation;
(J) Any affidavits or other written documents, including, but not limited to, character references; and
(K) Any other information regarding rehabilitation the individual submits to the Commissioner.

33-23-43.12.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual with a criminal record may petition the Commissioner at any time, including while incarcerated and before starting or completing any required professional qualifications for licensure, for a predetermination as to whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify him or her from obtaining a public adjuster's license.
(b) The petition for predetermination shall include the individual's criminal record or authorize the Commissioner to obtain the individual's criminal record. The petition shall also include information submitted by the petitioner concerning the circumstances of their record and their rehabilitation.
(c) In considering predetermination petitions, the Commissioner shall apply the direct relationship standard in Code Section 33-23-43.11.
(d) A predetermination made under this subsection that a petitioner is eligible for a license shall be binding on the Commissioner only if the petitioner applies for licensure, fulfills all other requirements for the licensure, and the petitioner's submitted criminal record was correct and remains unchanged at the time of his or her application for a license.
(e) If a petitioner's criminal record includes matters that may disqualify the petitioner from licensure, the Commissioner shall provide notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 2 of this title.
(f) If, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner decides that a predetermination petitioner is ineligible for a license, the Commissioner shall notify the petitioner of the following:
(1) The grounds and rationale for the predetermination, including the specific convictions and the factors in Code Section 33-23-43.11 the Commissioner deemed directly relevant;
(2) An explanation of the process and right to appeal the Commissioner's predetermination decision; and
(3) Any actions the petitioner may take to remedy the disqualification. An individual who receives a predetermination of ineligibility may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of the remedial actions. The individual may submit a new petition to the Commissioner not before one year following a final judgment on their initial petition or upon completing the remedial actions, whichever is earlier."

PART VII
SECTION 7-1.

Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-4-8, relating to qualifications of firefighters generally, to read as follows:

"(d) A person who pleaded guilty to a felony offense under the 'Georgia First Offender Act' and successfully completed the terms of his or her sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 may, at the council's discretion, be certified and employed as a firefighter if such person otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in this Code section. Such person shall provide information on the circumstances underlying the plea of guilty, as requested by the council, to enable the council to make an informed decision on such individual's qualification status."

PART VIII
SECTION 8-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by repealing Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, in its entirety and enacting a new Code Section 43-1-34 to read as follows:

"43-1-34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'License' means a document, permit, certificate of registration, or other authorization issued by or on behalf of a professional licensing board or other board that is required under this title for a person to engage in a profession, business, or trade or an occupational specialty, certification, or other document earned in the military.

(2) 'Military' means the United States armed forces, including the air force, army, coast guard, marine corps, navy, space force, national guard, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. Such term also includes the military reserves and militia of any United States territory or state.

(3) 'Other board' means a board created pursuant to this title that is not a professional licensing board in this state.

(4) 'Scope of practice' means the procedures, actions, processes, and work that a person may perform under an occupational license.

(5) 'Service member' means an active duty member of the regular or reserve component of the United States military.

(6) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, or any branch or unit of the military.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other board shall issue an expedited license by endorsement to a service member or spouse of a service member upon application who:

(1) Holds a current and valid license to practice a profession, business, or trade issued by another state for an occupation with a similar scope of practice in this state, as determined by a professional licensing board or other board;

(2) Has held such license for at least one year;

(3) Is in good standing in such other state and whose license has not been revoked, suspended, or surrendered because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to such person's work in the profession, business, or trade;

(4) Does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending before a governmental entity in another state which relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime; provided, however, that, if such person has a pending complaint, allegation, or investigation, a professional licensing board or other board shall not issue or deny a license in this state until such complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved. In such instance, the licensing board or other board shall consult with such other state;

(5) Does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the professional licensing board or other board;

(6) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession, business, or trade for which such expedited license by endorsement is being sought; and

(7) Pays all applicable fees required by the professional licensing board or other board in this state.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other board shall issue an expedited license to a service member or spouse of a service member upon application based on work experience in another state if all of the following apply:

(1) Such service member or spouse worked in a profession, business, or trade in another state that does not require a license to regulate such occupation, but this state requires a license for an occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by a professional licensing board or other board;

(2) Such service member or spouse worked in such profession, business, or trade in another state for at least three years; and

(3) Such service member or spouse satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (4) through (7) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) An expedited license shall be issued no later than 30 days from the date of receipt of an application and information and documents that show that all of the requirements of subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section have been met. Such application shall only require such information and documentation necessary to verify that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section.

(e) An applicant who is refused a license under this Code section may not apply again on an expedited basis for the same license.

(f) A license issued under this Code section is valid only in this state. Such license does not make the licensee eligible to work in another state under an interstate licensure compact or reciprocity agreement, unless otherwise provided by law.

(g) A person who obtains a license under this Code section is subject to the laws of this state and the jurisdiction of the respective professional licensing board or other board in this state.

(h) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any interstate licensure compact entered into by this state."

SECTION 8-2.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces, in its entirety and enacting a new Code Section 43-1-35 to read as follows:

"43-1-35.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Firefighter' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 45-9-81.

(2) 'Healthcare provider' means any physician or other person licensed or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish healthcare services, including any dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, pharmacist, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, clinical social worker, registered professional nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, registered optician, physical therapist, chiropractor, physician assistant, cardiac technician, emergency medical technician, or paramedic.

(3) 'Law enforcement officer' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 45-9-81.

(4) 'License' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

(5) 'Other board' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

(6) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other board shall issue a license by endorsement to any individual seeking licensure for a profession other than that of a firefighter, healthcare provider, or a law enforcement officer, provided that such individual has:

(1) Moved from another state and established residency in this state;

(2) Holds a current license to practice such occupation or profession issued by another state prior to establishing residency in this state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state to obtain a license;

(3) Is in good standing in such other state and is not the subject of an investigation or a disciplinary proceeding being conducted by a professional licensing board or other board in such other state; and

(4) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession, business, or trade for which such license by endorsement is being sought.

(c) Subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be used to grant a license by endorsement of a firefighter, healthcare provider, or law enforcement officer to any individual.

(d) An application for a license by endorsement shall only require such information and documentation necessary to verify that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(f) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to be applicable to a license or admission to practice law in this state.

(g) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia or to permit the issuance of a license without verification under Code Section 50-36-1."

SECTION 8-3.

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 43-50-42, relating to issuance and renewal of temporary license for transitioning service members.

PART IX
SECTION 9-1.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2024, and shall apply to all applications for licensure submitted on or after such date; provided, however, Part VIII of this Act shall become effective on March 1, 2024.

SECTION 9-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 195 as amended by the following amendment #4:

Senators Walker of the 20th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd offered the following substitute to SB 195:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Social Work Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists to administer the compact in this state; to provide for a short title; to remove the residency requirement for the issuance of licenses by endorsement for certain professions; to amend Titles 31 and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to change certain provisions relating to soil classifiers and professional land surveyors; to change the necessary experience requirements to qualify as a soil classifier to conduct soil investigations and prepare soil reports for an on-site sewage management system; to revise the definition of "soil classifier"; to provide for educational, experience, and examination

requirements for licensure as a professional land surveyor; to change and provide certain provisions related to the issuance of land surveyor intern certificates; to conform a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Code Section 43-10A-5, relating to powers and duties of board, quorum, and meetings, by revising subsection (h) as follows:

"(h) The board shall administer the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact contained in Article 2 of this chapter and the Social Work Licensure Compact contained in Article 3 of this chapter."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3

43-10A-60.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Social Work Licensure Compact Act.'

43-10A-61.

The Social Work Licensure Compact is enacted into law and entered into by the State of Georgia with any and all other states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

'SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT ACT

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Compact is to facilitate interstate practice of Regulated Social Workers by improving public access to competent Social Work Services. The Compact preserves the regulatory authority of States to protect public health and safety through the current system of State licensure. This Compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:

A. Increase public access to Social Work Services;

B. Reduce overly burdensome and duplicative requirements associated with holding multiple licenses;

C. Enhance the Member States' ability to protect the public's health and safety;

D. Encourage the cooperation of Member States in regulating multistate practice;

E. Promote mobility and address workforce shortages by eliminating the necessity for licenses in multiple States by providing for the mutual recognition of other Member State licenses;

F. Support military families;
G. Facilitate the exchange of licensure and disciplinary information among Member States;
H. Authorize all Member States to hold a Regulated Social Worker accountable for abiding by the Member State's laws, regulations, and applicable professional standards in the Member State in which the client is located at the time care is rendered; and
I. Allow for the use of telehealth to facilitate increased access to regulated Social Work Services.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS
As used in this Compact, and except as otherwise provided, the following definitions shall apply:
A. 'Active Military Member' means any individual in full-time duty status in the active armed forces of the United States including members of the National Guard and Reserve.
B. 'Adverse Action' means any administrative, civil, equitable or criminal action permitted by a State's laws which is imposed by a Licensing Authority or other authority against a Regulated Social Worker, including actions against an individual's license or Multistate Authorization to Practice such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the Licensee, limitation on the Licensee's practice, or any other Encumbrance on licensure affecting a Regulated Social Worker's authorization to practice, including issuance of a cease and desist action.
C. 'Alternative Program' means a non-disciplinary monitoring or practice remediation process approved by a Licensing Authority to address practitioners with an Impairment.
D. 'Charter Member States' - Member States who have enacted legislation to adopt this Compact where such legislation predates the effective date of this Compact as defined in Section 14.
E. 'Compact Commission' or 'Commission' means the government agency whose membership consists of all States that have enacted this Compact, which is known as the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission, as defined in Section 10, and which shall operate as an instrumentality of the Member States.
F. 'Current Significant Investigative Information' means:
1. Investigative information that a Licensing Authority, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity for the Regulated Social Worker to respond has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction as may be defined by the Commission; or
2. Investigative information that indicates that the Regulated Social Worker represents an immediate threat to public health and safety, as may be defined by the Commission, regardless of whether the Regulated Social Worker has been notified and has had an opportunity to respond.
G. 'Data System' means a repository of information about Licensees, including, but not limited to, continuing education, examination, licensure, Current Significant Investigative Information, Disqualifying Event, Multistate License(s) and Adverse Action information or other information as required by the Commission.

H. 'Domicile' means the jurisdiction in which the Licensee resides and intends to remain indefinitely.

I. 'Disqualifying Event' means any Adverse Action or incident which results in an Encumbrance that disqualifies or makes the Licensee ineligible to either obtain, retain or renew a Multistate License.

J. 'Encumbrance' means a revocation or suspension of, or any limitation on, the full and unrestricted practice of Social Work licensed and regulated by a Licensing Authority.

K. 'Executive Committee' means a group of delegates elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by, the compact and Commission.

L. 'Home State' means the Member State that is the Licensee's primary Domicile.

M. 'Impairment' means a condition(s) that may impair a practitioner's ability to engage in full and unrestricted practice as a Regulated Social Worker without some type of intervention and may include, but are not limited to, alcohol and drug dependence, mental health impairment, and neurological or physical impairments.

N. 'Licensee(s)' means an individual who currently holds a license from a State to practice as a Regulated Social Worker.

O. 'Licensing Authority' means the board or agency of a Member State, or equivalent, that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of Regulated Social Workers.

P. 'Member State' means a state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States of America that has enacted this Compact.

Q. 'Multistate Authorization to Practice' means a legally authorized privilege to practice, which is equivalent to a license, associated with a Multistate License permitting the practice of Social Work in a Remote State.

R. 'Multistate License' means a license to practice as a Regulated Social Worker issued by a Home State Licensing Authority that authorizes the Regulated Social Worker to practice in all Member States under Multistate Authorization to Practice.

S. 'Qualifying National Exam' means a national licensing examination approved by the Commission.

T. 'Regulated Social Worker' means any clinical, master's or bachelor's Social Worker licensed by a Member State regardless of the title used by that Member State.

U. 'Remote State' means a Member State other than the Licensee's Home State.

V. 'Rule(s)' or 'Rule(s) of the Commission' means a regulation or regulations duly promulgated by the Commission, as authorized by the Compact, that has the force of law.

W. 'Single State License' means a Social Work license issued by any State that authorizes practice only within the issuing State and does not include Multistate Authorization to Practice in any Member State.

X. 'Social Work' or 'Social Work Services' means the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities through the care and services provided by a Regulated Social Worker as set forth in the Member State's statutes and regulations in the State where the services are being provided.

Y. 'State' means any state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States of

America that regulates the practice of Social Work.
Z. 'Unencumbered License' means a license that authorizes a Regulated Social Worker to engage in the full and unrestricted practice of Social Work.

SECTION 3: STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT
A. To be eligible to participate in the compact, a potential Member State must currently meet all of the following criteria:
1. License and regulate the practice of Social Work at either the clinical, master's, or bachelor's category.
2. Require applicants for licensure to graduate from a program that is:
a. Operated by a college or university recognized by the Licensing Authority;
b. Accredited, or in candidacy by an institution that subsequently becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by either:
i. the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or its successor; or
ii. the United States Department of Education; and
c. Corresponds to the licensure sought as outlined in Section 4.
3. Require applicants for clinical licensure to complete a period of supervised practice.
4. Have a mechanism in place for receiving, investigating, and adjudicating complaints about Licensees.
B. To maintain membership in the Compact a Member State shall:
1. Require applicants for a Multistate License pass a Qualifying National Exam for the corresponding category of Multistate License sought as outlined in Section 4;
2. Participate fully in the Commission's Data System, including using the Commission's unique identifier as defined in Rules;
3. Notify the Commission, in compliance with the terms of the Compact and Rules, of any Adverse Action or the availability of Current Significant Investigative Information regarding a Licensee;
4. Implement procedures for considering the criminal history records of applicants for a Multistate License. Such procedures shall include the submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that State's criminal records;
5. Comply with the Rules of the Commission;
6. Require an applicant to obtain or retain a license in the Home State and meet the Home State's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as all other applicable Home State laws;
7. Authorize a Licensee holding a Multistate License in any Member State to practice in accordance with the terms of the Compact and Rules of the Commission; and
8. Designate a delegate to participate in the Commission meetings.
C. A Member State meeting the requirements of Section 3.A. and 3.B of this Compact shall designate the categories of Social Work licensure that are eligible for issuance of a Multistate License for applicants in such Member State. To the extent that any Member State does not meet the requirements for participation in the Compact at any particular

category of Social Work licensure, such Member State may choose, but is not obligated to, issue a Multistate License to applicants that otherwise meet the requirements of Section 4 for issuance of a Multistate License in such category or categories of licensure.

D. The Home State may charge a fee for granting the Multistate License.

SECTION 4: SOCIAL WORKER PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT

A. To be eligible for a Multistate License under the terms and provisions of the Compact, an applicant, regardless of category must:

1. Hold or be eligible for an active, Unencumbered License in the Home State;

2. Pay any applicable fees, including any State fee, for the Multistate License;

3. Submit, in connection with an application for a Multistate License, fingerprints or other biometric data for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that State's criminal records;

4. Notify the Home State of any Adverse Action, Encumbrance, or restriction on any professional license taken by any Member State or non-Member State within 30 days from the date the action is taken;

5. Meet any continuing competence requirements established by the Home State;

6. Abide by the laws, regulations, and applicable standards in the Member State where the client is located at the time care is rendered.

B. An applicant for a clinical-category Multistate License must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be satisfied by either:

a. Passage of a clinical-category Qualifying National Exam; or

b. Licensure of the applicant in their Home State at the clinical category, beginning prior to such time as a Qualifying National Exam was required by the Home State and accompanied by a period of continuous Social Work licensure thereafter, all of which may be further governed by the Rules of the Commission; or

c. The substantial equivalency of the foregoing competency requirements which the Commission may determine by Rule.

2. Attain at least a master's degree in Social Work from a program that is:

a. Operated by a college or university recognized by the Licensing Authority; and

b. Accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by either:

i. the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor; or

ii. the United States Department of Education.

3. Fulfill a practice requirement, which shall be satisfied by demonstrating completion of either:

a. A period of postgraduate supervised clinical practice equal to a minimum of three thousand hours; or

b. A minimum of two years of full-time postgraduate supervised clinical practice; or

c. The substantial equivalency of the foregoing practice requirements which the Commission may determine by Rule.

C. An applicant for a master's-category Multistate License must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be satisfied by either:

a. Passage of a masters-category Qualifying National Exam;

b. Licensure of the applicant in their Home State at the master's category, beginning prior to such time as a Qualifying National Exam was required by the Home State at the master's category and accompanied by a continuous period of Social Work licensure thereafter, all of which may be further governed by the Rules of the Commission; or

c. The substantial equivalency of the foregoing competency requirements which the Commission may determine by Rule.

2. Attain at least a master's degree in Social Work from a program that is:

a. Operated by a college or university recognized by the Licensing Authority; and

b. Accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by either:

i. the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor; or

ii. the United States Department of Education.

D. An applicant for a bachelor's-category Multistate License must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be satisfied by either:

a. Passage of a bachelor's-category Qualifying National Exam;

b. Licensure of the applicant in their Home State at the bachelor's category, beginning prior to such time as a Qualifying National Exam was required by the Home State and accompanied by a period of continuous Social Work licensure thereafter, all of which may be further governed by the Rules of the Commission; or

c. The substantial equivalency of the foregoing competency requirements which the Commission may determine by Rule.

2. Attain at least a bachelor's degree in Social Work from a program that is:

a. Operated by a college or university recognized by the Licensing Authority; and

b. Accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by either:

i. the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor; or

ii. the United States Department of Education.

E. The Multistate License for a Regulated Social Worker is subject to the renewal requirements of the Home State. The Regulated Social Worker must maintain compliance with the requirements of Section 4(A).

F. The Regulated Social Worker's services in a Remote State are subject to that Member State's regulatory authority. A Remote State may, in accordance with due process and that Member State's laws, remove a Regulated Social Worker's Multistate Authorization to Practice in the Remote State for a specific period of time, impose fines, and take any other necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its citizens.

G. If a Multistate License is encumbered, the Regulated Social Worker's Multistate Authorization to Practice shall be deactivated in all Remote States until the Multistate

License is no longer encumbered.

H. If a Multistate Authorization to Practice is encumbered in a Remote State, the regulated Social Worker's Multistate Authorization to Practice may be deactivated in that State until the Multistate Authorization to Practice is no longer encumbered.

SECTION 5: ISSUANCE OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE

A. Upon receipt of an application for Multistate License, the Home State Licensing Authority shall determine the applicant's eligibility for a Multistate License in accordance with Section 4 of this Compact.

B. If such applicant is eligible pursuant to Section 4 of this Compact, the Home State Licensing Authority shall issue a Multistate License that authorizes the applicant or Regulated Social Worker to practice in all Member States under a Multistate Authorization to Practice.

C. Upon issuance of a Multistate License, the Home State Licensing Authority shall designate whether the Regulated Social Worker holds a Multistate License in the Bachelors, Masters, or Clinical category of Social Work.

D. A Multistate License issued by a Home State to a resident in that State shall be recognized by all Compact Member States as authorizing Social Work Practice under a Multistate Authorization to Practice corresponding to each category of licensure regulated in the Member State.

SECTION 6: AUTHORITY OF INTERSTATE COMPACT COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATE LICENSING AUTHORITIES

A. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the Commission, shall be construed to limit, restrict, or in any way reduce the ability of a Member State to enact and enforce laws, regulations, or other rules related to the practice of Social Work in that State, where those laws, regulations, or other rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Compact.

B. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the requirements established by a Member State for the issuance of a Single State License.

C. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the Commission, shall be construed to limit, restrict, or in any way reduce the ability of a Member State to take Adverse Action against a Licensee's Single State License to practice Social Work in that State.

D. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the Commission, shall be construed to limit, restrict, or in any way reduce the ability of a Remote State to take Adverse Action against a Licensee's Authorization to Practice in that State.

E. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the Commission, shall be construed to limit, restrict, or in any way reduce the ability of a Licensee's Home State to take Adverse Action against a Licensee's Multistate License based upon information provided by a Remote State.

SECTION 7: REISSUANCE OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE BY A NEW HOME STATE

A. A Licensee may hold a Multistate License, issued by their Home State, in only one

Member State at any given time.

B. If a Licensee changes their Home State by moving between two Member States:

1. The Licensee shall immediately apply for the reissuance of their Multistate License in their new Home State. The Licensee shall pay all applicable fees and notify the prior Home State in accordance with the Rules of the Commission.

2. Upon receipt of an application to reissue a Multistate License, the new Home State shall verify that the Multistate License is active, unencumbered and eligible for reissuance under the terms of the Compact and the Rules of the Commission. The Multistate License issued by the prior Home State will be deactivated and all Member States notified in accordance with the applicable Rules adopted by the Commission.

3. Prior to the reissuance of the Multistate License, the new Home State shall conduct procedures for considering the criminal history records of the Licensee. Such procedures shall include the submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that State's criminal records.

4. If required for initial licensure, the new Home State may require completion of jurisprudence requirements in the new Home State.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Compact, if a Licensee does not meet the requirements set forth in this Compact for the reissuance of a Multistate License by the new Home State, then the Licensee shall be subject to the new Home State requirements for the issuance of a Single State License in that State.

C. If a Licensee changes their primary State of residence by moving from a Member State to a non-Member State, or from a non-Member State to a Member State, then the Licensee shall be subject to the State requirements for the issuance of a Single State License in the new Home State.

D. Nothing in this Compact shall interfere with a Licensee's ability to hold a Single State License in multiple States; however, for the purposes of this Compact, a Licensee shall have only one Home State, and only one Multistate License.

E. Nothing in this Compact shall interfere with the requirements established by a Member State for the issuance of a Single State License.

SECTION 8: MILITARY FAMILIES

An Active Military Member or their spouse shall designate a Home State where the individual has a Multistate License. The individual may retain their Home State designation during the period the service member is on active duty.

SECTION 9: ADVERSE ACTIONS

A. In addition to the other powers conferred by State law, a Remote State shall have the authority, in accordance with existing State due process law, to:

1. Take Adverse Action against a Regulated Social Worker's Multistate Authorization to Practice only within that Member State, and issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as the

production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a Licensing Authority in a Member State for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from another Member State shall be enforced in the latter State by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes of the State in which the witnesses or evidence are located.

2. Only the Home State shall have the power to take Adverse Action against a Regulated Social Worker's Multistate License.

B. For purposes of taking Adverse Action, the Home State shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from a Member State as it would if the conduct had occurred within the Home State. In so doing, the Home State shall apply its own State laws to determine appropriate action.

C. The Home State shall complete any pending investigations of a Regulated Social Worker who changes their Home State during the course of the investigations. The Home State shall also have the authority to take appropriate action(s) and shall promptly report the conclusions of the investigations to the administrator of the Data System. The administrator of the Data System shall promptly notify the new Home State of any Adverse Actions.

D. A Member State, if otherwise permitted by State law, may recover from the affected Regulated Social Worker the costs of investigations and dispositions of cases resulting from any Adverse Action taken against that Regulated Social Worker.

E. A Member State may take Adverse Action based on the factual findings of another Member State, provided that the Member State follows its own procedures for taking the Adverse Action.

F. Joint Investigations:

1. In addition to the authority granted to a Member State by its respective Social Work practice act or other applicable State law, any Member State may participate with other Member States in joint investigations of Licensees.

2. Member States shall share any investigative, litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or individual investigation initiated under the Compact.

G. If Adverse Action is taken by the Home State against the Multistate License of a Regulated Social Worker, the Regulated Social Worker's Multistate Authorization to Practice in all other Member States shall be deactivated until all Encumbrances have been removed from the Multistate License. All Home State disciplinary orders that impose Adverse Action against the license of a Regulated Social Worker shall include a statement that the Regulated Social Worker's Multistate Authorization to Practice is deactivated in all Member States until all conditions of the decision, order or agreement are satisfied.

H. If a Member State takes Adverse Action, it shall promptly notify the administrator of the Data System. The administrator of the Data System shall promptly notify the Home State and all other Member State's of any Adverse Actions by Remote States.

I. Nothing in this Compact shall override a Member State's decision that participation in

an Alternative Program may be used in lieu of Adverse Action. Nothing in this Compact shall authorize a Member State to demand the issuance of subpoenas for attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from another Member State for lawful actions within that Member State.

J. Nothing in this Compact shall authorize a Member State to impose discipline against a Regulated Social Worker who holds a Multistate Authorization to Practice for lawful actions within another Member State.

SECTION 10: ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION

A. The Compact Member States hereby create and establish a joint government agency whose membership consists of all Member States that have enacted the compact known as the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission. The Commission is an instrumentality of the Compact States acting jointly and not an instrumentality of any one State. The Commission shall come into existence on or after the effective date of the Compact as set forth in Section 14.

B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

1. Each Member State shall have and be limited to one (1) delegate selected by that Member State's State Licensing Authority.

2. The delegate shall be either:

a. A current member of the State Licensing Authority at the time of appointment, who is a Regulated Social Worker or public member of the State Licensing Authority; or

b. An administrator of the State Licensing Authority or their designee.

3. The Commission shall by Rule or bylaw establish a term of office for delegates and may by Rule or bylaw establish term limits.

4. The Commission may recommend removal or suspension of any delegate from office.

5. A Member State's State Licensing Authority shall fill any vacancy of its delegate occurring on the Commission within 60 days of the vacancy.

6. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on all matters before the Commission requiring a vote by Commission delegates.

7. A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates to meet by telecommunication, videoconference, or other means of communication.

8. The Commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings may be held as set forth in the bylaws. The Commission may meet by telecommunication, video conference or other similar electronic means.

C. The Commission shall have the following powers:

1. Establish the fiscal year of the Commission;

2. Establish code of conduct and conflict of interest policies;

3. Establish and amend Rules and bylaws;

4. Maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws;

5. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this Compact, the

Commission's Rules, and the bylaws;

6. Initiate and conclude legal proceedings or actions in the name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any State Licensing Board to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;

7. Maintain and certify records and information provided to a Member State as the authenticated business records of the Commission, and designate an agent to do so on the Commission's behalf;

8. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

9. Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a Member State;

10. Conduct an annual financial review;

11. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the Compact, and establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel matters;

12. Assess and collect fees;

13. Accept any and all appropriate gifts, donations, grants of money, other sources of revenue, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and receive, utilize, and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;

14. Lease, purchase, retain, own, hold, improve, or use any property, real, personal, or mixed, or any undivided interest therein;

15. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed;

16. Establish a budget and make expenditures;

17. Borrow money;

18. Appoint committees, including standing committees, composed of members, State regulators, State legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives, and such other interested persons as may be designated in this Compact and the bylaws;

19. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

20. Establish and elect an Executive Committee, including a chair and a vice chair;

21. Determine whether a State's adopted language is materially different from the model compact language such that the State would not qualify for participation in the Compact; and

22. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact.

D. The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Commission according to the terms of this Compact. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Executive Committee shall include:

a. Oversee the day-to-day activities of the administration of the compact including enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the compact, its Rules and

bylaws, and other such duties as deemed necessary;

b. Recommend to the Commission changes to the Rules or bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees charged to Compact Member States, fees charged to Licensees, and other fees;

c. Ensure Compact administration services are appropriately provided, including by contract;

d. Prepare and recommend the budget;

e. Maintain financial records on behalf of the Commission;

f. Monitor Compact compliance of Member States and provide compliance reports to the Commission;

g. Establish additional committees as necessary;

h. Exercise the powers and duties of the Commission during the interim between Commission meetings, except for adopting or amending Rules, adopting or amending bylaws, and exercising any other powers and duties expressly reserved to the Commission by Rule or bylaw; and

i. Other duties as provided in the Rules or bylaws of the Commission.

2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of up to eleven (11) members:

a. The chair and vice chair of the Commission shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.

b. The Commission shall elect five voting members from the current membership of the Commission.

c. Up to four (4) ex-officio, nonvoting members from four (4) recognized national Social Work organizations.

d. The ex-officio members will be selected by their respective organizations.

3. The Commission may remove any member of the Executive Committee as provided in the Commission's bylaws.

4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least annually.

a. Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the public, except that the Executive Committee may meet in a closed, non-public meeting as provided in subsection F.2 below.

b. The Executive Committee shall give seven (7) days' notice of its meetings, posted on its website and as determined to provide notice to persons with an interest in the business of the Commission.

c. The Executive Committee may hold a special meeting in accordance with subsection F.1.b. below.

E. The Commission shall adopt and provide to the Member States an annual report.

F. Meetings of the Commission

1. All meetings shall be open to the public, except that the Commission may meet in a closed, non-public meeting as provided in subsection F.2 below.

a. Public notice for all meetings of the full Commission of meetings shall be given in the same manner as required under the Rulemaking provisions in Section 12, except that the Commission may hold a special meeting as provided in subsection F.1.b below.

b. The Commission may hold a special meeting when it must meet to conduct emergency business by giving 48 hours' notice to all commissioners, on the Commission's website, and other means as provided in the Commission's Rules. The Commission's legal counsel shall certify that the Commission's need to meet qualifies as an emergency.

2. The Commission or the Executive Committee or other committees of the Commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting for the Commission or Executive Committee or other committees of the Commission to receive legal advice or to discuss:

a. Non-compliance of a Member State with its obligations under the Compact;

b. The employment, compensation, discipline or other matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees;

c. Current or threatened discipline of a Licensee by the Commission or by a Member State's Licensing Authority;

d. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;

e. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods, services, or real estate;

f. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

g. Trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

h. Information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

i. Investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

j. Information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the Commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues pursuant to the Compact;

k. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or Member State law; or

l. Other matters as promulgated by the Commission by Rule.

3. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed, the presiding officer shall state that the meeting will be closed and reference each relevant exempting provision, and such reference shall be recorded in the minutes.

4. The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release only by a majority vote of the Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

G. Financing of the Commission

1. The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization, and ongoing activities.

2. The Commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources as provided in subsection C(13).

3. The Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each Member State and impose fees on Licensees of Member States to whom it grants a Multistate License to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the Commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount for Member States shall be allocated based upon a formula that the Commission shall promulgate by Rule.

4. The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the Commission pledge the credit of any of the Member States, except by and with the authority of the Member State.

5. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Commission shall be subject to the financial review and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the Commission shall be subject to an annual financial review by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the financial review shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the Commission.

H. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

1. The members, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, both personally and in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person. The procurement of insurance of any type by the Commission shall not in any way compromise or limit the immunity granted hereunder.

2. The Commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee, and representative of the Commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or as determined by the Commission that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining their own counsel at their own expense; and provided further, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

3. The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee, and representative of the Commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of Commission employment,

duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

4. Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation on the liability of any Licensee for professional malpractice or misconduct, which shall be governed solely by any other applicable State laws.

5. Nothing in this Compact shall be interpreted to waive or otherwise abrogate a Member State's state action immunity or state action affirmative defense with respect to antitrust claims under the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, or any other State or federal antitrust or anticompetitive law or regulation.

6. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Member States or by the Commission.

SECTION 11: DATA SYSTEM

A. The Commission shall provide for the development, maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated database and reporting system containing licensure, Adverse Action, and the presence of Current Significant Investigative Information on all licensed individuals in Member States.

B. The Commission shall assign each applicant for a Multistate License a unique identifier, as determined by the Rules of the Commission.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the contrary, a Member State shall submit a uniform data set to the Data System on all individuals to whom this Compact is applicable as required by the Rules of the Commission, including:

1. Identifying information;

2. Licensure data;

3. Adverse Actions against a license and information related thereto;

4. Non-confidential information related to Alternative Program participation, the beginning and ending dates of such participation, and other information related to such participation not made confidential under Member State law;

5. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s) for such denial;

6. The presence of Current Significant Investigative Information; and

7. Other information that may facilitate the administration of this Compact or the protection of the public, as determined by the Rules of the Commission.

D. The records and information provided to a Member State pursuant to this Compact or through the Data System, when certified by the Commission or an agent thereof, shall constitute the authenticated business records of the Commission, and shall be entitled to any associated hearsay exception in any relevant judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative proceedings in a Member State.

E. Current Significant Investigative Information pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State will only be available to other Member States.

1. It is the responsibility of the Member States to report any Adverse Action against a Licensee and to monitor the database to determine whether Adverse Action has been

taken against a Licensee. Adverse Action information pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State will be available to any other Member State.

F. Member States contributing information to the Data System may designate information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the contributing State.

G. Any information submitted to the Data System that is subsequently expunged pursuant to federal law or the laws of the Member State contributing the information shall be removed from the Data System.

SECTION 12: RULEMAKING

A. The Commission shall promulgate reasonable Rules in order to effectively and efficiently implement and administer the purposes and provisions of the Compact. A Rule shall be invalid and have no force or effect only if a court of competent jurisdiction holds that the Rule is invalid because the Commission exercised its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope and purposes of the Compact, or the powers granted hereunder, or based upon another applicable standard of review.

B. The Rules of the Commission shall have the force of law in each Member State, provided however that where the Rules of the Commission conflict with the laws of the Member State that establish the Member State's laws, regulations, and applicable standards as held by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Rules of the Commission shall be ineffective in that State to the extent of the conflict.

C. The Commission shall exercise its Rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Section and the Rules adopted thereunder. Rules shall become binding on the day following adoption or the date specified in the rule or amendment, whichever is later.

D. If a majority of the legislatures of the Member States rejects a Rule or portion of a Rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the Compact within four (4) years of the date of adoption of the Rule, then such Rule shall have no further force and effect in any Member State.

E. Rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Commission.

F. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule, the Commission shall hold a public hearing and allow persons to provide oral and written comments, data, facts, opinions, and arguments.

G. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule by the Commission, and at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting at which the Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Rule, the Commission shall provide a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

1. On the website of the Commission or other publicly accessible platform;

2. To persons who have requested notice of the Commission's notices of proposed rulemaking, and

3. In such other way(s) as the Commission may by Rule specify.

H. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall include:

1. The time, date, and location of the public hearing at which the Commission will hear public comments on the proposed Rule and, if different, the time, date, and location of the meeting where the Commission will consider and vote on the proposed Rule;

2. If the hearing is held via telecommunication, video conference, or other electronic

means, the Commission shall include the mechanism for access to the hearing in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking;

3. The text of the proposed Rule and the reason therefor;

4. A request for comments on the proposed Rule from any interested person; and

5. The manner in which interested persons may submit written comments.

I. All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the recording and all written comments and documents received by the Commission in response to the proposed Rule shall be available to the public.

J. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each Rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the Commission at hearings required by this section.

K. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final action on the proposed Rule based on the Rulemaking record and the full text of the Rule.

1. The Commission may adopt changes to the proposed Rule provided the changes do not enlarge the original purpose of the proposed Rule.

2. The Commission shall provide an explanation of the reasons for substantive changes made to the proposed Rule as well as reasons for substantive changes not made that were recommended by commenters.

3. The Commission shall determine a reasonable effective date for the Rule. Except for an emergency as provided in Section 12.L, the effective date of the rule shall be no sooner than 30 days after issuing the notice that it adopted or amended the Rule.

L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Commission may consider and adopt an emergency Rule with 48 hours' notice, with opportunity to comment, provided that the usual Rulemaking procedures provided in the Compact and in this section shall be retroactively applied to the Rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency Rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to:

1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;

2. Prevent a loss of Commission or Member State funds;

3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of a Rule that is established by federal law or rule; or

4. Protect public health and safety.

M. The Commission or an authorized committee of the Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted Rule for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of the Commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty (30) days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a Rule. A challenge shall be made in writing and delivered to the Commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the Commission.

N. No Member State's rulemaking requirements shall apply under this compact.

SECTION 13: OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Oversight

1. The executive and judicial branches of State government in each Member State shall enforce this Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement the Compact.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this Compact, venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the Commission is located. The Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect or limit the selection or propriety of venue in any action against a Licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct or any such similar matter.

3. The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any proceeding regarding the enforcement or interpretation of the Compact and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide the Commission service of process shall render a judgment or order void as to the Commission, this Compact, or promulgated Rules.

B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

1. If the Commission determines that a Member State has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this Compact or the promulgated Rules, the Commission shall provide written notice to the defaulting State. The notice of default shall describe the default, the proposed means of curing the default, and any other action that the Commission may take, and shall offer training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

2. The Commission shall provide a copy of the notice of default to the other Member States.

C. If a State in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting State may be terminated from the Compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates of the Member States, and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred on that State by this Compact may be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending State of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

D. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the Commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting State's legislature, the defaulting State's State Licensing Authority and each of the Member States' State Licensing Authority.

E. A State that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

F. Upon the termination of a State's membership from this Compact, that State shall immediately provide notice to all Licensees within that State of such termination. The terminated State shall continue to recognize all licenses granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of six (6) months after the date of said notice of termination.

G. The Commission shall not bear any costs related to a State that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from the Compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the Commission and the defaulting State.

H. The defaulting State may appeal the action of the Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

I. Dispute Resolution

1. Upon request by a Member State, the Commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact that arise among Member States and between Member and non-Member States.

2. The Commission shall promulgate a Rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

J. Enforcement

1. By majority vote as provided by Rule, the Commission may initiate legal action against a Member State in default in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of the Commission. The Commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or the defaulting Member State's law.

2. A Member State may initiate legal action against the Commission in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

3. No person other than a Member State shall enforce this compact against the Commission.

SECTION 14: EFFECTIVE DATE, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT

A. The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh Member State.

1. On or after the effective date of the Compact, the Commission shall convene and review the enactment of each of the first seven Member States ('Charter Member States') to determine if the statute enacted by each such Charter Member State is materially different than the model Compact statute.

a. A Charter Member State whose enactment is found to be materially different from the model Compact statute shall be entitled to the default process set forth in Section 13.

b. If any Member State is later found to be in default, or is terminated or withdraws

from the Compact, the Commission shall remain in existence and the Compact shall remain in effect even if the number of Member States should be less than seven.

2. Member States enacting the Compact subsequent to the seven initial Charter Member States shall be subject to the process set forth in Section 10(C)(21) to determine if their enactments are materially different from the model Compact statute and whether they qualify for participation in the Compact.

3. All actions taken for the benefit of the Commission or in furtherance of the purposes of the administration of the Compact prior to the effective date of the Compact or the Commission coming into existence shall be considered to be actions of the Commission unless specifically repudiated by the Commission.

4. Any State that joins the Compact subsequent to the Commission's initial adoption of the Rules and bylaws shall be subject to the Rules and bylaws as they exist on the date on which the Compact becomes law in that State. Any Rule that has been previously adopted by the Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day the Compact becomes law in that State.

B. Any Member State may withdraw from this Compact by enacting a statute repealing the same.

1. A Member State's withdrawal shall not take effect until 180 days after enactment of the repealing statute.

2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing State's Licensing Authority to comply with the investigative and Adverse Action reporting requirements of this Compact prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

3. Upon the enactment of a statute withdrawing from this compact, a State shall immediately provide notice of such withdrawal to all Licensees within that State. Notwithstanding any subsequent statutory enactment to the contrary, such withdrawing State shall continue to recognize all licenses granted pursuant to this compact for a minimum of six (6) months after the date of such notice of withdrawal.

C. Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a Member State and a non-Member State that does not conflict with the provisions of this Compact.

D. This Compact may be amended by the Member States. No amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding upon any Member State until it is enacted into the laws of all Member States.

SECTION 15: CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

A. This Compact and the Commission's rulemaking authority shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes, and the implementation and administration of the Compact. Provisions of the Compact expressly authorizing or requiring the promulgation of Rules shall not be construed to limit the Commission's rulemaking authority solely for those purposes.

B. The provisions of this Compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this Compact is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the constitution of any Member State, a State seeking participation in the Compact, or

of the United States, or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this Compact and the applicability thereof to any other government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

C. Notwithstanding subsection B of this section, the Commission may deny a State's participation in the Compact or, in accordance with the requirements of Section 13.B, terminate a Member State's participation in the Compact, if it determines that a constitutional requirement of a Member State is a material departure from the Compact. Otherwise, if this Compact shall be held to be contrary to the constitution of any Member State, the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining Member States and in full force and effect as to the Member State affected as to all severable matters.

SECTION 16: CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER STATE LAWS

A. A Licensee providing services in a Remote State under a Multistate Authorization to Practice shall adhere to the laws and regulations, including laws, regulations, and applicable standards, of the Remote State where the client is located at the time care is rendered.

B. Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the enforcement of any other law of a Member State that is not inconsistent with the Compact.

C. Any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal requirements in a Member State in conflict with the Compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

D. All permissible agreements between the Commission and the Member States are binding in accordance with their terms.'"

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces and license by endorsement for certain professions, as follows:

"(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other board shall issue a license by endorsement to any individual seeking licensure for a profession other than that of a firefighter, healthcare provider, or a law enforcement officer, provided that such individual has:

(1) ~~Moved from another state and established residency in this state;~~

~~(2)~~ Holds a current license to practice such occupation or profession issued by another state ~~prior to establishing residency in this state~~ for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state to obtain a license;

~~(3)~~(2) Is in good standing in such other state and is not the subject of an investigation or a disciplinary proceeding being conducted by a professional licensing board or other board in such other state; and

~~(4)~~(3) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession, business, or trade for which such license by endorsement is being sought."

SECTION 4.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 31-3-5, relating to functions of county boards of health, as follows:

"(d)(1) Any person may register with the department to conduct soil investigations and prepare soil reports of a site within the state for an on-site sewage management system who meets any one of the following criteria:

(A) Qualifies as a soil classifier as defined in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection;

(B) Holds a valid certificate of registration as a professional engineer issued pursuant to Chapter 15 of Title 43 and is practicing within his or her area of engineering competency;

(C) Holds a valid certificate of registration as a registered geologist issued pursuant to Chapter 19 of Title 43 and is practicing within his or her area of geologic competency; or

(D) Is a soil and water conservation technician as defined in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(2) Upon the submission of an evaluation of the suitability of a site within the state for an on-site sewage management system by such a person who is registered with the department, the county board of health shall be required to accept the evaluation unless such evaluation is found by the county board of health to be deficient or questionable. If the county board of health finds such evaluation to be deficient or questionable, the board shall, within three working days of making such finding, issue a written determination stating all deficiencies and all measures needed to correct the deficiencies. A copy of this determination shall be provided to the state director of environmental health.

(3) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Soil and water conservation technician' means a person employed as a soil and water conservation technician by a soil and water conservation district provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 2.

(B) 'Soil classifier' means a person who:

(i) Holds at least a bachelor of science degree from an accredited college or university with a major in soil science or a related field of science. This degree shall include 30 semester credit hours or equivalent quarter credit hours in the biological, physical, chemical, and earth sciences with a minimum of 15 semester credit hours or equivalent quarter hours in soil science courses meeting the following distribution:

(I) A minimum of one course in soil classification, morphology, genesis, and mapping; and

(II) The remaining soil science credits ~~must~~ shall be in at least three of the following eight categories: introductory soil science; soil fertility; soil microbiology; soil chemistry; soil physics; soil management, soils and land use, or soils and the environment; soil mineralogy; or a three credit maximum in

independent study, geology, or hydrology; ~~and~~

(ii) Has at least four years of verifiable full-time or equivalent part-time experience. Two years of such experience, as determined by the department's soil classifiers advisory committee, shall have been obtained after meeting all the educational requirements of division (i) of this subparagraph under the supervision of a soil classifier who has met the education and experience requirements provided in this subparagraph~~. Such experience must be obtained after meeting all educational requirements defined in this subparagraph~~ and ~~must~~ shall have been spent actively mapping, identifying, and classifying soil features and interpreting the influence of soil features on soil uses, including, but not limited to, conducting soil investigations for determining the suitability of sites for on-site sewage management systems as approved by the department's soil classifiers advisory committee. The remaining two years of such experience, as determined by the department's soil classifiers advisory committee, shall have occurred prior to, during, or after meeting all the educational requirements of division (i) of this subparagraph and shall have included the utilization of soil science concepts and techniques in mapping, identifying, and classifying soil features and interpreting the influence of soil features on soil uses, including, but not limited to, conducting soil investigations for determining the suitability of sites for on-site sewage management systems as approved by the department's soil classifiers advisory committee; and

(iii) Has successfully passed a written examination pertaining to site investigations for on-site sewage management systems administered or approved by the department."

SECTION 5.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-15-2, relating to definitions relative to professional engineers and land surveyors, as follows:

"(2) 'Certificate' means any certificate issued under Code Section 43-15-8 or ~~43-15-12~~ 45-15-13."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 43-15-12, relating to surveyor intern certificate and eligibility, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 43-15-13, relating to professional land surveyor license and eligibility, and enacting a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-15-13.

(a) To be eligible for licensure as a professional land surveyor, an applicant shall:

(1) Complete the education and training requirements of subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph as follows:

(A)(i) Earn a bachelor's degree in a curriculum approved by the board. Such

applicant shall complete a minimum of 18 semester hours in land surveying subjects acceptable to the board as a part of or separate from such degree; and

(ii) Acquire not less than three years of combined office and field experience in land surveying of a nature satisfactory to the board;

(B)(i) Earn an associate's degree in a curriculum approved by the board. Such applicant shall complete a minimum of 18 semester hours in land surveying subjects acceptable to the board as a part of or separate from such degree; and

(ii) Acquire not less than five years of combined office and field experience in land surveying of a nature satisfactory to the board; or

(C)(i) Earn a high school diploma or its equivalent. Such applicant shall complete a minimum of 18 semester hours in land surveying subjects acceptable to the board; and

(ii) Acquire not less than eight years of combined office and field experience in land surveying of a nature satisfactory to the board; and

(2)(A) Pass each of the following board approved examinations:

(i) The fundamentals of surveying examination;

(ii) The principles and practices of land surveying examination; and

(iii) The laws and history of land surveying in Georgia examination.

(B) The examinations listed in divisions (i) through (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph may be taken after completion of the education requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided, however, that the examination in division (i) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be taken and passed before the examination in division (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is taken, and the examination listed in division (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be taken and passed before the examination in division (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is taken.

(b) The board may issue a land surveyor intern certificate to an applicant who has:

(1) Completed the education requirements set forth in division (a)(1)(A)(i), (a)(1)(B)(i), or (a)(1)(C)(i) of this Code section;

(2) Passed the board approved fundamentals of surveying examination as required under division (a)(2)(A)(i) of this Code section; and

(3) Completed such additional requirements as may be required by the board through rules and regulations."

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett

N Bearden	Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 195 as amended by the Senate.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report #2 thereto:

HB 514. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Bazemore of the 69th, Reeves of the 99th, Lim of the 98th, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures, so as to provide for the length and renewal of moratoriums related to zoning decisions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide procedures for the levy, collection, use, and waiver of fees related to zoning decisions and related permits; to revise notice and hearing requirements for certain zoning decisions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report #2 was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on HB 514 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to HB 514 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

/s/ Senator Brass of the 28th
/s/ Senator Dixon of the 45th
/s/ Senator Beach of the 21st
/s/ Representative Washburn of the 144th
/s/ Representative Powell of the 33rd
/s/ Representative LaHood of the 175th

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO HB 514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures, so as to provide for the length and renewal of certain moratoriums related to zoning decisions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide procedures for the levy, collection, use, and waiver of fees related to zoning decisions and related permits; to revise notice and hearing requirements for certain zoning decisions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Housing Regulation Transparency Act."

SECTION 2.
Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures, is amended in Code Section 36-66-4, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and procedure on zoning, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(i)(1) An ordinance or resolution that would result in the enactment of a temporary moratorium on one or more types of zoning decisions associated with property proposed to be used or developed for single-family residential purposes or on the issuance or approval of one or more types of permits associated with property proposed to be used or developed for single-family residential purposes shall only be valid for a period of 180 days or less. No such moratorium shall be continued or renewed beyond 180 days, and a new moratorium over the same type or types of zoning decisions or permits may only be enacted if more than 180 days have elapsed from the termination date of an earlier moratorium.

(2) The limitation on temporary moratoriums set forth in this subsection shall not apply to any temporary moratorium that is adopted after the local government adopting the ordinance or resolution finds the adoption thereof is a necessary and proper response to any of the following:

(A) A state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority;

(B) A natural disaster;

(C) Any set of conditions or circumstances that poses a danger to the health or safety

of any person or property;

(D) The order of any federal, state, or local agency or court with jurisdiction over the local government; or

(E) The local government has engaged a professional third-party contractor or in-house planner to conduct specific engineering, infrastructure, utility, future land use plans, or environmental studies relating to public utilities, works, or services to be supplied in whole or in part by the local government and such studies cannot be completed in the time provided in the temporary moratorium; provided, however, that any extension of such moratorium shall lapse upon the completion of such studies and any recommendations of such studies.

(j)(1) The General Assembly finds that an equitable program for financing the development and enforcement of local planning, land use, and zoning ordinances is necessary in order to promote and accommodate orderly growth and development and to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the State of Georgia.

(2) Local governments are authorized to levy and collect application, review, and other fees associated with the exercise of their zoning powers and the issuance of permits related to the exercise of such powers. All such fees for a local government shall be provided for in the local government's zoning ordinances. The proceeds of such fees shall be used to fund the administration and enforcement of zoning ordinances and not the general operations of the local government, provided that the local government shall not be required to establish separate accounts for such proceeds.

(3) Local governments are authorized to abate, exempt, or waive any fees authorized pursuant to this subsection that relate to zoning decisions and related permits for single-family housing developments or projects when the residential units associated with such development or project consist of single-family houses with less than 2,500 square feet of conditioned space per unit, provided that such development or project is consistent with the local government's comprehensive plan."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 36-66-5, relating to adoption of hearing policies and procedures and standards for exercise of zoning power, as follows:

"(c) The policies and procedures required by subsection (a) of this Code section and the adoption of standards required by subsection (b) and permitted by subsection (b.1) of this Code section shall be included in and adopted as part of the zoning ordinance. Prior to the adoption of any zoning ~~ordinance~~ decision under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (4) of Code Section 36-66-3 enacted on or after July 1, ~~2022~~ 2024, a local government shall conduct a public hearing on a proposed action which may be advertised and held concurrent with the hearing required by subsection (a) of Code Section 36-66-4 for the adoption of a zoning ordinance. The provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-66-4 relating to notices of public hearings for the purposes of that subsection shall also apply to public hearings required by this subsection."

SECTION 4.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report #2 on HB 514.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
N Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Payne
N Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	N Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	N Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	N Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	N Walker
N Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	N Watson, S.
N Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 12, nays 40; the motion lost, and the Senate did not adopt the Conference Committee Report #2 on HB 514.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

SB 240. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise the minimum and maximum allowable benefit multiplier for current and future retirees; to require certain social security coverage for all employees of a political subdivision who are members of the Public School Employees Retirement System; to prohibit the approval of certain plans; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on SB 240 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to SB 240 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
/s/ Senator Walker III of the 20th	/s/ Representative Carson of the 46th
/s/ Senator Dixon of the 45th	/s/ Representative Dubnik of the 29th
/s/ Senator Williams of the 25th	/s/ Representative Erwin of the 32nd

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO SB 240

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to provide that certain employees of charter schools who may be eligible for membership in the retirement system as a result of such employment shall continue to be eligible unless the nonprofit governing board of the charter school elects to provide such employees with an alternative retirement plan; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for construction; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"47-3-69.

(a) Individuals hired on or after June 1, 2024, who may be eligible for membership in this retirement system as a result of employment by a charter school established pursuant to Article 31 or 31A of Chapter 2 of Title 20, shall not become members of this retirement system as a result of such employment if the nonprofit governing board of the charter

school that employs them elects to provide such individuals with an alternative retirement plan.

(b) The provisions of this Code section shall not affect any employee of a charter school established pursuant to Article 31 or 31A of Chapter 2 of Title 20, who, prior to June 1, 2024, was a member of this retirement system as a result of such employment.

(c) The provisions of this Code section shall not be construed to support eligibility for or allow membership in this retirement system to any person or class of persons not otherwise eligible for membership in this retirement system."

SECTION 2.

Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code Section 47-20-87, relating to eligible large retirement systems authorized to invest in certain alternative investments, as follows:

"(d)(1)(A) Alternative investments by an eligible large retirement system shall not in the aggregate exceed 10 percent of the eligible large retirement system's assets at any time.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed 15 percent of its assets at any time.

(B.1) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed 15 percent of its assets at any time.

(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 5 percent of such system's assets at any time.

~~(D) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 5 percent of such system's assets at any time.~~"

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 25, 2024

The Honorable John Carson, Chairman
House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to Senate Bill 240 (LC 56 0205S)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This substitute bill would amend provisions relating to membership in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia as it relates to certain charter school employees. Specifically, this bill would prohibit employees of charter schools from joining the Teachers Retirement System if the nonprofit governing board of the charter school elects to provide the employees with an alternative retirement plan. This would only apply to persons hired on or after June 1, 2024.

Furthermore, this substitute bill would amend provisions relating to the Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law. Current law authorizes most eligible large retirement systems to invest up to 10 percent of their assets in alternative investments. However, the Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System are limited to a five percent investment in alternative investments. If this legislation is enacted, the limitation currently placed on the Employees' Retirement System would be removed and the System would be authorized to invest up to 10 percent of their assets in alternative investments.

This is to certify that this substitute bill is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on SB 240.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
N Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett

Y Bearden
Y Brass
Y Burns
N Butler
Y Cowsert
N Davenport
Y Dixon
Y Dolezal
Y Echols
N Esteves
Y Ginn
Y Gooch
Y Goodman
N Halpern
N Hodges
Y Hufstetler
N Islam Parkes
N Jackson
N James
N Jones, E.
N Jones, H.
Y Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
Lucas
N Mallow
E McLaurin
N Merritt
N Moore
Y Robertson
N Seay
N Setzler
Sims
Y Still
Y Strickland
Y Summers
E Tate
N Tillery
N Walker
Y Watson, B.
Y Watson, S.
Y Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 26, nays 26; the motion lost, and the Senate did not adopt the Conference Committee Report on SB 240.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in not adopting the Conference Committee Report to SB 240.

On the motion to reconsider, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers
Y Anavitarte
Y Anderson, L.
N Anderson, T.
N Beach
Y Bearden
N Brass
Y Burns
N Butler
N Cowsert
N Davenport
Y Dixon
Y Dolezal
Y Echols
N Esteves
Y Ginn
Y Gooch
Y Goodman
N Halpern
N Harbin
N Harbison
N Harrell
Y Hatchett
Y Hickman
N Hodges
N Hufstetler
N Islam Parkes
N Jackson
N James
N Jones, E.
N Jones, H.
Y Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
Lucas
N Mallow
E McLaurin
N Merritt
N Moore
N Orrock
N Parent
N Payne
N Rahman
N Rhett
Y Robertson
N Seay
Y Setzler
N Sims
Y Still
Y Strickland
Y Summers
E Tate
N Tillery
N Walker
Y Watson, B.
Y Watson, S.
Y Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 23, nays 30; the motion lost, and the failure to adopt the Conference Committee Report to SB 240 was not reconsidered.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that HB 384, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 384, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 384. By Representative Henderson of the 113th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-29-3.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to individual accident and sickness insurance coverage for mammograms, Pap smears, and prostate-specific antigen tests, so as to provide for annual notification by insurers to male insureds of coverage for prostate-specific antigen tests; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Brass of the 28th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	E McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 3.

HB 384, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/28/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 384. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Anderson of the 24th

The following resolution was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HR 1022. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for local governments to have the option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the inflation rate from the adjusted base year value of such homestead as provided by general law; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HR 1022 (LC 50 0891S) by replacing lines 2 through 4 with the following:

grant an additional $2,000.00 state-wide homestead exemption for all local taxing jurisdictions; to authorize the General Assembly to enact a state-wide homestead exemption that limits increases in the assessed value of homesteads, but which any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out of upon the completion of certain

By replacing lines 9 through 21 with the following:

Article VII, Section II of the Constitution is amended in Paragraph II by adding two new subparagraphs (a.1) and (a.2) to read as follows:

"(a.1) Beginning on January 1, 2025, each homestead in this state shall receive an annual exemption from ad valorem taxes imposed by any local taxing jurisdiction for any

purpose in the amount of $2,000.00, which shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any existing homestead exemption, however authorized. The grant of such homestead exemption shall be subject to any conditions, limitations, and administrative procedures specified by law for the implementation of state-wide homestead exemptions.

(a.2) A single state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes that is uniformly applicable to each county, consolidated government, municipality, and local school system, is authorized to become effective on January 1, 2025, pursuant to general law and without regard to subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, and such homestead exemption may:

(1) Limit the application of the homestead exemption to any such political subdivisions that do not already have certain existing homestead exemptions in effect;

(2) Prescribe a method by which any such political subdivision may opt out of said homestead exemption; and

(3) Prescribe a method by which newly created political subdivisions may opt in to such homestead exemption."

By replacing lines 26 through 30 with the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to grant an additional
( ) NO $2,000.00 state-wide homestead exemption for all local taxing jurisdictions and authorize a state-wide homestead exemption that limits increases in the assessed value of homesteads, but which any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out of upon the completion of certain procedures?"

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that the Senate disagree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HR 1022.

The consent was granted, and the Senate disagreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HR 1022.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th asked unanimous consent that HB 926, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 926, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 926. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Mainor of the 56th, Greene of the 154th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for issuance of certificates by a court for purposes of demonstrating rehabilitation and good moral character;to amend

Code Section 24-4-419 of the O.C.G.A., relating to admissibility of criminal history record information of an employee or former employee; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses; to amend Code Section 44-5-150 of the O.C.G.A., relating to search and notification for information identifying anatomical gift donor status; to amend Code Section 51-1-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to presumption of due care in hiring of person pardoned or who has obtained a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Cowsert of the 46th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 926:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to include healthcare workers and emergency health workers as special classes relating to battery by a juvenile; to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to revise procedure for arrest by citation for violations of motor vehicle related laws or ordinances; to provide for contents of uniform traffic citations; to revise consequences upon an individual's driver's license for failure to respond to a uniform traffic citation; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for the waiver of a driver's license reinstatement fee for individuals submitting pauper affidavits; to revise periods of suspension of license or driving privilege for failure to respond to a uniform traffic citation; to amend Code Section 44-5-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to search and notification for information identifying anatomical gift donor status, so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Second Chance Workforce Act."

SECTION 2.
Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code Section 15-11-505, relating to use of detention assessments to determine if detention is warranted, and "serious delinquent act" defined, by revising subparagraphs (V) and (W) and by adding a new subparagraph to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(V) Vehicular homicide; ~~or~~

(W) Voluntary manslaughter; or

(X) Battery if the victim is a healthcare worker or emergency health worker, as either term is defined in Code Section 16-5-19."

SECTION 3.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended by revising Code Section 17-4-23, relating to procedure for arrests by citation for motor vehicle violations, issuance of warrants for arrest for failure of persons charged to appear in court, and bond, as follows:

"17-4-23.

(a)(1) A law enforcement officer may arrest a person accused of violating any law or ordinance enacted by local law governing the operation, licensing, registration, maintenance, or inspection of motor vehicles or violating paragraph (2), (3), or (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 3-3-23 by the issuance of a citation, provided that such offense is committed in his or her presence or information constituting a basis for such arrest was received by the arresting officer from a law enforcement officer observing such offense being committed, except that, when such offense results in an accident, an investigating officer may issue citations regardless of whether the offense occurred in the presence of a law enforcement officer.

(2) A law enforcement officer may arrest a person accused of any misdemeanor violation of Code Section 16-7-21, 16-8-14, 16-8-14.1, or 16-13-30 by the issuance of a citation, provided that such offense is committed in his or her presence or information constituting a basis for such arrest was received by the arresting officer or an investigating officer from another law enforcement officer or other individual observing or aware of such offense being committed. When an arrest is made for such offense, prior to releasing the accused on citation, the arresting law enforcement officer shall review the accused's criminal record as such is on file with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Crime Information Center within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and ensure that the accused's fingerprints are obtained.

(3) The arresting officer shall issue a citation to the accused which shall enumerate the specific charges and the date upon which he or she is to appear and answer the charges or a notation that he or she will be later notified of the date upon which he or she is to appear and answer the charges. ~~When an arresting officer makes an arrest concerning the operation of a motor vehicle based on information received from another law enforcement officer who observed the offense being committed, the citation shall list the name of each officer and each officer must be present when the charges against the accused are heard.~~

(b)(1) When an accused is issued a citation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section, and ~~If~~ the accused fails to appear as specified in the citation, the judicial officer having jurisdiction of the offense may issue a warrant ordering the apprehension of the accused and commanding that he or she be brought before the court to answer the charge contained within the citation and the charge of his or her failure to appear as required. The accused shall then be allowed to make a reasonable bond to

appear on a given date before the court.

~~(c)~~(2) When an accused is issued a citation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section ~~Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this Code section, when an accused was issued a citation for a violation of Code Section 16-7-21, 16-8-14, 16-8-14.1, or 16-13-30,~~ and the accused fails to appear as specified in the citation, the judicial officer having jurisdiction of the offense, absent a finding of sufficient excuse to appear at the time and place specified in the citation, shall issue a warrant ordering the apprehension of the accused and commanding that he or she be brought before the court to answer the charge contained within the citation and the charge of his or her failure to appear as required. The accused shall then be allowed to make a reasonable bond to appear on a given date before the court."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 17-6-11, relating to display of driver's license for violation of certain traffic related laws, notice of failure to appear, suspension of license, arrest, and seizure of license, as follows:

"17-6-11.

(a)(1) When an individual is apprehended by an officer for the violation of the laws of this state or ordinances relating to the offenses listed in paragraph (2) of this subsection, he or she may display his or her driver's license and be issued a uniform traffic citation in lieu of being:

(A) Brought before the proper magistrate or other judicial officer;

(B) Incarcerated;

(C) Ordered to post a bond; or

(D) Ordered a recognizance for his or her appearance for trial.

(2) This subsection shall apply to any violation:

(A) Of Title 40 except any offense:

(i) For which a driver's license may be suspended for a first offense by the commissioner of driver services;

(ii) Covered under Code Section 40-5-54; or

(iii) Covered under Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40;

(B) Involving the width, height, and length of vehicles and loads;

(C) Involving motor common carriers and motor contract carriers;

(D) Involving hazardous materials transportation; or

(E) Involving road taxes on motor carriers as provided in Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 48.

(3) The apprehending officer shall include the individual's driver's license number on the uniform traffic citation. When an apprehending officer issues a citation based on information received from another law enforcement officer who observed the offense being committed, the citation shall list the name of each officer. The uniform traffic citation, duly served as provided in this Code section, shall give the judicial officer jurisdiction to dispose of the matter.

(4) Upon display of the driver's license, the apprehending officer shall release the

individual so charged for his or her further appearance before the proper judicial officer as required by the uniform traffic citation.

(b)(1) When a uniform traffic citation is issued and if the accused fails to appear for court or otherwise dispose of his or her charges before his or her scheduled court appearance as stated on the uniform traffic citation, prior to the court issuing a bench warrant, the clerk of court shall notify the accused by first-class mail or by postcard at the address listed on the uniform traffic citation of his or her failure to appear. Such notice shall be dated and allow the accused 30 days from such date to dispose of his or her charges or waive arraignment and plead not guilty. If after the expiration of such 30 day period the accused fails to dispose of his or her charges or waive arraignment and plead not guilty, the clerk of court in which the charges are lodged shall, within five days of such date, forward to the Department of Driver Services the accused's driver's license number unless otherwise ordered by the court. The commissioner of driver services shall, upon receipt of such driver's license number, suspend such accused's driver's license and driving privilege until notified by the clerk of court that ~~the charge against the accused has been finally adjudicated or the court has ordered such accused~~ such driver's license is to be reinstated. Such accused's driver's license shall be reinstated when the accused has scheduled a new date to appear before the court; has appeared in court for a hearing, arraignment, or waiver of arraignment and entry of a plea; or the charge against the accused has been finally adjudicated and the Department of Driver Services receives ~~proof of the final adjudication or order of reinstatement by the court~~ notice to reinstate the license by the court and the accused individual pays to the Department of Driver Services the applicable restoration fee as set forth in Code Section 40-5-56, unless such fee is waived by the court or otherwise as provided by law.

(2)(A) The scheduling of a new date to appear before the court for disposition of a uniform traffic citation shall not be conditioned upon payment of any fee for a previous failure to appear.

(B) After the clerk of court has notified the Department of Driver Services of a license reinstatement based upon a newly scheduled date for an accused to appear before the court pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, when the accused requests, for a second or subsequent time, a new date for disposition of the same uniform traffic citation, the court may forward to the Department of Driver Services the accused's driver's license number. The commissioner of driver services shall suspend such accused's driver's license and driving privilege until notified by the clerk of court that the driver's license of the accused is to be reinstated. Nothing in this subsection shall require a clerk of court to suspend the driver's license of an accused who schedules a second or subsequent new date for disposition of the same uniform traffic citation pursuant to this subparagraph.

(C) When the accused fails, for a second or subsequent time, to appear for court or otherwise dispose of his or her charges before his or her newly scheduled court appearance for disposition of the same uniform traffic citation, the court may forward to the Department of Driver Services the accused's driver's license number. The

commissioner of driver services shall suspend such accused's driver's license and driving privilege until notified by the clerk of court that the driver's license of the accused is to be reinstated. Nothing in this subsection shall require a clerk of court to suspend the driver's license of an accused who fails to appear for court pursuant to this subparagraph.

(D) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a court from establishing a policy or practice, by standing order or otherwise, to reinstate such accused driver's license.

(E) Any notification to suspend or reinstate such accused driver's license and driving privileges shall be compliant with procedures established by the Department of Driver Services.

(3) This subsection shall not apply to any violation of Title 40:

(A) For which a driver's license may be suspended for a first offense by the commissioner of driver services;

(B) Covered under Code Section 40-5-54; or

(C) Covered under Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40.

~~(b.1)~~(c) A ~~It shall be the duty of a~~ law enforcement officer or emergency medical technician responding to the scene of any motor vehicle accident or other accident involving a fatal injury ~~to examine~~ shall immediately examine the driver's license of the victim to determine the victim's wishes concerning organ donation. If the victim has indicated that he or she wishes to be an organ donor, ~~it shall be the duty of~~ such law enforcement officer or emergency medical technician ~~to~~ shall take appropriate action to ensure, if possible, that the victim's organs ~~shall not be~~ are not imperiled by delay in verification by the donor's next of kin.

~~(c)~~(d) Nothing in this Code section ~~bars~~ shall prohibit any law enforcement officer from arresting or from seizing the driver's license of any individual possessing a fraudulent license or a suspended license or operating a motor vehicle while his or her license is suspended, outside the scope of a driving permit, or without a license.

~~(d)~~(e) The commissioner of driver services shall be authorized to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Code section and to establish agreements with other states whereby a valid license from that state may be accepted for purposes of this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 17-7-90, relating to issuance of bench warrant, execution, and receiving bail, fixing bond, and approving sureties, as follows:

"17-7-90.

(a) A bench warrant may be issued by a judge for the arrest of a person:

(1) Accused of a crime by a grand jury;

(2) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 17-6-11, charged with a crime who has failed to appear in court after:

(A) Actual notice of the time and place to appear to the person in open court;

(B) Notice of the time and place to appear to the person by mailing a notice to such

person's last known address; or

(C) The person has otherwise been notified of the time and place to appear personally, in writing, by a court official or officer of the court;

(3) Charged with a crime upon the filing by the prosecutor of an accusation supported by affidavit; or

(4) Who failed to dispose of his or her charges, schedule a new date to appear before the court, make an appearance in court, or waive arraignment and plead not guilty after the expiration of the 30 day period set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 17-6-11.

(b) Every officer is bound to execute a bench warrant within his or her jurisdiction, and every person so arrested shall be committed to jail until bail is tendered. Any judicial officer or the sheriff of the county where the charge was returned may receive the bail, fix the amount of the bond, and approve the sureties unless it is a case that is bailable only before some particular judicial officer."

SECTION 6.

Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, is amended in Code Section 40-5-9, relating to pauper's affidavit for a partial waiver of driver's license reinstatement and restoration fees, by revising subsection (b) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) Upon the submission of a pauper's affidavit, the driver's license reinstatement or restoration fee shall be ~~50 percent of the fee required by law~~ waived.

(c) The commissioner may promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement this Code section."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 40-5-56, relating to cancellation, suspension, and revocation of licenses, as follows:

"40-5-56.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or any other law to the contrary and unless otherwise ordered by the court, the department shall suspend the driver's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state of any person who has failed to respond to a citation to appear before a court of competent jurisdiction in this state or in any other state for a traffic violation other than a parking violation. The department shall include language in the uniform traffic citation stating that failure to appear and respond to such citation may result in the suspension of the violator's driver's license or nonresident driving privilege. The language reflected on a uniform traffic citation issued in this state shall be sufficient notice of said suspension to support a conviction for a violation of Code Section 40-5-121 if such person drives subsequent to the imposition of such a suspension following his or her failure to appear; provided, however, that the department shall send notice of any suspension imposed pursuant to this Code section via certified mail or certificate of mailing to the address reflected on its records as the person's mailing address. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'certificate of mailing' means a delivery method utilized by the United States Postal Service which provides

evidence that an item has been sent and the date such item was accepted.

(b) The suspension provided for in this Code section shall be for an indefinite period until such person ~~shall respond and pay any fines and penalties imposed~~ has scheduled a new date to appear before the court pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 17-6-11; has made an appearance in court through hearing, arraignment, or waiver of arraignment and entry of a plea; the charge against the accused has been finally adjudicated; or the court otherwise orders such person's driver's license be reinstated. Such person's license shall be reinstated when the department receives proof of payment of any fines and penalties, ~~or~~ an order of reinstatement by the court and ~~the person pays~~ payment of the applicable restoration fee of $100.00 or $90.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail to the department, unless such fee is waived by the court or otherwise as provided by law. Such suspension shall be in addition to any other suspension or revocation provided for in this chapter."

SECTION 8.

Code Section 44-5-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to search and notification for information identifying anatomical gift donor status, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) A law enforcement officer, firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or other first responder finding the individual, in accordance with subsection ~~(b.1)~~ (c) of Code Section 17-6-11; and"

SECTION 9.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute to HB 926 (LC 48 1298S) b*y inserting the following line 212 and renumbering the remaining Section:*

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-23, relating to classes of drivers' licenses, by revising subsections (c) and (d) as follows:

"(c) The noncommercial classes of motor vehicles for which operators may be licensed shall be as follows:

(1) Class C ~~=~~:

(A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 10,000 pounds, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds, provided that ~~the~~ any combination of

vehicles set forth in this subparagraph has a gross combined vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds~~, any~~;

(B) Any three-wheeled motor vehicle that is equipped with a steering wheel for directional control~~, and any~~; and

(C) Any self-propelled or towed vehicle that is equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel purposes and is used solely as a family or personal conveyance~~; except that any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds may be operated under such class of license if such combination of vehicles are controlled and operated by a farmer, used to transport agricultural products, livestock, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm, and are not used in the operations of a common or contract carrier~~ regardless of the gross vehicle weight rating or combined gross vehicle weight rating;

(2) Class D ~~=~~: Provisional license applicable to noncommercial Class C vehicles for which an applicant desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive;

(3) Class E ~~=~~: Any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, provided that the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds~~, and all vehicles included within Class F and Class C~~ and the vehicle or vehicles are operated by a farmer to transport agricultural products, livestock, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm and are not used in the operations of a common or contract carrier;

(4) Class F ~~=~~: Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more~~,~~ or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 10,000 pounds~~, and all vehicles included within Class C~~;

(5) Class M ~~=~~: Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and three-wheeled motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control; and

(6) Class P ~~=~~: Instruction permit applicable to all types of vehicles for which an applicant desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive.

(d) Any applicant for a Class E or Class F license ~~must~~ shall possess a valid Georgia driver's license for Class C vehicles. A license issued pursuant to this Code section shall not be a commercial driver's license."

Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, and Strickland of the 17th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend HB 926 (LC 48 1298S) by inserting on line 13 before "to provide for related matters;" *the following:*

to amend Code Section 17-4-20.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigation of family violence, "predominant aggressor" defined, preparation of written report, review of report by defendant arrested for family violence, and compilation of statistics, so as to provide for additional contents in investigation written reports relative to family violence;

By inserting between lines 254 *and* 255 *the following:*

SECTION 9A.

Code Section 17-4-20.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigation of family violence, "predominant aggressor" defined, preparation of written report, review of report by defendant arrested for family violence, and compilation of statistics, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Whenever a law enforcement officer investigates an incident of family violence, whether or not an arrest is made, the officer shall prepare and submit to the supervisor or other designated person a written report of the incident entitled 'Family Violence Report.' Forms for such reports shall be designed and provided by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The report shall include the following:

(1) Name of the parties;

(2) Relationship of the parties;

(3) Sex of the parties;

(4) Date of birth of the parties;

(5) Time, place, and date of the incident;

(6) Whether children were involved or whether the act of family violence was committed in the presence of children;

(7) Type and extent of the alleged abuse;

(8) Existence of substance abuse;

(9) Number and types of weapons involved;

(10) Existence of any prior court orders or protective orders as such term is defined in Code Section 19-13-51;

(11) To the extent reasonably obtainable, the number and nature of prior complaints of family violence;

(12) Type of police action taken in disposition of case, the reasons for the officer's determination that one party was the predominant physical aggressor, and mitigating circumstances for why an arrest was not made;

~~(12)~~(13) Whether the victim was apprised of available remedies and services; and

~~(13)~~(14) Any other information that may be pertinent."

Senators Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, and Anavitarte of the 31st offered the following amendment #3:

Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 926 (LC 48 1298S) by inserting after "battery by a juvenile;" *on line 3 the following:*

to amend Code Section 16-5-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude, so as to provide for increased sentences for persons convicted of trafficking a minor or a developmentally disabled person for sexual servitude;

By replacing line 14 with the following:

date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By inserting after line 26 the following:

SECTION 3.

Code Section 16-5-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude, is amended by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any person who commits the offense of trafficking an individual for labor servitude or sexual servitude shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years and a fine not to exceed $100,000.00.

(2)(A) Any person who commits the offense of trafficking an individual for labor servitude ~~or sexual servitude~~ against an individual who is under 18 years of age or if the offense is committed against an individual who has a developmental disability~~,~~ ~~the person~~ shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor more than 50 years or life imprisonment and a fine not to exceed $100,000.00.

(B) Any person who commits the offense of trafficking an individual for sexual servitude against an individual who is under 18 years of age or if the offense is committed against an individual who has a developmental disability shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for life or by a split sentence that is a term of imprisonment for not less than 30 years and not exceeding life imprisonment, followed by probation for life, and a fine not to exceed $250,000.00. As a condition of probation, the court shall impose the requirement of electronic monitoring as set forth in paragraph (14) of subsection (a) of Code Section 42-8-35.

(3)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'sexual felony' shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (j) of Code Section 16-5-21.

(B) Any person having been previously convicted of a sexual felony who is convicted of the offense of trafficking of persons for sexual servitude shall be punished by imprisonment for life or a split sentence that is a term of imprisonment followed by probation for life. As a condition of probation, the court shall impose the requirement of electronic monitoring as set forth in paragraph (14) of subsection (a) of Code Section 42-8-35."

By replacing lines 253 and 254 with the following:

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

By redesignating Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 on lines 27, 77, 181, 204, 213, 245, 252, and 255, respectively, as Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #4:

Amend HB 926 (LC 48 1298S) by inserting after "juvenile;" *on line 3 the following:*

to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal

procedure, so as to revise provisions relating to procedure for arrests by citation for motor vehicle violations in lieu of arrest for certain offenses;

By inserting between lines 251 and 252 the following:

SECTION 8A.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in Code Section 17-4-23, relating to procedure for arrests by citation for motor vehicle violations, issuance of warrants for arrest for failure of persons charged to appear in court, and bond, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) A law enforcement officer may arrest a person who meets the minimum age requirements provided for in Code Section 16-3-1 accused of any misdemeanor violation of Code Section 16-7-21, 16-8-14, 16-8-14.1, or 16-13-30 by the issuance of a citation, provided that such offense is committed in his or her presence or information constituting a basis for such arrest was received by the arresting officer or an investigating officer from another law enforcement officer or other individual observing or aware of such offense being committed. When an arrest is made for such offense, prior to releasing the accused on citation, the arresting law enforcement officer shall review the accused's criminal record as such is on file with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Crime Information Center within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and ensure that the accused's fingerprints are obtained."

Senator Harbin of the 16th asked unanimous consent that his amendment #3 be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the amendment was withdrawn.

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Tillery amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #2, there were no objections, and the James amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #4, there were no objections, and the Cowsert amendment #4 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent

Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

HB 926, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 12. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Dugan of the 30th, Payne of the 54th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for sentencing to minimum terms of imprisonment for persons convicted of possession of firearms by convicted felons and first offender probationers when the offense for which such person is on probation or has been previously convicted is a forcible felony or a domestic violence felony or an act of family violence; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 36. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to increase the penalty provisions relating to pimping and pandering; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 76. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Lucas of the 26th, Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th, Islam Parkes of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the state employees' health insurance plan and post-employment health benefit fund, so as to provide for state health benefit plans to cover insulin medication at a reduced rate; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 349. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Esteves of the 6th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise provisions related to the setting of millage rates; to limit the application of the freezing of the assessed value as a result of an appeal; to limit the application of a temporary reduction in the taxes owed when a taxpayer appeals to superior court and does not participate in the settlement conference; to provide for a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead is more than 3 percent from the adjusted base year value of such homestead; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, applicability, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 126. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Evans of the 57th, Reeves of the 99th and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appellate practice, so as to

change a provision relating to judgments deemed directly appealable; to provide for a definition; to provide for an out-of-time remedy for certain types of postjudgment relief in criminal cases; to provide for procedure and time frames; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Smith of the 18th, Efstration of the 104th, and Burchett of the 176th.

Senator Anderson of the 24th asked unanimous consent that HB 1253, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1253, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1253. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th, Corbett of the 174th, Houston of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regional commissions, so as to revise the composition of the governing council for regional commissions; to provide for the training of members thereof; to provide for terms of office, filling of vacancies, and appointment of successors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Anderson of the 24th.

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight offered the following substitute to HB 1253:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties only, so as to provide for a new category of district; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for new authority for the Department of Community Affairs; to provide for a board and chairperson of such districts; to provide for application procedures; to provide for authority to seek state and federal funds; to provide for pilot programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties only, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-1-28.

(a) The General Assembly finds that there are numerous rural counties in this state that do not have financial resources sufficient to provide all of the services needed by their residents. In order to promote the health, prosperity, and general welfare of the residents in such counties, a new category of district titled 'special rural district' shall be created. Such districts shall be eligible to seek out the state and federal funds described in Chapter 10 of Title 44 and such other funds as may become available.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Local governing body' means the elected governing body or governing authority of a county of this state.

(2) 'Special rural district' means three or more rural counties with contiguous borders with at least one of the other rural counties within such district in which each county within such district has had declining revenue for the three previous consecutive years; had a declining population for the three previous consecutive years; and has entered into an agreement with other counties in such special rural district to consolidate services within such district and to use a joint administrator for the administration or support of the administration of all such services.

(c) The local governing body of one or more rural counties may elect to apply to the Department of Community Affairs or its successor for the designation of special rural district.

(d)(1) An approved special rural district shall be governed by a board comprised of the chairperson of each county's governing authority or the sole commissioner for a county with a sole commissioner form of government.

(2) Each special rural district board shall have a chairperson, and the role of chair shall rotate every two years among the members of the special rural district board. Each county that is part of a special rural district shall have its representative on the board serve as the board's chairperson for a term before another county's representative on the board may serve a subsequent term as chairperson of the special rural district.

(e) On or before December 31 of each year, the Department of Community Affairs shall publish a list of all counties in this state which qualify as rural counties in accordance with this Code section.

(f) The Department of Community Affairs shall be authorized to:

(1) Review all applications submitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section;

(2) Determine all information that shall be required to be included in such applications in accordance with this Code section; and

(3) Reject or approve such applications.

(g) As of July 1, 2026, failure of the Department of Community Affairs to reject or approve an application within 45 days after the filing of such application shall constitute approval.

(h) In the event that the Department of Community Affairs rejects an application, it shall state its reasons for doing so and shall transmit a record of such action and the reasons therefore, in writing, to the applicant.

(i) As of July 1, 2025, the Department of Community Affairs shall undertake a pilot program through which up to three special rural districts may be created in the state. As of July 1, 2026, there shall be no limit upon the number of special rural districts which may be approved by said department."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Watson of the 1st, and Gooch of the 51st offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Government Oversight substitute to HB 1253 (LC 46 0909S) by inserting after "programs;" *on line 6 the following:*

to amend Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 and Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Capitol Arts Standards Commission and state flag, seal, and other symbols, respectively, so as to provide for duties and responsibilities of the Capitol Arts Standards Commission; to provide for placement of a monument in honor of the Honorable Clarence Thomas;

By inserting after line 59 the following:

Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Capitol Arts Standards Commission, is amended in Code Section 45-13-71, relating to duties and responsibilities of commission, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5.1) To oversee the design, procurement, and placement of a monument honoring the Honorable Clarence Thomas as provided for in Code Section 50-3-130;"

SECTION 3.

Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

50-3-130.

(a) Subject to the availability of funds, there shall be placed within the Nathan Deal Judicial Center or its grounds a monument honoring the Honorable Clarence Thomas.

(b)(1) Such monument shall be designed, procured, and placed by the Capitol Art Standards Commission, subject to final approval by a monument committee composed of the following members of the General Assembly:

(A) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(B) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

(C) One member from each house of the General Assembly appointed by the Governor.

(2) The monument committee established pursuant to this subsection shall stand abolished upon placement of such monument.

(c) No public funds shall be expended for the design or procurement of such monument. Gifts and donations from private individuals, organizations, or foundations shall be accepted and expended by the Capitol Art Standards Commission to carry out the requirements of this Code section.

(d) Such monument shall be procured and placed as soon as practicable but not before the state has been granted any intellectual property license necessary for the purposes of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Senator Merritt of the 9th requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the amendment.

The President ruled the amendment germane.

Senator Merritt of the 9th appealed the ruling of the Chair.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 21; the motion prevailed, and the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Merritt of the 9th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 31, nays 22, and the Anavitarte amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	E Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 32, nays 22.

HB 1253, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that HB 279, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 279, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 279. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Frye of the 122nd, Wiedower of the 121st, Washburn of the 144th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance, so as to provide for an insurance premium discount or rate reduction for property owners who build a new residential or commercial property or who retrofit an existing residential or commercial property located in this state that better resists tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Robertson of the 29th.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to HB 279:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 32 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance, so as to provide for an insurance premium discount or rate reduction for property owners who build a new residential or commercial property or who retrofit an existing residential or commercial property located in this state that better resists tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Chapter 32 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance, is amended by designating Code Sections 33-32-1 through 33-32-6 as Article 1.

SECTION 2.
Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

33-32-10.
(a) This article shall apply to all insurers offering or providing insurance coverage in this state on single-family residential property, commercial property, or modular homes, as provided for in Code Section 33-32-11.
(b) As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Insurable property' means a single-family residential property, commercial property, or modular home located in this state that satisfies the codes, standards, or techniques provided for in Code Section 33-32-11. Such term shall not include a manufactured home or mobile home located in this state, except where expressly provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 33-32-11.
(2) 'Insurer' means any property and casualty insurance company offering or providing insurance coverage on one or more types of insurable property.

33-32-11.
(a) Not later than March 1, 2025, insurers shall provide a premium discount or insurance rate reduction for new or retrofitted residential insurable property in an amount and manner as established in subsection (e) of this Code section and in accordance with Code Section 33-32-10. In addition, insurers may offer additional adjustments in deductible or other credit rate differentials or a combination thereof. Such adjustments shall be

available under the terms specified in this Code section to any owner who builds or locates a new residential insurable property or who retrofits an existing residential insurable property to resist loss due to tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events.

(b) Not later than March 1, 2025, insurers shall provide a premium discount or insurance rate reduction for new or retrofitted commercial insurable property in an amount and manner as established in subsection (e) of this Code section and in accordance with Code Section 33-32-10. In addition, insurers may offer additional adjustments in deductible or other credit rate differentials or a combination thereof. Such adjustments shall be available under the terms specified in this Code section to any owner who builds or locates a new commercial insurable property or who retrofits an existing commercial insurable property to resist loss due to tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events.

(c) To be considered for any adjustment provided for in subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section, an insurable property shall be certified as constructed in accordance with the applicable Fortified Programs standards adopted by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety as of January 1, 2023, or any other mitigation program standards approved by the Commissioner. An insurable property shall be certified as conforming to the applicable Fortified Programs standards by an Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety certified evaluator. Zone 3 HUD code manufactured homes installed to specifications and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner shall also be considered for approval.

(d) An owner of insurable property claiming any adjustment under this Code section shall maintain sufficient certification records and construction records, including, but not limited to, a valid certification from the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety for compliance with the applicable Fortified Programs standards or other such records as the Commissioner shall determine by rule.

(e) Insurers required to submit rates and rating plans to the Commissioner shall submit an actuarially justified rating plan for any person who builds, locates, or retrofits an insurable property to comply with the requirements of subsection (c) of this Code section. An insurer is not required to provide the same amount of adjustment for a building code insurable property as such insurer would to an insurable property compliant with the applicable Fortified Programs standards or other standards provided for by rule. An adjustment shall only apply to policies that provide wind coverage and may apply to that portion of the premium for wind coverage or to the total premium if the insurer does not separate out its premium for wind coverage in its rate filing. The adjustment shall apply exclusively to the premium designated for the new or retrofitted insurable property. In addition to the requirements of this Code section, an insurer may voluntarily offer any other mitigation adjustment that the insurer deems appropriate."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
E Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

HB 279, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Halpern of the 39th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

Senator Ginn of the 47th asked unanimous consent that HB 1407, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1407, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1407. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Anderson of the 10th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, so as to revise provisions for establishing, negotiating, reviewing, revising, and filing local government service delivery strategies; to require the development of state-wide mapping standards; to revise the dispute resolution process; to revise provisions related to sanctions; to require and limit the promulgation of certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Ginn of the 47th.

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations - General offered the following substitute to HB 1407:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, so as to revise provisions for establishing, negotiating, reviewing, revising, and filing local government service delivery strategies; to revise provisions related to funds derived from certain special districts; to revise the dispute resolution process; to provide for judicial resolution of certain disputes; to revise provisions related to sanctions; to require and limit the promulgation of certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, is amended by revising Article 2, relating to service delivery, as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

36-70-20.

The intent of this article is to provide a flexible framework within which local governments in each county can develop a service delivery system that is both efficient and responsive to citizens in their county. The General Assembly recognizes that the

unique characteristics of each county throughout the state preclude a mandated legislative outcome for the delivery of services in every county. The process provided by this article is intended to minimize inefficiencies resulting from duplication of services and competition between local governments and to provide a mechanism to resolve disputes over local government service delivery, funding equity, and land use. The local government service delivery process should result in the minimization of ~~noncompatible~~ incompatible municipal and county land use plans and in a simple, concise agreement describing which local governments will provide which service in specified areas within a county and how provision of such services will be funded.

36-70-21.

(a) Each county and municipality shall execute an agreement for the implementation of a local government service delivery strategy as set forth in this article ~~by July 1, 1999~~:

(1) By December 31st of each year following the year in which the county's ten-year comprehensive plan update is due in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter or Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50; and

(2) Within 180 days of the occurrence of an event requiring review and revision pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 36-70-28.

(b) For municipalities located within multiple counties, the review and deadline for an agreement for the implementation of a local government service delivery strategy shall be applicable for the portion of the municipality that lies within a given county in conjunction with such county's review and deadline.

(c) The provisions of this article shall not apply to any consolidated government in which no other municipal corporation exists within the county.

36-70-22.

(a)(1) Each county shall initiate the process for developing a local government service delivery strategy ~~after July 1, 1997, but no later than January 1, 1998~~ required by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-70-21 no earlier than April 1st and no later than July 1st of the year following any year in which the county's ten-year comprehensive plan update is due.

(2) Each county shall initiate the process for developing a local government service delivery strategy required by a triggering event under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-70-21 no later than 30 days following the occurrence of the event. If the county does not initiate such process within the 30 day period, any municipality in the county may initiate the process.

(3) Any municipality affected by a change in service delivery or revenue distribution arrangements as described in subsection (b.1) of Code Section 36-70-28 may initiate the process of amending a local government service delivery strategy pursuant to subsection (b.1) of Code Section 36-70-28.

(b) Initiation of the strategy shall be accomplished by the provision of a written notice from the county to the governing bodies of all municipalities located wholly or partially within the county or providing services within the county and to other counties providing

services within the county. Such notice shall:

(1) State ~~state~~ the date, time, and place for a joint meeting at which designated representatives of all local governing bodies shall assemble for the purpose of commencing deliberations on the service delivery strategy~~. The notice shall be~~;

(2) Be sent not more than 45 and not less than 15 days prior to the meeting date; and

(3) Identify all local governments to which the notice will be delivered.

(c) In the event the county governing authority fails to initiate the process by ~~January 1, 1998~~ July 1 of the year following any year in which the county's ten-year comprehensive plan update is due, any municipality within the county may do so by sending a written notice, containing the required information, to the county and all other municipalities.

36-70-22.1.

(a) Within 60 days of the initiation of the process for developing a local government service delivery strategy, all local governments that received the written notice provided for in Code Section 36-70-22 shall provide all other local governments identified in such written notice with a written proposal of a local government service delivery strategy containing the components required by Code Section 36-70-23, and in compliance with the criteria required by Code Section 36-70-24 together with all such factual information, data, and evidence supporting such proposal.

(b) Such written proposal for each local government may be modified periodically with written notice provided to all local governments that received the written notice provided for in Code Section 36-70-22; provided, however, that written proposals shall be finalized by each local government prior to an agreement to enter into nonbinding arbitration under Code Section 36-70-25.2 and the judicial process provided for in Code Section 36-70-25.3. Modifications to written proposals pursuant to this subsection may include written responses to any written proposal of another local government in the same county.

(c) All such written proposals and supporting documentation shall be considered public records and subject to disclosure pursuant to Code Section 50-18-71.

36-70-23.

Each local government service delivery strategy shall include the following components:

(1) An identification of all local government services presently provided or primarily funded by each general purpose local government and each authority within the county, or providing services within the county, and a description of the geographic area in which the identified services are provided by each jurisdiction;

(2) An assignment of which local government or authority, pursuant to the requirements of this article, will provide each service, the geographic areas of the county in which such services are to be provided, and a description of any services to be provided by any local government to any geographic area outside its geographical boundaries. In the event two or more local governments within the county are assigned responsibility for providing identical services within the same geographic area, the strategy shall include an explanation of such arrangement;

(3) A description of the source of the funding for each service identified pursuant to

paragraph (2) of this Code section; and

(4) An identification of the mechanisms to be utilized to facilitate the implementation of the services and funding responsibilities identified pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Code section.

36-70-23.1.

The department shall develop state-wide mapping standards in consultation with the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council created under Article 13 of Chapter 8 of Title 50, which shall be used for any service delivery strategy for which the parties elect to describe geographic areas for local government services within each county by using maps. Such state-wide mapping standards shall include standards for describing geographical areas to include by jurisdiction level, census tract, and parcel number. The department shall promulgate such mapping standards by rule or regulation on or before March 1, 2026.

36-70-24.

In the development of a service delivery strategy, the following criteria shall be met:

(1) The strategy shall promote the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner. The strategy shall identify steps which will be taken to remediate or avoid overlapping and unnecessary competition and duplication of service delivery and shall identify the time frame in which such steps shall be taken. When a municipality provides a service at a higher level than the base level of service provided throughout the geographic area of the county by the county, such service shall not be considered a duplication of the county service;

(2)(A) The strategy shall provide that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider shall not be arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers receiving such service which are located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider.

(B) If a governing authority disputes the reasonableness of water and sewer rate differentials imposed within its jurisdiction by another governing authority, that disputing governing authority may hold a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the rate differential. Following the preparation of a rate study by a qualified engineer, the governing authority may challenge the arbitrary rate differentials on behalf of its residents in a court of competent jurisdiction. Prior to such challenge, the dispute shall be submitted to some form of alternative dispute resolution;

(3)(A) The strategy shall ensure that the cost of any service which a county provides primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county shall be borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive the service. Further, when the county and one or more municipalities jointly fund a county-wide service, the county share of such funding shall be borne by the unincorporated residents, individuals, and property owners that receive the service.

(B) Such funding shall be derived from:

(i) Special ~~special~~ service districts created by the county in which ad valorem

property taxes, ~~insurance premium taxes,~~ assessments, or user fees are levied or imposed;

(ii) Grants;

(iii) Cable franchise fees, alcohol excise taxes, financial institution taxes, hotel-motel, occupation taxes, railroad equipment taxes, insurance premium taxes, rental car excise taxes, impact fees, stormwater fees or title ad valorem taxes, excluding any amounts of such taxes or fees to the extent such amount is derived from incorporated areas of the county;

(iv) Revenues apportioned to the county as part of an intergovernmental agreement from the county and one or more municipalities; or

(v) Through ~~through~~ such other mechanism agreed upon by the ~~affected~~ parties approving the strategy which complies with the intent of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

(4)(A) Local governments within the same county shall, if necessary, amend their land use plans so that such plans are compatible and nonconflicting, or, as an alternative, they shall adopt a single land use plan for the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the county.

(B) The provision of extraterritorial water and sewer services by any jurisdiction shall be consistent with all applicable land use plans and ordinances.

36-70-25.

(a) ~~Approval of the local government service delivery strategy shall be accomplished as provided for in this Code section.~~

~~(b)~~ The county and each municipality within the county shall participate in the development of the strategy.

(b) Approval of ~~the~~ a local government service delivery strategy shall be accomplished by adoption of a resolution:

(1) By the county governing authority;

(2) By the governing authority of municipalities located within the county which have a population of 9,000 or greater within the county;

(3) By the municipality which serves as the county site if not included in paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

(4) By no less than 50 percent of the remaining municipalities within the county which contain at least 500 persons within the county if not included in paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection.

(c) For the purpose of determining population for the purposes of this article, the population in the most recent United States decennial census shall be utilized.

~~(d) The adoption of a service delivery strategy specified in Code Section 36-70-21 may be extended to a date certain no later than 120 days following the date otherwise specified in Code Section 36-70-21 upon written agreement of the local governments enumerated in subsection (b) of this Code section. In the event such an agreement is executed, the sanctions specified in Code Section 36-70-27 shall not apply until on and after such extended date.~~

36-70-25.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'affected municipality' means the county seat and each municipality of at least 500 persons ~~required to adopt a resolution approving the local government service delivery strategy pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 36-70-25~~.

(b) If a county and the affected municipalities in the county ~~do not~~ are unable to reach an agreement on ~~a service delivery strategy, the provisions of this Code section shall be followed as the process to resolve the dispute~~ all services within 90 days of initiation of the process provided for in Code Section 36-70-22, the county and all affected municipalities shall, by such ninetieth day, commence mediation in an attempt to reach a final agreement. Such mediation shall be limited to discussing only those services and geographic areas which remain to be agreed upon.

(c) ~~If a county and the affected municipalities in the county are unable to reach an agreement on the strategy prior to the imposition of the sanctions provided in Code Section 36-70-27, a means for facilitating an agreement through some form of alternative dispute resolution shall be employed. Where the alternative dispute resolution action is unsuccessful, the neutral party or parties shall prepare a report which shall be provided to each governing authority and made a public record. The cost of alternative dispute resolution authorized by this subsection shall be shared by the parties to the dispute pro rata based on each party's population according to the most recent United States decennial census. The county's share shall be based upon~~ The costs of the mediation process undergone pursuant to this Code section shall be shared by the parties to the mediation pro rata based on each party's population according to the most recent United States decennial census with the county's population including only the unincorporated population of the county.

~~(d) In the event that the county and the affected municipalities in the county fail to reach an agreement after the imposition of sanctions provided in Code Section 36-70-27, then the following process is available to the parties:~~

~~(1)(A) The county or any affected municipality located within the county may file a petition in superior court of the county seeking mandatory mediation. Such petition shall be assigned to a judge, pursuant to Code Section 15-1-9.1 or 15-6-13, who is not a judge in the circuit in which the county is located. The judge selected may also be a senior judge pursuant to Code Section 15-1-9.2 who resides in another circuit.~~

~~(B) The visiting or senior judge shall appoint a mediator within 30 days of receipt of the petition. Mediation shall commence within 30 days of the appointment of a mediator. The mandatory mediation process shall be completed within 60 days following the appointment of the mediator. A majority of the members of the governing body of the county and each affected municipality shall attend the initial mediation. Following the initial meeting, the mediation shall proceed in the manner established at the initial meeting. If there is no agreement on how the mediation should proceed, a majority of the members of the governing body of the county and each affected municipality shall be required to attend each mediation session unless another process is agreed upon. Unless otherwise provided in accordance with~~

~~paragraph (2) of this subsection, the cost of alternative dispute resolution authorized by this subsection shall be shared by the parties to the dispute pro rata based on each party's population according to the most recent United States decennial census.~~

~~(C) During the mediation process described in this subsection, the sanctions imposed pursuant to Code Section 36-70-27 may, by order of the court, be held in abeyance by the judge against any or all of the parties participating in such mediation process.~~

~~(D) The judge may, by order of the court, substitute any mediation entered into pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section for the mediation required pursuant to this subsection; and~~

~~(2) If no service delivery strategy has been submitted for verification to the Department of Community Affairs at the conclusion of the mediation, any aggrieved party may petition the superior court and seek resolution of the items remaining in dispute. The visiting or senior judge shall conduct an evidentiary hearing or hearings as such judge deems necessary and render a decision with regard to the disputed items. In rendering the decision, the judge shall consider the required elements of a service delivery strategy with a goal of achieving the intent of this article as specified in Code Section 36-70-20. It shall be in the discretion of the judge to hold the sanctions specified in Code Section 36-70-27 against one or more of the parties in abeyance pending the disposition of the action. The court is authorized to utilize its contempt powers to obtain compliance with its decision relating to the disputed items under review. The judge shall be authorized to impose mediation costs and court costs against any party upon a finding of bad faith.~~

~~(e) The court shall notify, or cause to be notified, the Department of Community Affairs in the event that penalties are abated during the pendency of mediation or litigation held pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section. A notice shall also be sent in the event penalties become applicable to the parties.~~

~~(f) Any service delivery agreement implemented as a result of the process set forth in this Code section shall remain in effect until revised pursuant to Code Section 36-70-28.~~

36-70-25.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'affected municipality' means the county seat and each municipality of at least 500 persons.

(b)(1) After completing the mediation process required by Code Section 36-70-25.1, but prior to the 180th day following the initiation of the process under this article, the county and any affected municipalities with outstanding disagreements related to the service delivery strategy may elect to begin nonbinding arbitration in an attempt to resolve only such outstanding disagreements.

(2) Evidence presented as part of any such nonbinding arbitration shall be limited to information included in the written proposals required by Code Section 36-70-22.1 and any written documentation associated with the required mediation conducted pursuant to Code Section 36-70-25.1.

(3) Within 15 days of the conclusion of the evidentiary phase of the nonbinding arbitration, the arbitrator shall issue to the parties its written decision, which shall be

considered a public record and subject to disclosure pursuant to Code Section 50-18-71.

(c)(1) The costs of the arbitration process undergone pursuant to this Code section shall be shared by the parties to the arbitration pro rata based on each party's population according to the most recent United States decennial census with the county's population including only the unincorporated population of the county.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, if the arbitrator issues a written determination that any party or parties advanced a position that lacked substantial justification, which shall mean substantially frivolous, substantially groundless, or substantially vexatious, the costs shall be borne by such party or parties that advanced such position.

36-70-25.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'participating local government' means:

(1) Any county that completed the mediation process required by Code Section 36-70-25.1 and requested or participated in non-binding arbitration pursuant to Code Section 36-70-25.2; and

(2) Any municipality required to adopt a resolution approving the local government service delivery strategy pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 36-70-25 that completed the mediation process required by Code Section 36-70-25.1 and requested or participated in non-binding arbitration pursuant to Code Section 36-70-25.2.

(b) Subsequent to the completion of the mediation process required by Code Section 36-70-25.1 and non-binding arbitration, if any, requested pursuant to Code Section 36-70-25.2, a participating local government with outstanding disagreements related to the service delivery strategy may petition the superior court of the county to resolve such disagreements. Such petition shall be assigned pursuant to Code Section 15-1-9.1 or Code Section 15-6-13 to a judge who is not a judge in the circuit in which the county is located and is a senior judge under Code Section 15-1-9.2.

(c) The assigned judge shall conduct one or more evidentiary hearings as he or she determines are necessary and render a decision with regard to the disputed items. In rendering the decision, such judge shall consider the required elements of a service delivery strategy and seek to satisfy the intent of this article as provided in Code Section 36-70-20.

(d) Evidence presented as part of the judicial process established by this Code section shall be limited to:

(1) Information included in the written proposals required by Code Section 36-70-22.1;

(2) Written documentation associated with the required mediation conducted pursuant to Code Section 36-70-25.1; and

(3) The decision or final report issued with respect to any nonbinding arbitration conducted pursuant to Code Section 36-70-25.2.

(e) The assigned judge shall be authorized to utilize the power of contempt to obtain compliance with the decision rendered pursuant to this Code section.

36-70-26.

(a) Each county shall file the agreement for the implementation of strategy required by Code Section 36-70-21 with the department after the agreement has been adopted by resolution as provided for in Code Section 36-70-25.

(b) The department shall, within 30 days of receipt, verify that the strategy includes the components enumerated in Code Section 36-70-23 and the minimum criteria enumerated in Code Section 36-70-24. The department, however, shall neither approve nor disapprove the specific elements or outcomes of the strategy.

(c) In the event that no agreement is properly filed by a county by December 31 of the year following the year in which the county's ten-year comprehensive plan update is due or within 180 days of the triggering event under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-70-21, the department shall notify the affected local governments and all relevant state agencies that the jurisdictions are out of compliance with the laws regarding service delivery strategies, and the sanctions provided for in Code Section 36-70-27 shall apply; provided, however, that, in the event the local governments are participating in a nonbinding arbitration pursuant to Code Section 36-70-25.2, the deadline shall not be extended for more than 180 days.

(d) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations only to the extent necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section.

36-70-27.

(a)(1) No state administered financial assistance or grant, loan, or permit shall be issued to any local government or authority which is not included in a ~~department verified strategy~~ local government service delivery strategy that the department has verified as meeting the requirements of Code Section 36-70-26, or for any project which is inconsistent with such strategy; provided, however, that a municipality or authority located or operating in more than one county shall be included in a department verified strategy for each county wherein the municipality or authority is located or operating.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to any:

(A) Drinking ~~drinking~~ water or wastewater project of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority;

(B) Public safety or Environmental Protection Division permits; or

(C) County, municipality, or authority that establishes to the satisfaction of the department through the adoption of a resolution that such county, municipality, or authority does not have any outstanding disagreements related to the service delivery strategy and is not otherwise responsible for such service delivery strategy not being verified by the department

~~or of any local government or authority if such project is a proposed drinking water supply reservoir or any water withdrawal, treatment, distribution, or other potable water facility associated with such reservoir and the project shall furnish potable water to wholesale users in incorporated areas in one or more counties. Within one year after such proposed drinking water supply reservoir becomes operational, the local governments and authorities in the affected county or counties shall update their service~~

~~delivery strategy or strategies to be consistent with water supply arrangements resulting from the operation of such reservoir~~.

(b)~~(1) If a municipality containing fewer than 500 persons within the county fails to establish a process to resolve disputes as required by subparagraph (C) of paragraph (4) of Code Section 36-70-24, the sanctions specified in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be imposed upon:~~

~~(A) The county within which any such municipality or portion of any such municipality is located; or~~

~~(B) Any other municipality located in such county.~~

~~(2) The provisions of this subsection shall apply only if a process to resolve disputes required by subparagraph (C) of paragraph (4) of Code Section 36-70-24 has been established between the county and each municipality containing 500 or more persons within the county.~~

~~(c)~~ Any local government or authority which is subject to the sanctions specified in subsection (a) of this Code section shall become eligible for state administered financial assistance or grants, loans, or permits on the first day of the month following verification by the department that the requirements of Code Section 36-70-26 have been met.

(c) The sanctions specified in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to any state administered financial assistance or grant, loan, or permit that the applicable state agency or department determines is intended to address any of the following:

(1) A state of emergency declared by any federal, state, or local emergency management agency, official, or authority;

(2) A natural disaster;

(3) Any set of conditions or circumstances that pose a danger to the health, safety, or welfare of any person or property; or

(4) The order of any federal or state agency or court.

36-70-28.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'affected municipality' means the county seat and each municipality of at least 500 persons ~~required to adopt a resolution approving the local government service delivery strategy pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 36-70-25~~.

(b) In addition to the ten-year update required by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-70-21, each ~~Each~~ county and affected municipality shall review~~,~~ and revise ~~if necessary,~~ the approved strategy:

(1) ~~In conjunction with updates of the comprehensive plan as required by Article 1 of this chapter;~~

~~(2) Whenever necessary to change service delivery or revenue distribution arrangements;~~

~~(3)~~ Whenever necessary due to changes in revenue distribution arrangements;

~~(4)~~(2) In the event of the creation, abolition, or consolidation of local governments;

~~(5)~~(3) When the existing service delivery strategy agreement expires; ~~or~~ and

~~(6)~~(4) Whenever the county and affected municipalities agree to revise the strategy.

(b.1)(1) In the event that a change in service delivery or revenue distribution arrangements affects less than all of the local governments that are parties to the approved strategy, an amendment to the strategy limited to such changed service or services or revenue distribution arrangements between only those specific local governments may be submitted solely by the affected local governments and without the approval of the other nonimpacted county and affected municipalities in the county whose approval would otherwise be required under subsection (b) of Code Section 36-70-25.

(2) Any amendments to the approved strategy or revenue distribution arrangement which affect less than all of the local governments that are parties to the approved strategy shall be subject to review and revision whenever the service delivery strategy affecting the county and all municipalities within the county becomes subject to review and revision under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-70-21 or subsection (b) of this Code section.

(c) In the event that a county or an affected municipality located within the county refuses to review and revise~~, if necessary,~~ a strategy in accordance with ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (2) ~~and (3)~~ of subsection (b) of this Code section, then any of the parties may use the ~~alternative dispute resolution and appeal procedures set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 36-70-25.1~~ mediation or nonbinding arbitration processes provided for in this article.

36-70-29.

The department shall be prohibited from acting or promulgating rules or regulations regarding this article except to the extent explicitly provided for in this article."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
E Anavitarte	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	N Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 3.

HB 1407, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th asked unanimous consent that Senator Esteves of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Esteves was excused.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that HB 1049, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1049, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1049. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 52 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to assumption reinsurance agreements, so as to enact the "Insurance Business Transfer Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for court authority; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for an application procedure; to provide for court review of a petition; to provide for ongoing jurisdiction by the court; to provide for court approval; to provide for appeal; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for ongoing oversight by the Commissioner; to provide for certain fees and costs to be borne by the applicant; to provide for compensation, costs, and expenses of the independent expert and any consultants to be borne jointly by the transferring insurer and assuming insurer; to provide for dismissal of petition;

to provide for construction; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Walker III of the 20th.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to HB 1049:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapters 36 and 52 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Insurers Solvency Pool and assumption reinsurance agreements, respectively, so as to enact the "Insurance Business Transfer Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for court authority; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for an application procedure; to provide for court review of a petition; to provide for ongoing jurisdiction by the court; to provide for court approval; to provide for appeal; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for ongoing oversight by the Commissioner; to provide for certain fees and costs to be borne by the applicant; to provide for compensation, costs, and expenses of the independent expert and any consultants to be borne jointly by the transferring insurer and assuming insurer; to provide for dismissal of petition; to provide for suspension or revocation of certificate; to provide for construction; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 36 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Insurers Insolvency Pool, is amended in paragraph (4) of Code Section 33-36-3, relating to definitions, by adding new subparagraphs to read as follows:

"(O) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an insurance policy issued by a member insurer and later allocated, transferred, or assumed by, or otherwise made the sole responsibility of another insurer, pursuant to any provision of law of this state providing for the division of an insurance company or the statutory assumption or transfer of designated policies and under which there is no remaining obligation to the transferring entity, shall be considered to have been issued by a member insurer which is an insolvent insurer for the purposes of this chapter in the event that the insurer to which the policy has been allocated, transferred, assumed by, or otherwise made the sole responsibility of is placed in liquidation.

(P) An insurance policy that was issued by a nonmember insurer and later allocated, transferred, assumed by, or otherwise made the sole responsibility of a member

insurer under any provision of law of this state described in subparagraph (O) of this paragraph shall not be considered to have been issued by a member insurer for the purposes of this chapter."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 52 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assumption reinsurance agreements, is amended by designating Code Sections 33-52-1 through 33-52-6 as Article 1.

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by replacing "chapter" with "article" wherever the former term occurs in:

(1) Code Section 33-52-1, relating to applicability of chapter;

(2) Code Section 33-52-2, relating to definitions; and

(3) Code Section 33-52-4, relating to rejection of transaction by policyholders, receipt of notice, and transfers involving companies deemed to be in hazardous condition.

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by enacting a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

33-52-10.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the 'Insurance Business Transfer Act.'

33-52-11.

This article is adopted to provide options to address the limitations in the current methods available to insurers to transfer or assume blocks of insurance business in an efficient and cost-effective manner that: provides needed legal finality for such transfers in order to provide for improved operational and capital efficiency for insurance companies; stimulates the economy by attracting segments of the insurance industry to this state; makes this state an attractive home jurisdiction for insurance companies; encourages economic growth and increased investment in the financial services sector; and increases the availability of quality insurance industry jobs in this state. These purposes are accomplished by providing a basis and procedures for the transfer and novation of policies from a transferring insurer to an assuming insurer by way of an insurance business transfer plan without the affirmative consent of policyholders or reinsureds. The novation is effected by court order. This article establishes the requirements for notice and disclosure and standards and procedures for the approval of the transfer and novation by the Commissioner and the Superior Court of Fulton County pursuant to an insurance business transfer plan. This article shall not limit or restrict other means of effecting a transfer or novation.

33-52-12.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Affiliate' means a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the person specified.

(2) 'Applicant' means an assuming insurer, transferring insurer, or reinsurer applying to the Commissioner for the approval of an insurance business transfer plan as provided for in Code Section 33-52-15.

(3) 'Approval order' means an order issued by the court approving an insurance business transfer plan as provided for in Code Section 33-52-15.

(4) 'Assuming insurer' means an insurer domiciled in this state that assumes or seeks to assume policies from a transferring insurer pursuant to this article. An assuming insurer may be a company established pursuant to Chapter 41 of this title.

(5) 'Court' means the Superior Court of Fulton County.

(6) 'Implementation order' means an order issued by the court implementing an insurance business transfer plan as provided for in Code Section 33-52-15.

(7) 'Independent expert' means an impartial individual who assists the Commissioner and the court in connection with their review of a proposed transfer and novation of insurance business. The Commissioner shall select such expert from a list of at least two nominees submitted jointly by the transferring insurer and the assuming insurer; provided, however, that, if the Commissioner, in his or her sole discretion, rejects such nominees, the Commissioner may appoint another person to serve as an independent expert. An independent expert or nominee shall:

(A) Hold no financial interest in either the assuming insurer or transferring insurer or any of their respective affiliates;

(B) Not have been employed by or acted as an officer, director, consultant, or other independent contractor for either the assuming insurer or transferring insurer within the previous twelve months;

(C) Not be simultaneously appointed by the Commissioner to assist in any capacity in any insurer rehabilitation or delinquency proceeding;

(D) Not receive or be promised compensation in connection with the insurance business transfer for which he or she is selected to serve as an independent expert; provided, however, that a fee may be approved by the Commissioner that is not contingent upon the approval, implementation, or consummation of an insurance business transfer plan; and

(E) Provide proof of insurance covering the services provided as an independent expert as determined by the Commissioner.

(8) 'Insurance business transfer' means a transfer and novation in accordance with this article. An approved insurance business transfer transfers insurance obligations, risks, rights, or any combination thereof, of existing or in-force contracts of insurance or reinsurance from a transferring insurer to an assuming insurer. An approval order and an implementation order of an insurance business transfer plan will effect a transfer and novation of the transferred contracts of insurance or reinsurance with the result that the

assuming insurer becomes directly liable to the policyholders of the transferring insurer and the transferring insurer's insurance obligations, risks, rights, or any combination thereof, under the contracts are extinguished.

(9) 'Insurance business transfer plan' or 'plan' means the plan submitted to the department to accomplish the transfer and novation pursuant to an insurance business transfer, including any associated transfer of assets and rights from or on behalf of the transferring insurer to the assuming insurer.

(10) 'Insurer' means an insurance or surety company, including a reinsurance company, and includes a corporation, company, partnership, association, society, order, individual, or aggregation of individuals engaging in or proposing or attempting to engage in any kind of insurance or surety business, including the exchanging of reciprocal or interinsurance contracts between individuals, partnerships, and corporations.

(11) 'Notice' means written notice, telephone notice, electronic notice, or substitute notice, as consented to in an agreement included in or related to the subject business, or as provided by rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner.

(12) 'Petitioner' means an assuming insurer, transferring insurer, or reinsurer petitioning a court for an approval order and an implementation order of a plan pursuant to this article.

(13) 'Policy' means a policy, contract or certificate of insurance or a contract of reinsurance pursuant to which an insurer agrees to assume an insurance obligation or risk, or both, of a policyholder or to make payments on behalf of, or to, such policyholder or its beneficiaries, and shall include property, casualty, life, health, and any other line of insurance the Commissioner deems appropriate for an insurance business transfer.

(14) 'Policyholder' means an insured or a reinsured under a policy that is part of the subject business.

(15) 'State insurance guaranty association' means the Georgia Insurers Insolvency Pool, created by Chapter 36 of this title, the Georgia Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, created by Chapter 38 of this title, or any similar organization in another state.

(16) 'Subject business' means the policy or policies designated for transfer and novation pursuant to a corresponding insurance business transfer plan.

(17) 'Transfer and novation' means the transfer of insurance obligations, risks, rights, or any combination thereof, of existing or in-force policies from a transferring insurer to an assuming insurer, with the result that the assuming insurer becomes directly liable to the policyholders of the transferring insurer on the transferred policies and the transferring insurer's insurance obligations, risks, rights, or any combination thereof, under the transferred policies are extinguished.

(18) 'Transferring insurer' means an insurer or reinsurer that seeks to or has accomplished a transfer and novation of insurance obligations, risks, rights, or any combination thereof, under one or more policies to an assuming insurer pursuant to an insurance business transfer plan and the provisions of this article.

33-52-13.
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court may issue any order, process, or judgment it deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this article. No provision of this article shall be construed to preclude the court from, on its own motion, taking any action or making any determination necessary or appropriate to enforce or implement court orders or rules, or to prevent an abuse of power.

33-52-14.
(a) When notice is required under this article and except as otherwise permitted or directed by the court or the Commissioner, such notice shall be transmitted within 45 days of the event triggering such requirement:

(1) To the chief insurance regulatory official in each jurisdiction in which the transferring insurer:

(A) Holds or has ever held a certificate of authority; and

(B) In which policies that are part of the subject business were issued or policyholders currently reside;

(2) To the National Conference of Insurance Guaranty Funds, the National Organization of Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Associations, and all state insurance guaranty associations for the states in which the transferring insurer:

(A) Holds or has ever held a certificate of authority; and

(B) In which policies that are part of the subject business were issued or policyholders currently reside;

(3) To reinsurers of the transferring insurer pursuant to the notice provisions of the reinsurance agreements applicable to the policies that are part of the subject business, or where an agreement has no provision for notice, by internationally recognized delivery service;

(4) To all policyholders holding policies that are part of the subject business at their last known address as indicated by the records of the transferring insurer or to the address to which premium notices or other policy documents are sent. Notice shall also be sent to the transferring insurer's agents or brokers of record on the subject business; and

(5) By publication in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation in the state in which the transferring insurer has its principal place of business and in such other publications that the Commissioner requires.

(b) When notice is given in accordance with this Code section, any information or orders under this article shall be conclusive with respect to all intended recipients of the notice, whether or not the intended recipients receive actual notice.

(c) When notice is required by an applicant or petitioner but a receiver of the insurer has been appointed pursuant to the laws of the insurer's home jurisdiction, the receiver shall provide the required notice.

33-52-15.

(a) **Application to the Commissioner for approval of an insurance business transfer plan.**

(1) An insurance business transfer plan shall be filed by the applicant with the Commissioner for review and approval. The plan shall contain the information set forth below or an explanation as to why such information is not included. The plan may be supplemented or revised with additional, updated, or other information when deemed necessary by the Commissioner and as it becomes available:

(A) The name, address, and telephone number of the transferring insurer and the assuming insurer and their respective direct and indirect controlling persons, if any;

(B) A summary of the insurance business transfer plan;

(C) Identification and description of the subject business;

(D) The most recent audited financial statements and annual and quarterly reports of the transferring insurer and assuming insurer filed with their respective domiciliary regulator;

(E) The most recent actuarial report and actuarial opinion that quantify the liabilities associated with the subject business;

(F) Pro-forma financial statements showing the projected statutory balance sheet, results of operations, and cash flows of the assuming insurer for the three years following the proposed transfer and novation;

(G) Officers' certificates of the transferring insurer and the assuming insurer attesting that each has obtained all required internal approvals and authorizations regarding the insurance business transfer plan and completed all necessary and appropriate actions relating thereto;

(H) Proposal for plan implementation and administration;

(I) Form of notice to be provided under the plan to any policyholder whose policy is part of the subject business, including a full description as to how such notice shall be provided and whether certificates of assumption shall be issued to policyholders;

(J) Description of any reinsurance arrangements that will pass to the assuming insurer under the insurance business transfer plan;

(K) Description of any guarantees or additional reinsurance that will cover the subject business following the transfer and novation;

(L) A statement describing the assuming insurer's proposed investment policies and any contemplated third-party claims management and administration arrangements;

(M) A statement of whether any policyholder or group of policyholders shall lose or gain coverage of a state insurance guaranty association and a description of how the transferring and assuming insurers shall be licensed for the purpose of state insurance guaranty association coverage;

(N) Evidence of approval or nonobjection of the transfer from the chief insurance regulatory official of the jurisdiction of the transferring insurer's domicile; and

(O) An opinion report from an independent expert. Such report shall provide the following:

(i) A statement of the independent expert's professional qualifications and

experience that qualify him or her as an expert suitable for the engagement;

(ii) The scope of the report;

(iii) A summary of the terms of the insurance business transfer plan relevant to the report;

(iv) A list of and summaries for documents, reports, and other material information the independent expert has considered in preparing the report and whether any information requested was not provided;

(v) The extent to which the independent expert has relied on information and judgment provided by others;

(vi) The persons upon whom the independent expert has relied and why such reliance is reasonable;

(vii) The independent expert's opinion of the likely effects of the insurance business transfer plan on policyholders, reinsurers, and claimants, distinguishing between:

(I) Transferring policyholders, reinsurers, and claimants;

(II) Policyholders, reinsurers, and claimants of the transferring insurer whose policies will not be transferred; and

(III) Policyholders, reinsurers, and claimants of the assuming insurer;

(viii) For each opinion that the independent expert expresses in the report, the facts and circumstances supporting such opinion; and

(ix) Consideration as to whether the security position of any policyholder or group of policyholders affected by the insurance business transfer are materially adversely affected by the transfer, including, but not limited to, coverage by a state insurance guaranty association.

(2) The independent expert's opinion report as required by subparagraph (a)(1)(O) of this Code section shall include, but shall not be limited to, a review of the following:

(A) Analysis of the transferring insurer's actuarial review of reserves for the subject business to determine the reserve adequacy;

(B) Analysis of the financial condition of the transferring insurer and of the assuming insurer and the effect the insurance business transfer shall have on the financial condition of each insurance company;

(C) The plans or proposals the assuming insurer has with respect to the administration of the subject business;

(D) Whether the proposed transfer will likely have a material adverse effect on the policyholders, reinsurers, or claimants of the transferring insurer and the assuming insurer;

(E) Analysis of the assuming insurer's corporate governance structure to ensure proper board and management oversight and expertise to manage the subject business; and

(F) Any other information the Commissioner deems necessary to review the insurance business transfer plan.

(3) The Commissioner shall have 60 business days from the date of receipt of a complete insurance business transfer plan to review such plan to determine if the applicant is authorized to submit such plan to the court. The Commissioner may extend

such review period for an additional 30 business days.

(4) The Commissioner shall authorize the submission of the plan to the court unless he or she finds that the insurance business transfer will likely have a material adverse effect on the interests of policyholders, reinsurers, or claimants that are part of the subject business.

(5) When the Commissioner determines that the insurance business transfer will likely have a material adverse effect on the interests of policyholders, reinsurers, or claimants that are part of the subject business, the Commissioner shall notify the applicant and specify any modifications, supplements, or amendments, and any additional information or documentation with respect to the plan that shall be provided to the Commissioner before he or she will authorize the filing of such insurance business transfer plan with the court.

(6) The applicant shall have 30 days from the date the Commissioner notifies him or her, as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, to file an amended plan providing the modifications, supplements, or amendments, and additional information or documentation as requested by the Commissioner. If necessary, the applicant may request in writing an extension of up to 30 days. If the applicant does not make an amended filing within the time period provided for in this paragraph, including any extension of time granted by the Commissioner, the plan filing shall terminate and a subsequent filing by the applicant shall be considered a new filing which shall require compliance with all provisions of this article as if the prior filing had never been made.

(7) The Commissioner's review period provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection shall recommence upon receipt of the amended plan providing the modification, supplement, amendment, and the additional information or documentation requested in paragraph (5) of this subsection.

(8) When the Commissioner authorizes the applicant to proceed with filing a petition with the court seeking approval and implementation of the plan, the Commissioner shall confirm such determination in writing to the applicant.

(b) **Petition to the court for approval of the insurance business transfer plan and an implementation order**.

(1) Within 30 days of the Commissioner's order determining an insurance business transfer plan satisfies the requirements of this article, the assuming insurer, transferring insurer, or reinsurer may file a petition with the court seeking an approval order and an implementation order of such plan. Upon written request by the applicant to the Commissioner, the period for filing a petition with the court may be extended for an additional 30 days.

(2) The petition provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include:

(A) The relief sought;

(B) Information, arguments, and authorities supporting the requested relief, including information and analysis in support of the court's finding that the plan will not likely have a material adverse effect to any policyholder, reinsurer, or claimant;

(C) The insurance business transfer plan;

(D) A preliminary list of witnesses and exhibits that the petitioner reasonably intends

to present to the court; and

(E) A request for the court to enter judgment in favor of the petitioner and that such judgment shall include findings of fact, conclusions of law, an approval order, an implementation order, and the court's retention of jurisdiction to allow the parties to request any orders regarding incidental, consequential, and supplementary matters necessary to assure the full and effective implementation of such plan.

(3) The Commissioner shall be a party to the proceeding before the court concerning the petition and shall be served with copies of all filings. The Commissioner's position in the proceeding shall not be limited by his or her initial review of the plan.

(4) Within 30 days after the filing of the petition provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the petitioner shall file a request for a preliminary scheduling order, which shall include a date and time for a status conference. The status conference shall occur no fewer than 14 days after the conclusion of the 60 day comment period provided in paragraph (7) of this subsection.

(5) Within 45 days after the court enters the preliminary scheduling order, the petitioner shall cause the transmission and publication of a notice of the matter before the court in accordance with the notice provisions of Code Section 33-52-14.

(6) The notice provided for in paragraph (5) of this subsection shall include:

(A) The date and time of the status conference;

(B) The name, address and telephone number of the assuming insurer, transferring insurer, and Commissioner;

(C) A statement regarding whether any policyholder or group of policyholders may or shall lose or gain coverage by a state insurance guaranty association as a result of the transfer and the implication of losing or gaining such coverage;

(D) Procedures and deadlines for policyholders, claimants, and third parties to submit comments, objections, or requests to be heard at the trial regarding the plan;

(E) The procedure for a policyholder that is unable to access or acquire an electronic copy of the plan and associated information to request the petitioner to provide one free hard copy to a policyholder;

(F) A summary of the order entered by the Commissioner, including the effect the plan shall have on policyholders, if any;

(G) The name and location of the court in which the petition is filed;

(H) The case number, parties, and other identifying information of the matter in the petition;

(I) The relief sought in the petition;

(J) The procedure to access an electronic copy of the insurance business transfer plan and associated information, if any;

(K) Further notice of filings, schedules, orders, and other information, as provided in paragraph (9) of this subsection; and

(L) If the plan is approved by the court, the court shall enter a judgment consistent with paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(7) The last date of the transmission and publication of the notice shall be followed by a comment period of no fewer than 60 days.

(8) Any person, including by their legal representative, that provides written notice within the 60 day comment period provided for in paragraph (7) of this subsection and that asserts to be materially adversely affected by the approval and implementation of a plan may present comment or evidence to the court at the trial; provided, however, that such comment or evidence shall not confer standing as a party on any person. Any person participating in the pretrial proceeding or the trial of the petitioner's request for an order of approval and an implementation order of the plan shall follow the process established by the court and shall bear their own costs and attorney's fees.

(9) Only parties to this matter and those persons and other third parties that file a request to provide comment or evidence as provided for in paragraph (8) of this subsection shall receive further notice and copies of filings with the court.

(10) Within 45 days of the status conference required as provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the petitioner shall file a motion for a scheduling order and to enter this matter on the court's trial docket.

(c) **Approval order by the court of an insurance business transfer plan and implementation order.**

(1) Pursuant to the court's scheduling order or other orders by the court, the petitioner shall present the insurance business transfer plan, evidence, and arguments to the court for approval and implementation of the plan.

(2) At any time before the court issues a judgment, the petitioner may withdraw the petition without prejudice to refiling.

(3) When the court finds that the approval and implementation of the insurance business transfer plan will not materially adversely affect the interests of policyholders or claimants to policies that are part of the subject business, the court shall enter judgment in favor of the petitioner and an implementation order. Such judgment and order shall include and provide for:

(A) Findings of fact;

(B) Conclusions of law;

(C) The approval order and the implementation order, including:

(i) The simultaneous transfer and novation from the transferring insurer to the assuming insurer of the subject business with respect to all policyholders, reinsurers, and claimants and their respective policies and reinsurance agreements under the subject business;

(ii) The simultaneous transfer and novation from the transferring insurer and the assuming insurer of all insurance obligations, risks, rights, or any combination thereof, including, but not limited to, the ceded reinsurance of transferred policies and contracts included in the subject business, notwithstanding any non-assignment provisions in any such reinsurance contracts or other agreements;

(iii) Documentation that the assuming insurer shall have all of transferring insurer's obligations, risks, rights, or any combination thereof, regarding the subject business as if it were the original insurer of such policies, including the same standing as the transferring insurer pursuant to contract, statute, and interpretation, relating back to the issuance of such policies; and

(iv) Documentation that the policyholders' and claimants' obligations, risks, rights, or any combination thereof, if any, under their respective policies which are part of the subject business shall not be enlarged, extended, limited, or reduced; provided, however, that the policyholders and claimants may not pursue or be pursued by the transferring insurer to satisfy their respective obligations, risks, rights, or any combination thereof, but rather, the policyholders and claimants may pursue or be pursued by the assuming insurer;

(D) Notice of such judgment, including the resulting transfer and novation, shall be provided by the petitioner in accordance with the notice requirements as provided in Code Section 33-52-14;

(E) Other orders and provisions with respect to incidental, consequential, and supplementary matters as are necessary to assure full and effective implementation of the insurance business transfer plan; and

(F) The retention of jurisdiction of the matter so as to allow the parties to request such additional orders regarding incidental, consequential, and supplemental matters necessary to assure the full and effective implementation of the plan.

(4) When the court finds that the insurance business transfer plan should not be approved, the court by its order may:

(A) Deny the petition; or

(B) Provide the petitioner leave to file an amended petition, including an amended insurance business transfer plan.

(5) Nothing in this Code section in any way affects the right of appeal of any party.

(d) An unexpired and in-force policy issued to a policyholder that resides in a state other than this state shall not be transferred and novated unless or until the assuming insurer is licensed, authorized, permitted, or otherwise legally allowed to administer the subject business in the same manner as the transferring insurer in the state of such policyholder's residence.

(e) The court may approve the requested transfer and novation of the subject business, with effectiveness of all or part of the implementation deferred until the assuming insurer is able to satisfy the requirements pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(f) The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this article. No insurance business transfer plan shall be approved in this state unless and until such rules and regulations are promulgated. Such rules and regulations may address, but shall not be limited to, the following issues:

(1) State insurance guaranty association coverage;

(2) The financial implications of the transaction, including solvency, capital adequacy, cash flow, reserves, asset quality, and risk-based capital;

(3) An analysis of the assuming insurer’s corporate governance structure to ensure proper board management oversight and expertise to manage the subject business;

(4) The competency, experience, and integrity of the persons who would control the operations of an involved insurer; and

(5) Ensuring the transaction is not being made for improper purposes, including fraud.

(g) All testimony, documents, exhibits, analysis, communications, or other information

or evidence submitted to the Commissioner or independent expert in contemplation of an application, submitted to the court in support of a petition, or developed by the Commissioner or independent expert in connection with such application or petition for an approval order and an implementation order of a plan, shall be treated for purposes of confidentiality as an examination of the financial condition or market conduct of the transacting companies as provided in Code Section 33-2-14.

33-52-16.
Insurers subject to this article consent to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner with regard to ongoing oversight of operations, management, and solvency relating to the transferred business, including the authority of the Commissioner to conduct financial analysis and examinations.

33-52-17.
(a) At the time of filing its application with the Commissioner for review and approval of an insurance business transfer plan, an applicant shall pay a nonrefundable fee to the department in the amount of $10,000.00.
(b) In the Commissioner's discretion, in connection with the department's participation in the proceedings undertaken pursuant to this article, an applicant shall reimburse the department for any compensation and benefits paid to the personnel of the department for time spent engaged in the proceedings, including, but not limited to, examiners, actuaries, attorneys, managers, and paraprofessionals.
(c) The Commissioner may retain independent authorized consultants, including attorneys, appraisers, actuaries, certified public accountants, or other professionals and specialists to assist department personnel in connection with the review required by this article, the cost of which shall be borne by the applicant.
(d) The applicant shall pay the expenses of the department and its authorized consultants incurred in fulfilling their obligations under this article, including the actual expenses of the department or the expenses and compensation of any consultants retained by the department.
(e) The transferring insurer and the assuming insurer shall jointly be obligated to pay any compensation, costs, and expenses of the independent expert and any consultants retained by the independent expert and approved by the department incurred in fulfilling the obligations of the independent expert under this article. Nothing in this article shall be construed to create any duty for the independent expert to any party other than the department or the court.
(f) Failure to pay any of the requisite fees or reimbursements within 30 days of demand shall be grounds for the Commissioner to request that the court dismiss the petition for approval of the insurance business transfer plan prior to the filing of an implementation order by the court, or, if after the filing of an implementation order, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke the assuming insurer's certificate of authority to transact insurance business in this state."

SECTION 5.
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
E Anavitarte	Y Harbison	E Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	E Strickland
Y Dixon	E Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
E Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 1049, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Robertson of the 29th asked unanimous consent that HR 1164, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HR 1164, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HR 1164. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Buckner of the 137th, Reese of the 140th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of the Honorable Richard H. Smith and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Robertson of the 29th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HR 1164, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

03/28/2024

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HR 1164. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Hatchett of the 50th

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that HR 1215, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HR 1215, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HR 1215. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Chastain of the 7th, Hatchett of the 155th, Burns of the 159th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of the Honorable David E. Ralston and dedicating an interstate connector and bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Gooch of the 51st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

HR 1215, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Senate Supplemental Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 28, 2024
Fortieth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 1241 Rhett of the 33rd
Tate of the 38th
CITY OF SMYRNA

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Smyrna, approved August 27, 1931 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 955), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3951), so as to revise the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1330 Esteves of the 6th
Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
Rhett of the 33rd
Setzler of the 37th
Tate of the 38th
Albers of the 56th
MABLETON DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "South Cobb Development Authority Act," approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 3772), as amended, so as to change the name of the authority to the Mableton Development Authority; to revise the short title; to revise provisions related to the selection of membership of the authority; to provide for continuation in office of current board

members; to provide for the selection of board officers; to revise the geographical area of operations of the authority; to revise the purposes and objectives of the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1337 Rhett of the 33rd
Tate of the 38th
CITY OF MABLETON

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Mableton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1500 Esteves of the 6th
Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
Rhett of the 33rd
Setzler of the 37th
Tate of the 38th
Albers of the 56th
CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Powder Springs, approved March 13, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2760), as amended, so as to adopt by reference a certain map to update the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims

Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

The legislation on the Supplemental Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 126. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Evans of the 57th, Reeves of the 99th and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appellate practice, so as to change a provision relating to judgments deemed directly appealable; to provide for a definition; to provide for an out-of-time remedy for certain types of postjudgment relief in criminal cases; to provide for procedure and time frames; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Strickland of the 17th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its substitute to HB 126 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Strickland of the 17th, Kennedy of the 18th, and McLaurin of the 14th.

At 9:45 p.m., the President announced that the Senate would stand at ease until 10:00 p.m.

At 10:04 p.m., the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 82. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Still of the 48th, Moore of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the tax commissioner, subject to local governing authority approval, to waive certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest for the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back to effective utilization status; to provide for procedures and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Resolution of the House:

HR 302. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th, Lim of the 98th and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the appropriation of funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements; to revise the disposition of excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 499. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th, Stephens of the 164th and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding alimony and child support, so as to authorize child support and insurance policies for disabled children who have reached the age of majority but lack the ability to otherwise support themselves independently; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 581. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 28-5-41.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to economic analysis of certain tax benefits of law or proposed law, and analysis on performance and outcomes of Code Section 33-1-25, so as to revise the deadlines, selection criteria, and required contents for certain annual economic analyses conducted by the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 581 (LC 50 0888S) by replacing lines 2 through 10 with the following:

taxation, so as to provide requirements for ad valorem property tax bills; to provide for definitions; to provide for minimum mandatory reappraisal of parcels; to provide that county boards of tax assessors shall have the right to appeal concerning sales ratio studies under certain conditions; to revise the limitation on increasing new valuations established through appeals or agreements; to revise the required contents of annual notices of assessment; to revise requirements for notices of current assessment; to provide for a statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption and provide procedures for opting out of such homestead exemption at the local level; to revise provisions for the maximum allowable sales and use tax rate; to authorize a new local option sales tax for the purpose of property tax relief in those political subdivisions that have in effect a base year value or adjusted base year value homestead exemption; to provide for authorization of tax and applicability; to provide for local authorization and referenda; to provide for imposition and termination of tax; to provide for administration and collection of tax; to provide for returns; to provide for distribution of tax proceeds; to provide for an effective date, applicability, and a contingent, automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By replacing lines 14 through 381 with the following:

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions, by revising the introductory language of paragraph (3) and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2.1) 'Estimated roll-back rate' means the current year's estimated millage rate minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments:

(A) As calculated and certified to the tax commissioner by the levying authority for county and educational tax purposes; and

(B) As calculated and certified to the collecting officer of the municipality by the levying authority for municipal tax purposes.

(3) 'Fair market value of property' means the amount a knowledgeable buyer would pay for the property and a willing seller would accept for the property at an arm's length, bona fide sale. The income approach, if data are available, shall be considered in determining the fair market value of income-producing property. If actual income and expense data are voluntarily supplied by the property owner, such data shall be considered in such determination. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the transaction amount of the most recent arm's length, bona fide sale in any year shall be the maximum allowable fair market value for the next taxable year.~~ With respect to the valuation of equipment, machinery, and fixtures when no ready market exists for the sale of the equipment, machinery, and fixtures, fair market value may be determined by resorting to any reasonable, relevant, and useful information available, including, but not limited to, the original cost of the property, any depreciation or obsolescence, and any increase in value by reason of inflation. Each tax assessor shall have access to any public records of the taxpayer for the purpose of discovering such information."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-34.

(a) In addition to any other requirements provided by law, the ad valorem property tax bill form shall be prepared annually by the county tax commissioner or collector and furnished to each taxpayer who owes state, county, or county school tax for the current tax year. The form shall provide the total amount of such taxes levied on property owned by the taxpayer, the amount of property tax credit granted by Act of the 1973 Session of Georgia's General Assembly, and the net amount of such taxes due for the current tax year.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, regarding any ad valorem property tax bill where the millage rate adopted by a tax authority exceeds the estimated roll-back rate, such tax bill shall include a notice containing the name of such taxing authority and the following statement in bold print:

'The adopted millage rate exceeds the estimated roll-back rate as stated in the annual notice of assessment that you previously received for this taxable year, which will result in an increase in the amount of property tax that you will owe.'"

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-264, relating to designation and duties of chief appraiser, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) The chief appraiser shall ensure that every parcel in his or her respective county is appraised at least every three years."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-274, relating to the establishment of equalized adjusted property tax digest, establishment and use of average ratio, information to be furnished by state auditor, grievance procedure, and information to be furnished by commissioner, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1) Each county governing authority, each governing authority of a municipality having an independent school system, ~~and~~ each local board of education, and each county board of tax assessors, when aggrieved or when having an aggrieved constituent, shall have a right, upon written request made within 30 days after receipt of the digest information, to refer the question of correctness of the current equalized adjusted property tax digest of the local school system to the state auditor. The state auditor shall take any steps necessary to make a determination of the correctness of the digest and to notify all interested parties of the determination within 45 days after receiving the request questioning the correctness of the digest."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-299, relating to ascertainment of taxable property, assessments against unreturned personal property, penalty for unreturned property, and changing real property values established by appeal in prior year or stipulated by agreement, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) When the value of real property is reduced ~~or is unchanged~~ from the value on the initial annual notice of assessment or a corrected annual notice of assessment issued by the board of tax assessors and such reduced valuation has been established as the result of an appeal decision rendered by the board of equalization, hearing officer, arbitrator, or superior court pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 or stipulated by written agreement signed by the board of tax assessors and taxpayer or taxpayer's authorized representative, the new valuation so established by appeal decision or agreement may not be increased by the board of tax assessors during the next two successive years, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties, subject to the following exceptions:

(1) This subsection shall not apply to a valuation established by an appeal decision if the taxpayer or his or her authorized representative failed to attend the appeal hearing or provide the board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator with some written evidence supporting the taxpayer's opinion of value;

(2) This subsection shall not apply to a valuation established by an appeal decision or agreement if the taxpayer files a return at a different valuation during the next two successive years;

(3) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties, if the taxpayer files an appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 during the next two successive years, the board of tax assessors, the board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator may increase or decrease the value of the real property based on the evidence presented by the taxpayer during the appeal process; and

(4) The board of tax assessors may increase or decrease the value of the real property if, after a visual on-site inspection of the property, it is found that there have been

substantial additions, deletions, or improvements to such property or that there are errors in the board of tax assessors' records as to the description or characterization of the property, or the board of tax assessors finds an occurrence of other material factors that substantially affect the current fair market value of such property."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(1) The annual notice of current assessment required to be given by the county board of tax assessors under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be dated and shall contain the name and last known address of the taxpayer. The annual notice shall conform with the state-wide uniform assessment notice which shall be established by the commissioner by rule and regulation and shall contain:

(A) The amount of the previous assessment;

(B) The amount of the current assessment;

(C) The year for which the new assessment is applicable;

(D) A brief description of the assessed property broken down into real and personal property classifications;

(E) The fair market value of property of the taxpayer subject to taxation and the assessed value of the taxpayer's property subject to taxation after being reduced;

(F) The name, phone number, and contact information of the person in the assessors' office who is administratively responsible for the handling of the appeal and who the taxpayer may contact if the taxpayer has questions about the reasons for the assessment change or the appeals process;

(G) If available, the website address of the office of the county board of tax assessors; ~~and~~

(H) A statement that all documents and records used to determine the current value are available upon request; and

(I) The current year's estimated roll-back rate.

(2)~~(A)~~ In addition to the items required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the notice shall contain a statement of the taxpayer's right to an appeal ~~and an estimate of the current year's taxes for all levying authorities~~ which shall be in substantially the following form:

'The amount of your ad valorem tax bill for this year will be based on the appraised and assessed values specified in this notice. You have the right to appeal these values to the county board of tax assessors. At the time of filing your appeal you must select one of the following options:

~~(i)~~(A) An appeal to the county board of equalization with appeal to the superior court;

~~(ii)~~(B) To arbitration without an appeal to the superior court; or

~~(iii)~~(C) For a parcel of nonhomestead property with a fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, or for one or more account numbers of wireless property as defined

in subparagraph (e.1)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-311 with an aggregate fair market value in excess of $500,000.00 as shown on the taxpayer's annual notice of current assessment under this Code section, to a hearing officer with appeal to the superior court.

If you wish to file an appeal, you must do so in writing no later than 45 days after the date of this notice. If you do not file an appeal by this date, your right to file an appeal will be lost. For further information on the proper method for filing an appeal, you may contact the county board of tax assessors which is located at: (insert address) and which may be contacted by telephone at: (insert telephone number).'

~~(B) The notice shall also contain the following statements in bold print:~~

~~'The estimate of your ad valorem tax bill for the current year is based on the previous or most applicable year's millage rate and the fair market value contained in this notice. The actual tax bill you receive may be more or less than this estimate. This estimate may not include all eligible exemptions.~~'"

SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-311, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (g) as follows:

"(2) An appeal by the taxpayer as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be effected by emailing, if the county board of tax assessors has adopted a written policy consenting to electronic service, or by mailing to or filing with the county board of tax assessors a written petition for review. An appeal by the county board of tax assessors shall be effected by giving a petition for review to the taxpayer. The petition for review given to the taxpayer shall be dated and shall contain the name and the last known address of the taxpayer. The petition for review shall specifically state the grounds for appeal. The petition for review shall be mailed or filed within 30 days from the date on which the decision of the county board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator is delivered pursuant to subparagraph (e)(6)(D), paragraph (7) of subsection (e.1), or division (f)(3)(C)(ix) of this Code section. Within 45 days of receipt of a taxpayer's petition for review and before the petition for review is filed in superior court, the county board of tax assessors shall send to the taxpayer notice that a settlement conference, in which the county board of tax assessors and the taxpayer shall confer in good faith, will be held at a specified date and time which shall be no later than 30 days from the notice of the settlement conference, and notice of the amount of the filing fee for a petition for review, if any, required by the clerk of the superior court. A taxpayer may appear for the settlement conference in person, by his or her authorized agent or representative, or both. The county board of tax assessors, in their discretion and with the consent of the taxpayer, may alternatively conduct the settlement conference by audio or video teleconference or any other remote communication medium. The taxpayer may exercise a one-time option to reschedule the settlement conference to a different date and time acceptable to the taxpayer during normal business hours. After a settlement conference has convened, the parties may agree to continue the settlement

conference to a later date. If at the end of the 45 day review period the county board of tax assessors elects not to hold a settlement conference, then the appeal shall terminate and the taxpayer's stated value shall be entered in the records of the board of tax assessors as the fair market value for the year under appeal and the provisions of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-299 shall apply to such value. ~~If the taxpayer chooses not to participate in the settlement conference, he or she may not seek and shall not be awarded fees and costs at such time when the petition for review is reviewed in superior court.~~ If neither the taxpayer nor his or her authorized agent or representative attends a properly scheduled settlement conference or fails to confer with the board of tax assessors in good faith on the matter, then such taxpayer shall not receive the benefits of any temporary reduction in the amount of taxes due pending the outcome of the appeal and shall not be awarded attorney's fees or costs of litigation in connection with the appeal to the superior court. If at the conclusion of the settlement conference the parties reach an agreement, the settlement value shall be entered in the records of the county board of tax assessors as the fair market value for the tax year under appeal and the provisions of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-299 shall apply to such value. If at the conclusion of the settlement conference the parties cannot reach an agreement, then written notice shall be provided to the taxpayer that the filing fees for the superior court must be paid by the taxpayer by submitting to the county board of tax assessors a check, money order, or any other instrument payable to the clerk of the superior court within 20 days of the date of the conference. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the amount of the filing fee for an appeal under this subsection shall be $25.00. An appeal under this subsection shall not be subject to any other fees or additional costs otherwise required under any provision of Title 15 or under any other provision of law. Within 30 days of receipt of the taxpayer's payment made out to the clerk of the superior court, or, in the case of a petition for review filed by the county board of tax assessors, within 30 days of giving notice of the petition for review to the taxpayer, the county board of tax assessors shall file with the clerk of the superior court the petition for review and any other papers specified by the person appealing, including, but not limited to, the staff information from the file used by the county board of tax assessors, the county board of equalization, the hearing officer, or the arbitrator. Immediately following payment of such $25.00 filing fee to the clerk of the superior court, the clerk shall remit the proceeds thereof to the governing authority of the county which shall deposit the proceeds into the general fund of the county. All papers and information filed with the clerk shall become a part of the record on appeal to the superior court. At the time of the filing of the petition for review, the county board of tax assessors shall serve the taxpayer and his or her attorney of record, if any, with a copy of the petition for review filed in the superior court and with the civil action file number assigned to the appeal. Such service shall be effected in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-5. No discovery, motions, or other pleadings may be filed by the county board of tax assessors in the appeal until such service has been made."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-44.2.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ad valorem taxes' means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the state or any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school district in this state, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) 'Adjusted base year assessed value' means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no such value added improvements to the homestead shall be duplicated as to the same addition or improvement.

(3) 'Base year assessed value' means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this Code section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2025 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this Code section is first granted to the applicant.

(4) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40.

(5) 'Inflation rate' means the annual inflationary index rate as determined for a given year by the commissioner in accordance with subsection (g) of this Code section.

(6) 'Previous adjusted base year assessed value' means:

(A) With respect to the year for which the exemption under this Code section is first granted to a person on such person's homestead, the base year assessed value; or

(B) In all other cases, the adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead as calculated in the taxable year immediately preceding the current year, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311.

(7) 'Substantial property change' means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred after the year in which the base year assessed value is determined for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311.

(b)(1) Subject to the limitations provided in this Code section, each resident of this state is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of that homestead, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, exceeds its previous adjusted base year assessed value.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, no exemption provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(c) The surviving spouse of the person who has been granted the exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall continue to receive the exemption provided under subsection (b) of this Code section, so long as such surviving spouse continues to occupy the residence as a homestead.

(d) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the tax receiver or tax commissioner of his or her respective local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation giving such information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable such tax receiver or tax commissioner to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the 2024 tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead property in the 2025 tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this Code section for that homestead without further application. Such tax receiver or tax commissioner shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. Such exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person or a person's agent has filed the proper application or is automatically granted the homestead exemption as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this Code section to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(f)(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(2) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the given taxing jurisdiction to which the such law applies. In any such event, the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the taxpayer's respective local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is larger or more

beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the particular taxing jurisdictions to which more than one base year value homestead exemption applies.

(g) For the purposes of this Code section, the commissioner shall promulgate a standardized method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of this state for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government if the commissioner determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on residents of this state.

(h) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, provided that:

(1) A constitutional amendment is ratified and becomes effective on January 1, 2025, which authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for a homestead exemption that shall not be applicable to certain political subdivisions, which elect to opt out of the homestead exemption by a date certain; and

(2) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be applicable for any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district for which the governing authority of such political subdivision adopts an opt-out resolution in accordance with subsection (i) of this Code section.

(i) The governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district may elect to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted by subsection (b) of this Code section with respect to such political subdivision through the adoption of a resolution to do the same by March 1, 2025, after completing the following steps:

(1) The governing authority shall advertise its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The governing authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the political subdivision and post such advertisement on its website, which shall read as follows:

'INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The (name of governing authority) intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for (name of the political subdivision).

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at (place of meeting) on (date and time).'

Simultaneously with this notice the governing authority shall provide a press release to the local media.

(2) The advertisement required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, be not less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing.

In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for its intention to opt out of the homestead exemption.

(3) No resolution to opt out of the homestead exemption shall become effective with respect to a political subdivision unless the procedures and hearings required by this subsection are completed and a copy of such resolution is filed with the Secretary of State by March 1, 2025."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-6, relating to prohibition of political subdivisions from imposing various taxes, ceiling on local sales and use taxes, and taxation of mobile telecommunications, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"48-8-6.

~~(a) There shall not be imposed in any jurisdiction in this state or on any transaction in this state local sales taxes, local use taxes, or local sales and use taxes in excess of 2 percent. For purposes of this prohibition, the taxes affected are any sales tax, use tax, or sales and use tax which is levied in an area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including such taxes authorized by or pursuant to constitutional amendment, except that the following taxes shall not count toward or be subject to such 2 percent limitation:~~

~~(1) A sales and use tax for educational purposes exempted from such limitation under Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;~~

~~(2) Any tax levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Georgia Laws, 1964, page 1008; the continuation of such amendment under Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV(d) of the Constitution; and the laws enacted pursuant to such constitutional amendment; provided, however, that the exception provided for under this paragraph shall only apply:~~

~~(A) In a county in which a tax is being imposed under subparagraph (a)(1)(D) of Code Section 48-8-111 in whole or in part for the purpose or purposes of a water capital outlay project or projects, a sewer capital outlay project or projects, a water and sewer capital outlay project or projects, water and sewer projects and costs as defined under paragraph (4) of Code Section 48-8-200, or any combination thereof and with respect to which the county has entered into an intergovernmental contract with a municipality, in which the average waste-water system flow of such municipality is not less than 85 million gallons per day, allocating proceeds to such municipality to be used solely for water and sewer projects and costs as defined under paragraph (4) of Code Section 48-8-200. The exception provided for under this subparagraph shall apply only during the period the tax under such subparagraph (a)(1)(D) is in effect. The exception provided for under this subparagraph shall not apply in any county in which a tax is being imposed under Article 2A of this chapter;~~

~~(B) In a county in which the tax levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation is first levied after January 1, 2010, and before January 1, 2021. Such tax shall not apply to the following:~~

~~(i) The sale or use of jet fuel; and~~

~~(ii) The sale of motor vehicles; or~~

~~(C) In a county in which a tax is levied and collected pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2A of this chapter;~~

~~(3) In the event of a rate increase imposed pursuant to Code Section 48-8-96, only the amount in excess of the initial 1 percent sales and use tax and in the event of a newly imposed tax pursuant to Code Section 48-8-96, only the amount in excess of a 1 percent sales and use tax;~~

~~(4) A sales and use tax levied under Article 4 of this chapter;~~

~~(5) Either a sales and use tax levied under Article 5 of this chapter or a sales and use tax levied under Article 5B of this chapter;~~

~~(6) A sales and use tax levied under Article 5A of this chapter;~~

~~(7) A sales and use tax levied under Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32; and~~

~~(8) A sales and use tax levied under Part 3 of Article 3 of this chapter.~~

~~If the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales tax, local use tax, or local sales and use tax would result in a tax rate in excess of that authorized by this subsection, then such otherwise authorized tax may not be imposed.~~

(a)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, on and after July 1, 2024, there shall not be imposed in any jurisdiction in this state or on any transaction in this state local sales taxes, local use taxes, or local sales and use taxes in excess of 2 percent. For purposes of this 2 percent limitation, the taxes affected are any sales tax, use tax, or sales and use tax which is levied in an area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including such taxes authorized by or pursuant to constitutional amendment, and regardless of whether another provision of law purports to the contrary, except for the following:

(A) A 1 percent sales and use tax for educational purposes exempted from such limitation under Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;

(B) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any of the transportation related sales and use taxes authorized under Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of this chapter and Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32; and

(C) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any sales and use taxes authorized under Code Section 48-8-96, Code Section 48-8-97, Article 2B of this chapter, Part 3 of Article 3 of this chapter, and Article 4 of this chapter.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any tax that does not comply with the limitations provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection as of July 1, 2025, but was initiated in compliance with the law in effect prior to January 1, 2025, shall be allowed to continue as authorized under laws that existed prior to July 1, 2025; provided, however, that upon the expiration or termination of any such tax, such tax shall not be renewed and the jurisdiction that levied such tax shall be fully subject to the limitations imposed by this subsection.

(3) This subsection shall not limit the imposition of any local excise tax, which is separately authorized under Chapter 13 of this title.
(4) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales tax, local use tax, or local sales and use tax would result in a tax rate in excess of that authorized by this subsection, then such otherwise authorized tax shall not be imposed."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to sales and use taxes, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"Article 2B

48-8-109.30.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of this state, there are created within this state 159 special districts. The geographical boundaries of each county shall correspond with and shall be conterminous with the geographical boundaries of the 159 special districts.
(b) The territory of each special district shall include all of the territory within the county including all municipalities, to the extent the municipal boundaries lie within the geographical boundaries of the county and any consolidated government.

48-8-109.31.

(a) Subject to the requirement of approval by local referendum and the other requirements of this article, to impose within any given special district a special sales and use tax for a limited period of time for the limited purpose of property tax relief.
(b) Except as to rate, a tax imposed under this part shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter. No item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this article, except that a tax imposed under this article shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3.
(c) The special sales and use tax provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section may be imposed by a special district in 0.05 percent increments, but in no event shall such tax exceed 1 percent in total. The levy of such tax upon sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall only be imposed on the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.
(d)(1) As a condition precedent to the issuance of the call for the referendum:
(A) The governing authority of the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district and the governing authority or authorities of all municipalities that levy an ad valorem tax on property, other than those municipalities that are excluded from the special district pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, shall have in effect a base year value or adjusted base year value

homestead exemption; and

(B) The governing authority of the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district and the governing authority or authorities, if any, that represent at least 50 percent of the special district's residents of municipalities that levy an ad valorem tax on property, other than those municipalities that are excluded from the special district pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement calling for the tax authorized under this article and specifying the proposed rate of the tax, the proposed maximum period of time that the tax is to be levied, and the proposed distribution of the tax.

(2) If the combined total of the populations of all such absent municipalities is less than one-half of the aggregate population of all municipalities located within the special district that levy an ad valorem tax on property, the political subdivisions entering into the intergovernmental agreement shall, on behalf of such absent municipalities, specify a percentage of that portion of the remaining proceeds which each municipality that levies an ad valorem tax on property shall receive, which percentage shall not be less than that proportion which each such absent municipality's population bears to the total population of all municipalities that levy ad valorem taxes on property within the special district multiplied by that portion of the remaining proceeds which are received by all such municipalities within the special district. No portion of the tax shall be apportioned to counties and municipalities that do not levy an ad valorem tax on property or do not have a base year value or adjusted base year value homestead exemption in effect.

(3) Subject to the limitation provided for in Code Section 48-8-6, any special district which wholly or partially contains a jurisdiction levying the tax provided for under Article 4 of this chapter is authorized to levy the tax authorized under this article. Such tax authorized under this article may only be levied in the areas of the special district outside of the jurisdiction levying the tax provided for under Article 4 of this chapter. Any jurisdiction levying the tax provided for under Article 4 of this chapter shall not be considered within the procedure necessary to levy the tax under this article and shall not be entitled to any portion of said tax.

48-8-109.32.

(a) The intergovernmental agreement required by this article shall specify the maximum period of time of the tax, to be stated in calendar years or calendar quarters not to exceed five years in total.

(b) Each such intergovernmental agreement shall prescribe that the county election superintendent shall issue the call for an election for the purpose of submitting the question of the imposition of the tax authorized by this article to the voters of the county. The call for and conduct of any such election shall be in the manner authorized under Code Section 21-2-540, on a date specified by the intergovernmental agreement from among the dates allowed under paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-540. Such election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be

published once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the date of the election in the legal organ of the county or in a newspaper having general circulation in the county at least equal to that of the legal organ.

(c) The exact ballot language shall be prescribed in the intergovernmental agreement which imposes the tax authorized by this article, but shall contain, at a minimum, the purpose of the tax, the rate of the tax, and the duration for which the tax shall be imposed.

(d) All persons desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax shall vote 'Yes' and all persons opposed to levying the tax shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of imposing the tax, then the tax shall be imposed as provided in this article; otherwise, the tax shall not be imposed and the question of imposing the tax shall not again be submitted to the voters of the special district until after 12 months immediately following the month in which the election was held; provided, however, that, if an election date authorized under paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-540 occurs during the twelfth month immediately following the month in which such election was held, the question of imposing the tax may be submitted to the voters of the special district on such date. The county election superintendent shall hold and conduct the election under the same rules and regulations as govern special elections. Such election superintendent shall canvass the returns, declare the result of the election, and certify the result to the Secretary of State and to the commissioner. The expense of the election shall be paid from county funds.

48-8-109.33.

(a)(1) If the imposition of the tax is approved by referendum, the tax shall be imposed on the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter which begins more than 50 days after the date of the election at which the tax was approved by the voters.

(2) With respect to services that are regularly billed on a monthly basis, however, the resolution or ordinance imposing the tax shall become effective and the tax shall apply to the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection. A certified copy of the ordinance or resolution imposing the tax shall be forwarded to the commissioner to ensure it is received within five business days after certification of the election results.

(b) The tax shall cease to be imposed on the final day of the maximum period of time specified for the imposition of the tax.

(c) For any special district in which a tax authorized by this article is in effect may, while such tax is in effect, the General Assembly may pass a local Act calling for a reimposition of a tax as authorized by this article upon the termination of the tax then in effect, and a referendum may be held for this purpose while the tax is in effect. Proceedings for such reimposition shall be in the same manner as proceedings for the initial imposition of the tax as provided for in Code Section 48-8-109.32. Such newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.

48-8-109.34.

A tax levied pursuant to this article shall be exclusively administered and collected by

the commissioner for the use and benefit of the special district imposing the tax. Such administration and collection shall be accomplished in the same manner and subject to the same applicable provisions, procedures, and penalties provided in Article 1 of this chapter except that the sales and use tax provided in this article shall be applicable to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2; provided, however, that all moneys collected from each taxpayer by the commissioner shall be applied first to such taxpayer's liability for taxes owed the state; and provided, further, that the commissioner may rely upon a representation by or on behalf of the county government or the Secretary of State that such a tax has been validly imposed, and the commissioner and the commissioner's agents shall not be liable to any person for collecting any such tax which was not validly imposed. Dealers shall be allowed a percentage of the amount of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due if such amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. Such dealer deduction shall be at the rate and subject to the requirements specified under subsections (b) through (f) of Code Section 48-8-50.

48-8-109.35.

Each sales and use tax return remitting sales and use taxes collected under this article shall separately identify the location of each retail establishment at which any of the sales and use taxes remitted were collected and shall specify the amount of sales and the amount of taxes collected at each establishment for the period covered by the return to facilitate the determination by the commissioner that all sales and use taxes imposed by this article are collected and distributed according to situs of sale.

48-8-109.36.

The proceeds of the tax collected by the commissioner under this article shall be disbursed as soon as practicable after collection as follows:

(1) One percent of the amount collected shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury to defray the costs of administration; and

(2) The remaining proceeds of the tax shall be distributed to the county whose boundary is conterminous with the boundary of the special district to be distributed thereafter by such county among the political subdivisions within the special district in accordance with the distribution schedule, which shall be prescribed in the intergovernmental agreement imposing the tax.

48-8-109.37.

Where a local sales or use tax has been paid with respect to tangible personal property by the purchaser either in another local tax jurisdiction within the state or in a tax jurisdiction outside the state, the tax may be credited against the tax authorized to be imposed by this article upon the same property. If the amount of sales or use tax so paid is less than the amount of the use tax due under this article, the purchaser shall pay an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in the other tax jurisdiction and the amount due

under this article. The commissioner may require such proof of payment in another local tax jurisdiction as the commissioner deems necessary and proper. No credit shall be granted, however, against the tax imposed under this article for tax paid in another jurisdiction if the tax paid in such other jurisdiction is used to obtain a credit against any other local sales and use tax levied in the special district or any political subdivision within the special district; and taxes so paid in another jurisdiction shall be credited first against the tax levied under Article 2 of this chapter, if applicable, then against the tax levied under Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter, if applicable, then against the tax levied under Part 2 of Article 3 of this chapter, if applicable, and then against the tax levied under this article.

48-8-109.38.
No tax provided for in this article shall be imposed upon the sale of tangible personal property which is ordered by and delivered to the purchaser at a point outside the geographical area of the special district in which the tax is imposed regardless of the point at which title passes, if the delivery is made by the seller's vehicle, and including United States mail or common carrier or by a private or contract carrier licensed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

48-8-109.39.
No tax provided for in this article shall be imposed upon the sale or use of building and construction materials when the contract for which the materials are purchased or used was advertised for bid prior to the voters' approval of the levy of the tax and the contract was entered into as a result of a bid actually submitted in response to the advertisement prior to approval of the levy of the tax.

48-8-109.40.
The commissioner shall have the power and authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the collection of the tax authorized by this article.

48-8-109.41.
The tax authorized by this article shall be in addition to any other local sales and use tax. The imposition of any other local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district shall not affect the authority of a county, municipality, or special district to impose the tax authorized by this article, and the imposition of the tax authorized by this article shall not affect the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales and use tax within a county, municipality, or special district.

48-8-109.42.
(a) Any proceeds received by a political subdivision from the tax authorized by this article shall be used by such political subdivision exclusively for tax relief and in conjunction with all limitations provided in the intergovernmental agreement authorizing

the tax for such political subdivision.

(b)(1) Each taxpayer's ad valorem tax bill shall clearly state the dollar amount by which the property tax has been reduced as a result of the imposition of the tax imposed under this article.

(2) The roll-back rate for the political subdivision, which is calculated under Code Section 48-5-32.1, shall be reduced annually by the millage equivalent of the net proceeds of the tax authorized under this article, which proceeds were received by the political subdivision during the prior taxable year.

(c) If any political subdivision is not in compliance with the use of the proceeds of a tax levied under this article, the commissioner shall not certify the tax digest of such political subdivision until it complies with this Code section."

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 581.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 581.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 1090. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Wiedower of the 121st, Gullett of the 19th, Crowe of the 118th and Hutchinson of the 106th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against certain tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting requirements; to remove the prohibition of allowing such a tax credit for qualified contributions that were utilized as a deduction or exemption from taxable income; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 1090 (LC 50 0836S) by replacing line 89 with the following:

exceed $20 million per calendar year.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that the Senate disagree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1090.

The consent was granted, and the Senate disagreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1090.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 395. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Watson of the 11th, Walker III of the 20th, Strickland of the 17th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize the possession of opioid antagonists in schools; to define a term; to authorize schools to maintain a stock supply of opioid antagonists; to authorize trained school personnel to administer opioid antagonists and carry opioid antagonists on their person; to provide for immunity; to provide for activation of the emergency medical services system

and notification of emergency contacts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 395:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 16, 20, 26, and 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses; education; food, drugs, and cosmetics; and health, respectively, so as to address opioid antagonists; to expand the exemption of naloxone from the definition of a dangerous drug to include any opioid antagonist when used for drug overdose prevention; to authorize the possession of opioid antagonists in schools; to provide a short title; to authorize schools to maintain a stock supply of opioid antagonists; to authorize trained school personnel to administer opioid antagonists and carry opioid antagonists on their person; to provide for immunity; to provide for activation of the emergency medical services system and notification of emergency contacts; to provide for educational resources, guidelines, policy, training, and immunity relative to opioid antagonists; to revise language relating to the prohibition on selling drugs through vending machines; to provide that practitioners may dispense and supply opioid antagonists to certain individuals and entities; to repeal the requirement that an opioid antagonist must have a prescription in order for a individual who administers it to have civil, criminal, and professional immunity; to provide immunity for harm reduction organizations that supply opioid antagonists to certain individuals; to require that certain buildings maintain and make accessible opioid antagonists; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Article 3 of Chapter 13, relating to dangerous drugs, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (c) of Code Section 16-13-71, relating to the definition of a dangerous drug, to read as follows:

"(16.92) Any opioid antagonist, as defined in Code Section 26-4-116.2, shall also be exempt from subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section when used for drug overdose prevention and when supplied by a dispenser or an authorized wholesale distributor."

SECTION 2.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2, relating to student health in elementary and secondary

education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-776.5.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as 'Wesley's Law.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term 'opioid antagonist' means a drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effect of opioids acting on those receptors, including, but not limited to, naloxone, hydrochloride, or any other similarly acting drug that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid related overdose.

(c) No visitor or school personnel shall be prohibited from possessing an opioid antagonist on school property or at a school sponsored activity.

(d) All local school systems or public schools, including charter schools, shall acquire and maintain a supply of opioid antagonists in any secure location where an individual may have an opioid overdose; provided, however, that, if there occurs a shortage of opioid antagonists, the local school systems or public schools, including charter schools, shall make a reasonable effort to maintain a supply of opioid antagonists. Any such supply shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(e) Any school personnel may administer an opioid antagonist to any person who the school personnel believes in good faith to be experiencing an opioid overdose:

(1) While in school;

(2) While at a school sponsored activity;

(3) While under the supervision of school personnel; or

(4) Before or after normal school activities, such as while in a before-school or after-school program on school operated property.

(f) School personnel shall be authorized to carry an opioid antagonist on his or her person while in school, at a school sponsored activity, or on school operated property.

(g) Upon the administration of any opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section, the local school system or public school, including charter schools, shall immediately activate the emergency medical services system and notify the student's parent, guardian, or emergency contact or notify such other individual's emergency contact, if known

(h) Any school personnel who in good faith administers or chooses not to administer an opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section shall be immune from civil liability or professional discipline for any act or omission related to the administration of an opioid antagonist, except that such immunity shall not apply to an act or omission of willful or wanton misconduct, recklessness, or gross negligence.

(i) A local school system or public school, including a charter school, shall be immune from civil liability for an act or omission related to the implementation of the provisions of this Code section, except that such immunity shall not apply to an act or omission of willful or wanton misconduct, recklessness, or gross negligence."

SECTION 3.

Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, is amended in Chapter 4, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, by revising Code Section 26-4-89, relating to prohibition of selling drugs in vending machines, remote automated

medication system excluded, as follows:

"26-4-89.

(a) Any person who shall sell or dispense prescription drugs by the use of vending machines shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) A remote automated medication system shall not be considered a vending machine for purposes of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsections (b), (d), and (e) of Code Section 26-4-116.2, relating to authorization of licensed health practitioners to prescribe opioid antagonists, pharmacists authorized to fill prescriptions, and immunity from liability, as follows:

"(b) A practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner may prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist for use in accordance with a protocol specified by such practitioner, and may supply opioid antagonists to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid related overdose or to a pain management clinic, first responder, harm reduction organization, family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid related overdose."

"(d) A person acting in good faith and with reasonable care to another person whom he or she believes to be experiencing an opioid related overdose may administer or supply an opioid antagonist ~~that was prescribed pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section in accordance with the protocol specified by the practitioner or pursuant to Code Section 31-1-10~~.

(e) The following ~~individuals~~ persons shall be immune from any civil liability, criminal responsibility, or professional licensing sanctions for the following actions authorized by this Code section:

(1) Any practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner who prescribes an opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section;

(2) Any practitioner or pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner or pharmacist who dispenses or supplies an opioid antagonist pursuant to a prescription issued in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section;

(3) The state health officer acting in good faith and as provided in Code Section 31-1-10; ~~and~~

(4) Any person acting in good faith, other than a practitioner, who administers or supplies an opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(5) Any harm reduction organization acting in good faith and within its scope of services that supplies an opioid antagonist to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid related overdose."

SECTION 5.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 2A, relating to general provisions for the Department of Public Health, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-2A-20.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 31-11-53.1.

(2) 'Courthouse' means a building occupied by judicial courts and containing rooms in which judicial proceedings are held, provided that such building contains an automated external defibrillator.

(3) 'Government entity' means any state board, commission, agency, or department, or the governing authority of any county, municipality, or consolidated government, but such term shall not include local school systems, public schools, charter schools, or university buildings.

(4) 'Opioid antagonist' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(5) 'Opioid related overdose' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 26-4-116.2.

(6) 'Qualified government building' means a building in which a government entity is housed or meets in its official capacity, including the portion occupied by a government entity of any building that is not publicly owned, provided that such building contains an automated external defibrillator.

(7) 'University building' means any building which forms a part of the University System of Georgia, including any college or university under the government, control, and management of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, or any building under the control of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(b) The department shall consult with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and may consult with any other medical, clinical, or peer support professionals or organizations it deems appropriate to identify and develop educational resources and guidelines on opioid related overdoses. The department shall develop a model training and implementation policy for opioid antagonist administration. All such educational resources and guidelines and the model training and implementation policy shall be maintained in a prominent manner on the department's principal public website.

(c) All qualified government buildings and courthouses shall:

(1) Maintain a supply of at least three unit doses of opioid antagonists; and

(2) Ensure that such supply of opioid antagonists is available and accessible during regular business hours and outside of regular business hours for all government entity events.

(d) A government entity may make opioid antagonists accessible during government entity events that occur on property that is not publicly owned.

(e) No one employee, officer, agent, contractor, or other individual shall be solely responsible for providing training pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section for any government entity.

(f)(1) Every government entity that is based in or operates out of a qualified government building shall establish and implement an internal training and implementation policy for opioid antagonist administration. Such policy may be based on the model training and implementation policy developed by the department pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. Each such government entity shall be authorized to receive and administer grants, gifts, contracts, moneys, and donations for the purpose of implementing this Code section.

(2) Each internal training and implementation policy provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall:

(A) Provide details about how an individual can access opioid antagonist administration training;

(B) Specify the location or locations of the government entity's supply of opioid antagonists;

(C) Contain an affirmative statement that any trained individual may administer an opioid antagonist to any person whom the trained individual believes in good faith to be experiencing an opioid related overdose; and

(D) Contain the following statement: 'Georgia law provides that any trained individual shall be immune from civil liability or professional discipline for any good faith act or omission to act in the emergency administration of an opioid antagonist to a person believed to be having an opioid related overdose.'

(g) All employees, officers, agents, and contractors of government entities and all other individuals who receive training pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section shall be immune from civil liability or professional discipline for any good faith act or omission to act related to the emergency administration of an opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section. Good faith shall not include willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness.

(h) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, funds appropriated or otherwise made available to a government entity may be used to comply with the requirements of this Code section by such government entity.

(i) A government entity shall not be subject to civil liability for damages for any failure to provide an automated external defibrillator or opioid antagonist pursuant to this Code section."

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 395.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 53, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 395.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 1046. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 47th, Powell of the 33rd, Barrett of the 24th, Mathiak of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-72, Code Section 31-6-2, and Article 7 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the sale, distribution, or possession of dangerous drugs, definitions relative to state health planning and development, and home health agencies, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services; to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to repeal the prohibition on delegating to advanced practice registered nurses the authority to sign death certificates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 1046 (LC 55 0307S) by inserting before "to provide for related matters;" *on line 7 the following:*

to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31, Chapter 16 of Title 40, and Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, the Department of Driver Services, and public property relative to state government, respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by creating one commission and repealing provisions relating to two inactive groups; to create the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant Health; to provide for its composition, membership, duties, and responsibilities; to provide for a definition; to provide for funding; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal provisions establishing the Governor's Commercial Transportation Advisory Committee; to repeal provisions creating the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol;

By replacing lines 248 through the end with the following:

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, is amended in Article 1, relating to general provisions, by revising Code Section 31-2A-12, which is reserved, as follows:

"31-2A-12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'perinatal care' means maternal and infant health improvement services and ancillary services that are appropriate for women and infants during the perinatal period, which begins before conception and ends on the infant's first birthday.

(b) There is created the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant Health to be assigned to the Department of Public Health for administrative purposes only as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3. The commission shall consist of 14 members, who shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Six members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall include among his or her appointees an obstetrician, either a pediatrician or neonatologist, a nurse midwife, either a family practice or general practice physician, and a representative of a perinatal facility;

(2) Three members of the Senate shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, provided that at least one member shall be of the minority party; and

(3) Three members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, provided that at least one member shall be of the minority party.

The commissioner or his or her designee and the chief executive officer of the Georgia Research Alliance or his or her designee shall serve as members of the commission. The Governor shall appoint one member to serve as the chairperson of the commission.

(c) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their duties. Any

legislative members of the council shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Citizen members shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in Code Section 45-7-21.

(d) The commission shall meet at least four times per year at the call of the chairperson or upon the request of at least seven of its members.

(e) The commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) To solicit the views of perinatal facilities, healthcare providers, and related professional associations on the state of perinatal care in Georgia and give due consideration to the current recommendations of medical and scientific organizations in the field of perinatal care;

(2) To make policy recommendations regarding programs of perinatal care with local communities, their physicians and perinatal facilities, and the general public;

(3) To establish indices to measure the quality and determine the effectiveness of perinatal care in Georgia;

(4) To make available to the public the records of all meetings of the commission and all business transacted by the commission;

(5) To employ such staff and to enter into such contracts as may be necessary to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under this chapter subject to funding by the General Assembly;

(6) To consult with and advise the department on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of perinatal care initiatives in this state; and

(7) To make state-wide policy recommendations based on its findings.

(f) The commission may request additional funding from any additional source including, but not limited to, federal and private grants.

(g) No later than June 30, 2026, the commission shall submit a detailed written report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

(h) This Code section shall stand automatically repealed on July 1, 2026. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 3-2.

Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Driver Services, is amended by repealing Code 40-16-8, relating to the Governor's Commercial Transportation Advisory Committee, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 3-3.

Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public property relative to state government, is amended by repealing Code Section 50-16-5.1, relating to the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol.

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which it is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.
(b) Part I and Part III of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 4-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Dixon of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1046.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	N Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	E Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 47, nays 7; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1046.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

HB 916. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on **HB 916** recommends that both the House of Representatives and the Senate recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to **HB 916** be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:	**FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**
/s/ Senator Tillery of the 19th	/s/ Representative Hatchett of the 155th
/s/ Senator Kennedy of the 18th	/s/ Representative Jones of the 47th
/s/ Senator Gooch of the 51st	/s/ Representative Efstration of the 104th

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

Total Funds	**$66,836,669,830**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$19,026,803,630**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$227,917,447
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$18,693,550
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,458,281
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$85,253,271
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$73,608,754
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$16,975,266
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$9,808,873,341
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,852,222
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$3,126,552
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$52,654,959
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$541,372,598
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$1,263,048
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$368,253,772
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,174,587,840
Federal Recovery Funds	**$16,846,588**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$16,846,588
Other Funds	**$5,864,830,794**
Agency Funds	$3,769,636,824
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$679,164,112
Records Center Storage Fee	$692,038
Research Funds	$1,275,951,296
State Funds	**$36,136,224,227**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,133,856
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767
Hospital Provider Payment	$410,990,552
Lottery Funds	$1,560,273,909
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,201,466,000
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070
State General Funds	$31,342,739,626
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$148,615,599
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,791,964,591**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$149,550,901
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

Section 1: Georgia Senate

Total Funds	**$17,390,468**
State Funds	**$17,390,468**
State General Funds	$17,390,468

1.1. Lieutenant Governor's Office

Total Funds	$2,146,940
State Funds	$2,146,940
State General Funds	$2,146,940

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,791,231	$1,791,231
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$39,884	$39,884
Increase funds for legislative operations, staff retention initiatives, and growth of field constituent program.	$35,825	$35,825
Increase funds for growth of field constituent program.	$80,000	$80,000
Increase funds for a statewide workforce study initiative.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,146,940	$2,146,940

1.2. Secretary of the Senate's Office

Total Funds	$1,553,243
State Funds	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,486,336	$1,486,336
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$37,180	$37,180
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$29,727	$29,727

Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,553,243	$1,553,243

1.3. Senate

Total Funds $13,690,285

State Funds $13,690,285

State General Funds $13,690,285

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$12,641,289	$12,721,241
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$318,972	$318,972
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$730,024	$650,072
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,690,285	$13,690,285

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

Total Funds **$26,039,595**

State Funds **$26,039,595**

State General Funds $26,039,595

2.1. House of Representatives

Total Funds $26,039,595

State Funds $26,039,595

State General Funds $26,039,595

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$24,410,039	$24,410,039
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$661,331	$661,331
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$0	$0
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$968,225	$968,225
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,039,595	$26,039,595

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

Total Funds **$22,388,929**

State Funds **$22,388,929**

State General Funds $22,388,929

3.1. Ancillary Activities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

Total Funds $14,574,539

State Funds $14,574,539
State General Funds $14,574,539

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$11,475,730	$11,475,730
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$93,131	$93,131
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$292	$292
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$21,839	$21,839
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$20,178	$20,178
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$950,586	$950,586
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$5,142	$5,142
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$1,857,641	$1,857,641
Transfer funds from the Legislative Fiscal Office program to match projected expenditures.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,574,539	$14,574,539

3.2. Legislative Fiscal Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

Total Funds $1,430,300
State Funds $1,430,300
State General Funds $1,430,300

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,515,680	$1,515,680
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$34,306	$34,306
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$30,314	$30,314
Transfer funds to the Ancillary Activities program to match projected expenditures.	($150,000)	($150,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,430,300	$1,430,300

3.3. Office of Legislative Counsel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

Total Funds $6,384,090
State Funds $6,384,090
State General Funds $6,384,090

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,300,936	$5,300,936
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$136,033	$136,033
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$947,121	$947,121
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,384,090	$6,384,090

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

Total Funds	**$46,553,165**
Other Funds	**$60,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	**$46,493,165**
State General Funds	$46,493,165

4.1. Audit and Assurance Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

Total Funds	$38,098,788
Other Funds	$60,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	$38,038,788
State General Funds	$38,038,788

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$36,680,185	$36,740,185
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,054,954	$1,054,954
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,138	$1,138
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,240	$5,240
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$292,729	$292,729
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$4,542	$4,542
Provide annualized funds for personal services for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,038,788	$38,098,788

4.2. Departmental Administration (DOAA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

Total Funds	$3,212,771
State Funds	$3,212,771
State General Funds	$3,212,771

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,098,029	$3,098,029
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$95,571	$95,571
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$72	$72
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$331	$331
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$18,481	$18,481
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$287	$287
Provide annualized funds for personal services for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,212,771	$3,212,771

4.3. Legislative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

Total Funds	$2,243,000
State Funds	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
Provide annualized funds for personal services for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

4.4. Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

Total Funds	$2,998,606
State Funds	$2,998,606

State General Funds $2,998,606

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,870,124	$2,870,124
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$105,263	$105,263
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$87	$87
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$401	$401
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$22,384	$22,384
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$347	$347
Provide annualized funds for personal services for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,998,606	$2,998,606

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

Total Funds **$28,773,166**
Other Funds **$150,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $150,000
State Funds **$28,623,166**
State General Funds $28,623,166

5.1. Court of Appeals

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

Total Funds $26,828,028
Other Funds $150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $150,000
State Funds $26,678,028
State General Funds $26,678,028

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$25,585,681	$25,735,681
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$16,283	$16,283
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,343)	($8,343)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$566,148	$566,148
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	($545)	($545)
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$525,718	$525,718

Increase judges' salaries to $212,230 annually in line with Judicial Compensation Committee's recommendation.	$16,930	$16,930
Increase in annual cyber security insurance premiums. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for server room and data closet five-year battery replacement.	$23,281	$23,281
Annualize increase in utilization costs for online legal research tools.	$8,124	$8,124
Increase funds to reflect cost of redundant internet security.	$18,300	$18,300
Increase funds for required annual IT maintenance.	$14,956	$14,956
Annualize cost of moving disaster recovery and back up to a cloud based off-site vendor.	$28,564	$28,564
Reduce funds for temporary judge's salary.	($117,069)	($117,069)
Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for staff attorneys and professional staff. *(CC:No; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for clerk's office, administrative, financial, and IT staff. *(CC:No; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,678,028	$26,828,028

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

5.2. Georgia State-wide Business Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

Total Funds	$1,945,138
State Funds	$1,945,138
State General Funds	$1,945,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,833,879	$1,833,879
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,288	$1,288
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$75,138	$75,138
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$34,198	$34,198
Increase funds for a salary enhancement per the Judicial Council's judicial compensation reform proposal.	$635	$635
Utilize existing funds to authorize expenditures to comply with O.C.G.A. 15-5A-9(a)(2) and 15-5A-9(a)(3). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,945,138	$1,945,138

Section 6: Judicial Council

Total Funds	**$26,057,414**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,627,367**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	**$2,829,320**

Agency Funds	$1,440,415
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,388,905
State Funds	**$21,600,727**
State General Funds	$21,600,727

6.1. Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$1,007,767
State Funds	$1,007,767
State General Funds	$1,007,767

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$926,606	$926,606
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$26,639	$26,639
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$22,078	$22,078
Increase funds to annualize one Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) statewide coordinator position.	$32,444	$32,444
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,007,767	$1,007,767

6.2. Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

Total Funds	$487,212
Other Funds	$487,212
Agency Funds	$487,212

6.3. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

Total Funds	$1,797,799
Other Funds	$953,203

Agency Funds	$953,203
State Funds	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$822,352	$1,775,555
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$22,244	$22,244
Amount appropriated in this Act	$844,596	$1,797,799

6.4. Judicial Council

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

Total Funds	$20,452,920
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	$1,388,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,388,905
State Funds	$17,436,648
State General Funds	$17,436,648

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$16,341,232	$19,357,504
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$255,984	$255,984
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$5,889	$5,889
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,171	$2,171
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$179,256	$179,256
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$307	$307
Increase funds for personnel for one project coordinator position. *(CC:No; Recognize funding in FY 2024 for personnel for one policy counsel position and to coordinate policy.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients.	$209,500	$209,500
Increase funds for Council of Municipal Court Judges operations.	$18,951	$18,951
Increase funds for Council of Magistrate Court Judges operations.	$10,723	$10,723
Transfer funds from the Supreme Court to the Judicial Council for the National Center for State Courts statewide dues.	$262,635	$262,635
Increase funds for two information technology positions and operations to support the juvenile courts case management system. *(CC:Increase funds for one information technology position and operations to support the*	$150,000	$150,000

juvenile courts case management system.)		
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,436,648	$20,452,920

6.5. Judicial Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

Total Funds $1,411,716
State Funds $1,411,716
State General Funds $1,411,716

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,297,679	$1,297,679
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$25,142	$25,142
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$5,088	$5,088
Increase funds for one legal assistant position.	$83,807	$83,807
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,411,716	$1,411,716

6.6. Resource Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

Total Funds $900,000
State Funds $900,000
State General Funds $900,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$800,000	$800,000
Increase funds for one staff attorney position.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$900,000	$900,000

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

Total Funds **$9,876,234**
Other Funds **$67,486**
Agency Funds $67,486
State Funds **$9,808,748**
State General Funds $9,808,748

7.1. Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

Total Funds	$2,093,637
Other Funds	$67,486
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	$2,026,151
State General Funds	$2,026,151

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,986,522	$2,054,008
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$46,790	$46,790
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,018	$3,018
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,207)	($10,207)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$28	$28
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,026,151	$2,093,637

7.2. Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

Total Funds	$7,782,597
State Funds	$7,782,597
State General Funds	$7,782,597

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,514,597	$7,514,597
Increase funds for grants to counties for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-52 effective January 1, 2024.	$25,000	$25,000
Increase funds for the grants to counties for the Coweta Judicial Circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-52 effective January 1, 2024.	$25,000	$25,000
Provide funding for the Juvenile Court judges' salary supplement pursuant to the General Appropriations for FY 2023 (Act 865, HB 911). *(CC:Increase funds for the Juvenile Court judges' salary supplement. Beginning in FY 2023, a $6,000 supplement has been paid to juvenile court judges who certified no backlog of cases existed in their courts. There is ambiguity surrounding whether the purpose of this allocation has been followed. A new data system should answer questions concerning case backlogs. Therefore, this $6,000 supplement shall cease on February 1, 2025 for any juvenile court judge who has not adopted a uniform case management system that at a minimum provides the period of time that a child has been in Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) custody pending permanency.)*	$218,000	$218,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,782,597	$7,782,597

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

Total Funds	**$127,012,526**
State Funds	**$124,772,723**
State General Funds	$124,772,723
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,239,803**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,239,803

8.1. Conflict Case

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

Total Funds	$1,652,129
State Funds	$1,652,129
State General Funds	$1,652,129

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,801,727	$1,801,727
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$26,528	$26,528
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$413	$413
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$38	$38
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$5,088	$5,088
Increase funds for prosecution to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:Increase funds for one step increase to support recruitment and retention needs.)*	$18,477	$18,477
Increase funds to allow eligible state employees to withdraw up to 40 hours of earned leave annually from their accrued leave balance.	$10,592	$10,592
Reduce one-time funding for vehicles, software, and computers for conflict case unit.	($210,734)	($210,734)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,652,129	$1,652,129

8.2. Council of Superior Court Clerks

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

Total Funds	$190,721
State Funds	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$185,166	$185,166
Increase funds for operations.	$5,555	$5,555
Amount appropriated in this Act	$190,721	$190,721

8.3. District Attorneys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

Total Funds	$113,624,726
State Funds	$111,384,923
State General Funds	$111,384,923
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,239,803
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,239,803

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$104,321,999	$106,450,704
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$3,162,153	$3,162,153
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$286	$286
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$106,847	$106,847
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$6,651	$6,651
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$254,421	$254,421
Increase funds for prosecution to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:Increase funds for one step increase to support recruitment and retention needs.)*	$2,808,499	$2,808,499
Increase funds to allow eligible state-paid victim advocates to withdraw up to 40 hours of earned leave annually from their accrued leave balance.	$59,822	$59,822
Increase funds to annualize additional assistant district attorney positions for the new judgeships in Atlantic, Coweta, and Dougherty Judicial Circuits.	$234,088	$234,088
Increase funds for travel to support prosecution.	$138,709	$138,709
Increase intra-state government transfers in Department of Human Services Child Support Services contract to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:Increase intra-state government transfers in Department of Human Services Child Support Services contract to support recruitment and retention needs.)*	$0	$111,098
Increase funds for three additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in Douglas, Houston, and Tifton Judicial Circuits starting January 1, 2025.	$237,228	$237,228
Collaborate with the Public Defenders Council to establish and maintain a unified pay scale between assistant district attorneys and public defenders and report findings to House and Senate Appropriations Committees by July 1, 2024. *(CC:Yes; The State Commission on Compensation, per O.C.G.A. 45-7-90 et seq., shall convene, research and provide recommendations on salary plans for the job titles of assistant district attorneys and assistant public defenders. The Commission shall report final recommendations by August 1, 2024 to include for consideration in the FY 2026 budget.)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for one district attorney for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB 424 (2024 Session).	$54,220	$54,220

Transfer funds for four assistant district attorneys and operations from the Coweta Judicial Circuit to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit per SB 424 (2024 Session). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$111,384,923	$113,624,726

8.4. Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

Total Funds	$10,419,950
State Funds	$10,419,950
State General Funds	$10,419,950

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,957,643	$9,957,643
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$218,559	$218,559
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,027	$3,027
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$6,492	$6,492
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$488	$488
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$20,354	$20,354
Increase funds for prosecution to support recruitment and retention needs. *(CC:Increase funds for one step increase to support recruitment and retention needs.)*	$57,524	$57,524
Increase funds for office rent.	$260,863	$260,863
Increase funds for Solicitor General training and travel.	$20,000	$20,000
Transfer $1,125,000 to establish a new Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission program.	($1,125,000)	($1,125,000)
Increase funds for repeat offender tracking system. *(CC:Increase funds for a repeat offender and gang case management system.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,419,950	$10,419,950

8.5. Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors-general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

Total Funds	$1,125,000
State Funds	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Prosecuting Attorney's Council program for the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission program.	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

Section 9: Superior Courts

Total Funds	**$92,237,134**
Other Funds	**$81,125**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$81,125
State Funds	**$92,156,009**
State General Funds	$92,156,009

9.1. Council of Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

Total Funds	$1,975,532
Other Funds	$25,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$25,000
State Funds	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,861,834	$1,886,834
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$45,203	$45,203
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$43,398	$43,398
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$97	$97
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,950,532	$1,975,532

9.2. Judicial Administrative Districts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

Total Funds	$3,498,168
Other Funds	$11,125
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,125
State Funds	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,396,756	$3,407,881
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$86,608	$86,608

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,425	$3,425
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$254	$254
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,487,043	$3,498,168

9.3. Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

Total Funds	$86,763,434
Other Funds	$45,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$45,000
State Funds	$86,718,434
State General Funds	$86,718,434

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$83,531,913	$83,576,913
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,411	$1,411
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$33,094	$33,094
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$3,548	$3,548
Decrease in the employer contribution rate for Judicial Retirement System from 6.90% to 6.43%.	($148,943)	($148,943)
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$2,090,289	$2,090,289
Annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Dougherty Circuit created in HB 77 (2023 Legislative Session).	$214,069	$214,069
Annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Coweta Circuit created in HB 243 (2023 Legislative Session).	$214,069	$214,069
Annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Atlantic Circuit created in SB 66 (2023 Legislative Session).	$214,069	$214,069
Provide funds to implement the Judicial Salary Restructuring plan. *(CC:No; Pause implementation of increased superior court judge pay in excess of 4% COLA pending passage of legislation to address locality pay so that the pay of some superior court judges is not inadvertently raised to almost $300,000.)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Tifton Circuit effective July 1, 2024. *(CC:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Tifton Circuit effective January 1, 2025.)*	$218,555	$218,555
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Houston Circuit effective July 1, 2024. *(CC:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Houston Circuit effective January 1, 2025.)*	$218,555	$218,555
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective July 1, 2024. *(CC:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective January 1, 2025.)*	$218,555	$218,555
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the South Georgia Circuit new judgeship created in HB 624 (2022 Legislative Session).	($30,250)	($30,250)
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the Blue Ridge Circuit new	($30,250)	($30,250)

judgeship created in HB 56 (2022 Legislative Session).		
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the Mountain Circuit new judgeship created in SB 395 (2022 Legislative Session).	($30,250)	($30,250)
Transfer funds for four judges, four clerks, four secretaries, and operations from the Coweta Judicial Circuit to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit per SB 424 (2024 Session). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$86,718,434	$86,763,434

Section 10: Supreme Court

Total Funds	**$20,828,650**
Other Funds	**$1,859,823**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	**$18,968,827**
State General Funds	$18,968,827

10.1. Supreme Court of Georgia

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

Total Funds	$20,828,650
Other Funds	$1,859,823
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	$18,968,827
State General Funds	$18,968,827

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$18,272,137	$20,131,960
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$18,830	$18,830
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,202	$18,202
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$490,190	$490,190
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$815	$815
Annualize funds for the Department of Public Safety Georgia State Patrol Trooper agreement.	$10,067	$10,067
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$391,337	$391,337
Annualize an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) administered self-insurance programs.	$16,257	$16,257
Transfer funds for the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) dues to the	($262,635)	($262,635)

Judicial Council.		
Increase funds for personnel for a salary enhancement, consistent with Judicial Council proposal.	$13,627	$13,627
Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for staff attorneys and professional staff. *(CC:No; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for recruitment and retention for clerk's office, administrative, financial, and IT staff. *(CC:No; Recognize raise commensurate with raises given to other state employees.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,968,827	$20,828,650

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

Total Funds	**$34,865,476**
Other Funds	**$592,280**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	**$8,279,311**
State General Funds	$8,279,311
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$25,993,885**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$25,993,885

11.1. Administration (SAO)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$1,284,176
State Funds	$370,804
State General Funds	$370,804
Intra-State Government Transfers	$913,372
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$913,372

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$355,246	$1,268,618
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$5,941	$5,941
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$9,617	$9,617
Amount appropriated in this Act	$370,804	$1,284,176

11.2. Financial Systems

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

Total Funds	$23,433,165
State Funds	$5,970
State General Funds	$5,970
Intra-State Government Transfers	$23,427,195
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$23,427,195

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$23,674,250
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$5,970	$5,970
Transfer TeamWorks billings ($247,055) to Statewide Accounting and Reporting for two internal controls positions.	$0	($247,055)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,970	$23,433,165

11.3. Shared Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

Total Funds	$2,830,374
Other Funds	$592,280
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	$966,588
State General Funds	$966,588
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,271,506
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,271,506

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$938,390	$2,802,176
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$24,487	$24,487
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,387)	($2,387)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$6,098	$6,098
Amount appropriated in this Act	$966,588	$2,830,374

11.4. Statewide Accounting and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

Total Funds	$3,260,837
State Funds	$2,879,025
State General Funds	$2,879,025
Intra-State Government Transfers	$381,812
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$381,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,792,418	$2,927,175
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$73,712	$73,712

Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$12,895	$12,895
Transfer TeamWorks billings ($247,055) from Financial Systems for two internal controls positions.	$0	$247,055
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,879,025	$3,260,837

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

11.5. State Ethics Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

Total Funds $3,156,312
State Funds $3,156,312
State General Funds $3,156,312

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,982,449	$2,982,449
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$69,174	$69,174
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,031	$1,031
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$53,658	$53,658
Increase funds to enhance the e-filing system to improve customer service and transparency in reporting.	$50,000	$50,000
Change program name from Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission to State Ethics Commission pursuant to HB 572 (2023 Session). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,156,312	$3,156,312

11.6. Georgia State Board of Accountancy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds $900,612
State Funds $900,612
State General Funds $900,612

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$882,544	$882,544
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$16,101	$16,101
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$1,967	$1,967
Utilize existing funds ($26,476) for costs related to office relocation and	$0	$0

administrative hearings. *(CC:Yes)*		
Amount appropriated in this Act	$900,612	$900,612

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$300,732,967**
Other Funds	**$47,734,910**
Agency Funds	$33,157,547
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,577,363
State Funds	**$19,983,814**
State General Funds	$19,983,814
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$233,014,243**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$13,963,212
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

12.1. Certificate of Need Appeal Panel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

Total Funds	$39,506
State Funds	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506

12.2. Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

Total Funds	$176,445
State Funds	$176,445
State General Funds	$176,445

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds in FY 2025 to purchase annuities for wrongfully convicted individuals pursuant to the favorable passage of HR 901 and HR 902 (2024 Session). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to purchase an annuity for a wrongfully convicted individual (HR 161, 2009 Session).	$176,445	$176,445
Amount appropriated in this Act	$176,445	$176,445

12.3. Departmental Administration (DOAS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$9,232,324
Other Funds	$8,422,324
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,422,324
State Funds	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000

12.4. Fleet Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

Total Funds	$1,564,739
Other Funds	$1,564,739
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,564,739

12.5. Human Resources Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

Total Funds	$13,963,212
Intra-State Government Transfers	$13,963,212
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$13,963,212

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$13,079,059
Increase funds to recognize additional revenue from merit system assessments to support statewide human resources initiatives. (Total Funds: $884,153)	$0	$884,153
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$13,963,212

12.6. Risk Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

Total Funds	$222,004,783
Other Funds	$2,323,752
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,323,752
State Funds	$630,000
State General Funds	$630,000
Intra-State Government Transfers	$219,051,031

Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,430,000	$210,504,783
Reduce one-time funds to pay negotiated Workers Compensation settlements.	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)
Increase billings for liability insurance premiums to reflect claims expenses. (Total Funds: $13,300,000)	$0	$13,300,000
Increase funds for supplemental, illness-specific insurance for first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). *(CC:Increase funds for supplemental payments for first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).)*	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$630,000	$222,004,783

12.7. State Purchasing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

Total Funds	$19,888,184
Other Funds	$19,888,184
Agency Funds	$19,888,184

12.8. Surplus Property

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

Total Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,266,548

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

12.9. Georgia Tax Tribunal

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$582,689
State Funds	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$566,242	$566,242
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$13,047	$13,047
Increase funds to purchase tax law research software.	$3,400	$3,400
Amount appropriated in this Act	$582,689	$582,689

12.10. Office of State Administrative Hearings

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

Total Funds	$5,820,275
Other Funds	$3,075,101
Agency Funds	$3,075,101
State Funds	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,675,240	$5,750,341
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$69,934	$69,934
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,745,174	$5,820,275

12.11. Office of the State Treasurer

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

Total Funds	$10,194,262
Other Funds	$10,194,262
Agency Funds	$10,194,262

12.12. Payments to Georgia Technology Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

Total Funds	$15,000,000
State Funds	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds ($9,000,000) and increase funds to enhance and standardize cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies. (Total Funds: $24,000,000) *(CC:Utilize existing funds ($9,000,000) and increase*	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

funds to enhance and standardize cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies. (Total Funds: $24,000,000))		
Recognize an increase in telecommunications and infrastructure rates to offset increased costs of service. (Total Funds: $19,427,715) *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

Total Funds	**$77,848,331**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$8,601,145**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,601,145
Other Funds	**$2,775,701**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,775,701
State Funds	**$66,271,485**
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,133,856
State General Funds	$64,137,629
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$200,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

13.1. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$4,161,867
State Funds	$4,161,867
State General Funds	$4,161,867

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,048,552	$4,048,552
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$86,187	$86,187
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$9,355	$9,355
Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.	$17,773	$17,773
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,161,867	$4,161,867

13.2. Consumer Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including

reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

Total Funds	$47,446,475
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,751,145
Other Funds	$1,920,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,920,000
State Funds	$37,775,330
State General Funds	$37,775,330

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$34,571,608	$44,242,753
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,019,194	$1,019,194
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$10,652	$10,652
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($23,782)	($23,782)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$307,213	$307,213
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,888	$1,888
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$20,113	$20,113
Transfer funds from Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority ($322,800) and increase funds for ten inspector positions to implement the Georgia Electric Vehicle Charging Program pursuant to SB 146 (2023 Session). *(CC:Provide funds to continue implementation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program.)*	$250,000	$250,000
Provide funds for the Feral Hog Task Force, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture.	$150,000	$150,000
Increase funds to provide an additional $2,000 targeted salary enhancement for Consumer Protection positions.	$1,200,583	$1,200,583
Provide funds for two shellfish inspection and certification program positions.	$267,861	$267,861
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,775,330	$47,446,475

13.3. Departmental Administration (DOA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$9,989,538
Federal Funds and Grants	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$850,000
State Funds	$8,939,538

State General Funds	$8,939,538
Intra-State Government Transfers	$200,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,663,878	$8,713,878
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$223,410	$223,410
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,748	$1,748
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,061)	($8,061)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$158,563	$158,563
Provide funds for an information security officer position. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide one-time funds for agricultural improvements.	$900,000	$900,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,939,538	$9,989,538

13.4. Marketing and Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

Total Funds	$9,025,118
Other Funds	$855,701
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$855,701
State Funds	$8,169,417
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,133,856
State General Funds	$6,035,561

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$8,029,741	$8,885,442
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$96,155	$96,155
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$10,147	$10,147
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,392	$1,392
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$25,854	$25,854
Increase funds for the Agricultural Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of the Agricultural Tax Exemption fee pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$6,128	$6,128
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,169,417	$9,025,118

13.5. Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic

Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

Total Funds	$3,049,057
State Funds	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

13.6. Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

Total Funds	$899,778
State Funds	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,222,578	$1,222,578
Transfer funds to Consumer Protection to align budget with expenditures. *(CC:Reduce funds.)*	($322,800)	($322,800)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$899,778	$899,778

13.7. State Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

Total Funds	$3,276,498
State Funds	$3,276,498
State General Funds	$3,276,498

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,157,672	$3,157,672
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$95,704	$95,704
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$13,002	$13,002
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$10,120	$10,120
Increase funds to develop and implement a Master Farmer Program. *(CC:Yes; Utilize industry sponsorships to develop and implement a Master Farmer Program.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,276,498	$3,276,498

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

Total Funds	**$14,916,241**
State Funds	**$14,916,241**
State General Funds	$14,916,241

14.1. Departmental Administration (DBF)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$2,939,057
State Funds	$2,939,057
State General Funds	$2,939,057

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,878,917	$2,878,917
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$63,118	$63,118
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,258	$1,258
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,236)	($4,236)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,939,057	$2,939,057

14.2. Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

Total Funds	$8,527,093
State Funds	$8,527,093
State General Funds	$8,527,093

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$8,174,531	$8,174,531
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$207,256	$207,256
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,280)	($7,280)
Increase funds to provide an additional $2,000 targeted salary enhancement for Financial Institution Supervision examiners.	$152,586	$152,586
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,527,093	$8,527,093

14.3. Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or

fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

Total Funds	$3,450,091
State Funds	$3,450,091
State General Funds	$3,450,091

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,213,500	$3,213,500
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$87,608	$87,608
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,600	$1,600
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,292)	($1,292)
Increase funds for two examiners to address increased workload.	$148,675	$148,675
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,450,091	$3,450,091

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,067,058,396**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$385,824,033**
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$185,078,628
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$86,521,759
Other Funds	**$25,971,962**
Agency Funds	$23,402,036
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,569,926
State Funds	**$1,652,842,691**
State General Funds	$1,642,587,553
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,419,710**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,419,710

15.1. Adult Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

Total Funds	$101,224,765
Federal Funds and Grants	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Other Funds	$434,903
Agency Funds	$434,903
State Funds	$56,535,631
State General Funds	$56,535,631

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$56,133,411	$100,822,545
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$21,925	$21,925
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$5,295	$5,295
Increase funds to expand Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites. *(CC:Increase funds to expand Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.)*	$375,000	$375,000
Increase funds for addiction treatment locator. *(CC:Yes; Consider using $400,000 of the $111,430,810 in opioid settlement funds for addiction treatment locator.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$56,535,631	$101,224,765

15.2. Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$2,100,000
State Funds	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000

15.3. Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant developmental disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Total Funds	$833,981,272
Federal Funds and Grants	$286,878,619
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$167,457,115
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$37,981,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$81,440,362
Other Funds	$22,860,000
Agency Funds	$22,860,000
State Funds	$524,242,653
State General Funds	$513,987,515

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$429,164,775	$502,342,499
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,664,498	$1,664,498
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$240	$240
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$90,712	$90,712
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($887,697)	($887,697)
Increase funds to annualize the cost of 500 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	$9,377,302	$9,377,302
Increase funds for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	$2,345,692	$2,345,692
Recognize agency-wide transfers ($4,947,743) and increase funds ($74,953,932) to implement the New Option Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Option Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study. (Total Funds: $316,462,570) *(CC:Transfer funds ($4,947,743) from the Adult Forensic Services, Adult Mental Health Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and Departmental Administration (DBHDD) programs to the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program and increase funds to implement the New Option Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Option Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study.)*	$79,901,675	$316,462,570
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.	($717,268)	($717,268)
Increase funds to operationalize the Macon Crisis Stabilization Diagnostic Center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	$3,194,724	$3,194,724
Increase funds for adult autism services.	$108,000	$108,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$524,242,653	$833,981,272

15.4. Adult Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

Total Funds	$149,436,427
Other Funds	$26,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$26,500
State Funds	$149,409,927
State General Funds	$149,409,927

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$141,815,480	$141,841,980

Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$3,378,223	$3,378,223
Increase funds to staff and operate a forensic step-down unit to address the statewide waitlist.	$3,218,210	$3,218,210
Transfer funds to Adult Developmental Disabilities Services to align budget with expenditures.	($1,495,370)	($1,495,370)
Increase funds for an additional 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot in Dodge County.	$1,993,384	$1,993,384
Increase funds for the expansion of the Cobb County jail-based restoration program. *(CC:Increase funds for the expansion of jail-based restoration programs.)*	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$149,409,927	$149,436,427

15.5. Adult Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

Total Funds	$655,979,917
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,858,953
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$2,070,420
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,062,355
Other Funds	$1,090,095
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,090,095
State Funds	$643,030,869
State General Funds	$643,030,869

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$596,965,329	$609,914,377
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$17,576,246	$17,576,246
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$164,078	$164,078
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,234,726)	($1,234,726)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$189,251	$189,251
Increase funds for a behavioral health crisis center in DBHDD's Region 1. *(CC:Increase funds for a behavioral health crisis center.)*	$9,481,532	$9,481,532
Reduce funds to reflect decreased demand for core adult mental health services.	($11,420,218)	($11,420,218)
Increase funds to annualize the operations of a behavioral health crisis center in Fulton County.	$3,792,613	$3,792,613
Increase funds to annualize the operations of a behavioral health crisis center for the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia in Dublin.	$1,586,056	$1,586,056
Increase funds to annualize the operations of a behavioral health crisis center for Serenity Behavioral Health Systems in Augusta.	$1,221,116	$1,221,116
Transfer funds to Adult Developmental Disabilities Services to align budget with expenditures.	($1,802,373)	($1,802,373)
Eliminate one-time funds to coordinate outreach to address homelessness	($825,000)	($825,000)

in the Atlanta area.		
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.	($121,126)	($121,126)
Increase funds to match rate implementation of the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study for uninsured Georgians. *(CC:Increase funds to match rate implementation of the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study for uninsured Georgians and transfer funds ($4,227,287) from the Department of Community Health for Georgians covered by Medicaid.)*	$26,658,091	$26,658,091
Increase funds to support staffing of the '988' hotline.	$300,000	$300,000
Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement. *(CC:No; Recognize base funds of $25,919,311 for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement and pause increase in funding for Georgia Housing Voucher program awaiting response from the US Department of Justice (DOJ) concerning progress towards substantial compliance with the Olmstead Settlement Agreement.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for behavioral health services for Georgians experiencing homelessness in the Atlanta area. *(CC:Increase funds for behavioral health services for Georgians experiencing homelessness in the Atlanta area.)*	$200,000	$200,000
Increase funds for behavioral health and support services at a rehousing facility.	$300,000	$300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$643,030,869	$655,979,917

15.6. Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

Total Funds	$11,259,108
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$7,878,149
State Funds	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,325,741	$11,253,890
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$4,380	$4,380
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$838	$838
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,330,959	$11,259,108

15.7. Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and

education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$20,075,670
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$3,285,496
State Funds	$16,790,174
State General Funds	$16,790,174

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$16,226,511	$19,512,007
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$61,036	$61,036
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,627	$2,627
Provide funds to expand enrichment activities, family support, and employment opportunities for children and young adults with developmental disabilities.	$300,000	$300,000
Provide funds for autism early screening and care training in rural counties. *(CC:Increase funds and recognize ongoing fieldwork for autism early screening and care training in rural counties.)*	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,790,174	$20,075,670

15.8. Child and Adolescent Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

Total Funds	$7,308,144
State Funds	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,185,031	$7,185,031
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$121,233	$121,233
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,880	$1,880
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

15.9. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

Total Funds	$66,993,010
Federal Funds and Grants	$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$2,886,984
Other Funds	$85,000

Agency Funds	$85,000
State Funds	$56,583,495
State General Funds	$56,583,495

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$56,984,605	$67,394,120
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$70,259	$70,259
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,631	$3,631
Transfer funds to Adult Developmental Disabilities Services to align budget with expenditures.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Eliminate one-time funds for Georgia psychiatric residential treatment facilities receiving less than $500 per patient day while under current cost report reimbursement methodology. *(CC:Eliminate one-time funds for Georgia psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) receiving less than $500 per patient day while under current cost report reimbursement methodology due to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of PRTF rate at 75% of Medicare inpatient facility rates.)*	($600,000)	($600,000)
Increase funds for operations of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.	$125,000	$125,000
Increase funds for the Georgia Apex Program to expand mental health services in schools. *(CC:Increase funds for the Georgia Apex Program to include telehealth services to expand mental health services in schools.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$56,583,495	$66,993,010

15.10. Departmental Administration (DBHDD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

Total Funds	$40,397,481
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$9,278,613
Other Funds	$22,133
Agency Funds	$22,133
State Funds	$31,096,735
State General Funds	$31,096,735

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$31,964,012	$41,264,758
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,208,140	$1,208,140
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$43,325	$43,325
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$130,106	$130,106
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$330,186	$330,186
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$87,920	$87,920

Transfer funds to Adult Developmental Disabilities Services to align budget with expenditures.	($650,000)	($650,000)
Reduce funds to reflect technology cost savings.	($2,016,954)	($2,016,954)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$31,096,735	$40,397,481

15.11. Direct Care Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

Total Funds	$161,613,577
Other Funds	$1,453,331
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,453,331
State Funds	$157,740,536
State General Funds	$157,740,536
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,419,710
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,419,710

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$154,255,108	$158,128,149
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$3,022,741	$3,022,741
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$42,619	$42,619
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$372,985	$372,985
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($33,216)	($33,216)
Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.	$80,299	$80,299
Amount appropriated in this Act	$157,740,536	$161,613,577

15.12. Substance Abuse Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Total Funds	$10,355,645
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,996,415
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$9,996,415
State Funds	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$352,378	$10,348,793
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$6,852	$6,852

Amount appropriated in this Act	$359,230	$10,355,645

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

15.13. Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Total Funds	$2,805,984
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,019,042
State Funds	$786,942
State General Funds	$786,942

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$780,964	$2,800,006
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$5,978	$5,978
Amount appropriated in this Act	$786,942	$2,805,984

15.14. Sexual Offender Risk Review Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

Total Funds	$3,527,396
State Funds	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$959,595	$959,595
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$35,444	$35,444
Provide funds for two new evaluator positions to address the growth of the existing caseload backlog. *(CC:Provide funds for five new evaluator positions to address the growth of the existing caseload backlog.)*	$532,357	$532,357
Increase funds to address sexual offender caseload backlog.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,527,396	$3,527,396

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

Total Funds	**$246,280,606**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$169,081,824**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$169,081,824
Other Funds	**$14,948,980**
Agency Funds	$150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,798,980

State Funds	**$62,249,802**
State General Funds	$62,249,802

16.1. Accountable Housing Initiative - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to fund accountable housing initiative.

Total Funds	$1,000,000
State Funds	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds to create the accountable housing initiative. *(CC:Provide funds to create the accountable housing initiative.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

16.2. Building Construction

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

Total Funds	$547,762
Other Funds	$232,353
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$232,353
State Funds	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$306,335	$538,688
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$9,074	$9,074
Amount appropriated in this Act	$315,409	$547,762

16.3. Coordinated Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Total Funds	$3,786,359

State Funds $3,786,359
State General Funds $3,786,359

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,745,918	$3,745,918
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$40,441	$40,441
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,786,359	$3,786,359

16.4. Departmental Administration (DCA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds $7,722,080
Federal Funds and Grants $2,933,711
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $2,933,711
Other Funds $2,974,724
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $2,974,724
State Funds $1,813,645
State General Funds $1,813,645

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,790,639	$7,699,074
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$18,352	$18,352
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,306	$1,306
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,348	$3,348
Increase funds for personal services. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,813,645	$7,722,080

16.5. Federal Community and Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

Total Funds $49,969,655
Federal Funds and Grants $47,503,822
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $47,503,822
Other Funds $631,978
Other Funds – Not Specifically Identified $631,978
State Funds $1,833,855
State General Funds $1,833,855

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,782,656	$49,918,456
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$51,199	$51,199
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,833,855	$49,969,655

16.6. Homeownership Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate- income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

Total Funds	$8,118,534
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,518,296
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,518,296
Other Funds	$5,600,238
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,600,238

16.7. Regional Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

Total Funds	$1,650,853
Federal Funds and Grants	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$200,000
Other Funds	$140,752
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$140,752
State Funds	$1,310,101
State General Funds	$1,310,101

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,264,767	$1,605,519
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$45,334	$45,334
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,310,101	$1,650,853

16.8. Rental Housing Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, researching affordable housing issues, and providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental

market.

Total Funds	$116,019,277
Federal Funds and Grants	$111,873,539
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$111,873,539
Other Funds	$4,145,738
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,145,738

16.9. Research and Surveys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

Total Funds	$460,161
Other Funds	$50,000
Agency Funds	$50,000
State Funds	$410,161
State General Funds	$410,161

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$397,224	$447,224
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$12,937	$12,937
Amount appropriated in this Act	$410,161	$460,161

16.10. Special Housing Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

Total Funds	$11,331,197
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,050,864
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,050,864
Other Funds	$451,588
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$451,588
State Funds	$7,828,745
State General Funds	$7,828,745

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,031,329	$7,533,781
Utilize existing funds ($800,000), transfer funds from State Community Development Programs ($400,000), and provide one-time funds to the State Housing Trust Fund to improve homelessness services and pursue new federal grant opportunities. (Total Funds: $4,597,416) *(CC:Utilize new and existing funds for the State Housing Trust Fund to improve homelessness services and pursue new federal grant opportunities. (Total Funds: $4,597,416))*	$3,797,416	$3,797,416

Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,828,745	$11,331,197

16.11. State Community Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

Total Funds	$3,610,575
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,001,592
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,001,592
Other Funds	$100,000
Agency Funds	$100,000
State Funds	$2,508,983
State General Funds	$2,508,983

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,184,467	$4,286,059
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$59,416	$59,416
Eliminate remaining funds for state broadband programs. *(CC:Eliminate remaining funds for state broadband programs.)*	($334,900)	($334,900)
Transfer funds to Special Housing Initiatives to align budget with expenditures.	($400,000)	($400,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,508,983	$3,610,575

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

16.12. Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

Total Funds	$1,253,495
State Funds	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
Utilize existing funds in the Georgia Fund to support water, wastewater infrastructure, and natural gas development through low-interest loans to local communities. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,253,495	$1,253,495

16.13. Payments to OneGeorgia Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

Total Funds	$26,605,861
Other Funds	$145,521
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$145,521
State Funds	$26,460,340
State General Funds	$26,460,340

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$26,910,340	$27,055,861
Transfer funds for the Governor's Rural Strike Force to the Department of Economic Development Rural Development program to align budgets with program expenditures.	($450,000)	($450,000)
Utilize existing funds ($6,000,000) for the Rural Workforce Housing Program. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,460,340	$26,605,861

16.14. State Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

Total Funds	$14,204,797
Other Funds	$476,088
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$476,088
State Funds	$13,728,709
State General Funds	$13,728,709

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$13,705,396	$14,181,484
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$23,313	$23,313
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,728,709	$14,204,797

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

Total Funds	**$20,992,664,976**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$10,084,778,699**
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$9,516,721,999
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$541,372,598
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$26,684,102
Other Funds	**$221,942,597**
Agency Funds	$77,971,304
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,584,769
State Funds	**$5,262,581,021**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009

Hospital Provider Payment	$410,990,552
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715
State General Funds	$4,565,260,394
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,423,362,659**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262

17.1. Departmental Administration (DCH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$496,097,964
Federal Funds and Grants	$376,976,734
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$29,454,740
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$17,778,946
Other Funds	$4,284,769
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,284,769
State Funds	$93,524,876
State General Funds	$93,524,876
Intra-State Government Transfers	$21,311,585
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$91,078,435	$493,651,523
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$746,927	$746,927
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$315	$315
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($358)	($358)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$405,510	$405,510
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$266,792	$266,792
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$3,516	$3,516
Increase funds for 20 positions to monitor, evaluate, and improve Care Management Organization oversight.	$1,527,825	$1,527,825
Reduce funds for savings resulting from the implementation of the Medicaid Enterprise System Transformation Program.	($1,372,082)	($1,372,082)
Reduce funds for rent to reflect savings from office space consolidation.	($417,212)	($417,212)
Evaluate reimbursement parity between all children's hospitals in the state and report findings to House and Senate Appropriations Committees by July 1, 2024. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change the rules,	$0	$0

regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of long-acting injectable medications used in an inpatient setting to improve the coordination of care and reduce inpatient readmission rates for individuals with serious mental illness. *(CC:Yes)*		
Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration (DCH) program to implement a sickle cell managed care pilot program.	$1,085,208	$1,085,208
Provide funds to establish the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission pursuant to HB 1339 (2024 Session).	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$93,524,876	$496,097,964

17.2. Georgia Board of Dentistry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

Total Funds	$942,500
State Funds	$942,500
State General Funds	$942,500

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$874,037	$874,037
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$23,956	$23,956
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,425	$3,425
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$5,361	$5,361
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$10,057	$10,057
Utilize existing funds ($20,065) for investigative software. *(CC:Provide funds for the annual operating expenses for investigative software.)*	$25,664	$25,664
Amount appropriated in this Act	$942,500	$942,500

17.3. Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$882,723
State Funds	$882,723
State General Funds	$882,723

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$849,432	$849,432
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$26,218	$26,218
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,712	$1,712

Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$5,361	$5,361
Amount appropriated in this Act	$882,723	$882,723

17.4. Health Care Access and Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

Total Funds	$17,682,297
Federal Funds and Grants	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$172,588
State Funds	$17,509,709
State General Funds	$17,509,709

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$18,992,849	$19,165,437
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$20,148	$20,148
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,712	$4,712
Eliminate one-time funds for grants up to $1,000,000 for hospitals with graduate medical education programs. *(CC:Maintain funds for grants up to $1,000,000 for hospitals with graduate medical education programs to fund medical education training, equipment, and infrastructure needs to support new and expanding residency programs with priority given to new and rural sites.)*	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Eliminate one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Provide funds for three federally qualified health center start-up grants for primary care in Union County, behavioral health expansion in Cobb County, and a dental service expansion for multiple counties.	$750,000	$750,000
Provide funds for continuous glucose monitors (SB 35, 2024 Session). *(CC:Yes; Reflect in the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program.)*	$0	$0
Recognize existing funds ($409,000) and provide additional funds to sustain existing area health education centers (AHEC) housing across the state.	$292,000	$292,000
Increase funds for emergency equipment. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for rural hospital stabilization grants. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,509,709	$17,682,297

17.5. Healthcare Facility Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

Total Funds	$40,173,031
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,005,577
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$6,060,223

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,945,354
Other Funds	$100,000
Agency Funds	$100,000
State Funds	$28,067,454
State General Funds	$28,067,454

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$27,136,965	$39,242,542
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$547,524	$547,524
Increase funds to provide a $2,000 additional salary enhancement for nurse managers, compliance specialists, quality assurance specialists, and regulatory compliance managers.	$382,965	$382,965
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,067,454	$40,173,031

17.6. Indigent Care Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

Total Funds	$554,269,739
Federal Funds and Grants	$358,801,173
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$358,801,173
Other Funds	$142,586,524
Agency Funds	$3,200,000
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
State Funds	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042

17.7. Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Total Funds	$8,022,962,906
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,937,661,078
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$4,934,873,864
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,787,214
Other Funds	$62,342,988
Agency Funds	$62,342,988
State Funds	$2,755,670,208
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009
Hospital Provider Payment	$41,840,441
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715
State General Funds	$2,545,370,237

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806
Intra-State Government Transfers	$267,288,632
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$267,288,632

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,329,655,949	$7,099,437,310
Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization. (Total Funds: $201,316,650) *(CC:Reduce funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization. (Total Funds: ($63,505,608)))*	($21,590,319)	($63,505,608)
Restore funds to reflect the termination of temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase provided by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Extension through December 31, 2023.	$137,715,755	$137,715,755
Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums. (Total Funds: $86,926,097) *(CC:Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums. (Total Funds: $131,196,111))*	$44,603,398	$131,196,111
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 60.04%. (Total Funds: $0) *(CC:Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.)*	($6,225,761)	($6,225,761)
Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.	$61,094,619	$61,094,619
Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2022 cost reports. (Total Funds: $347,628,297) *(CC:Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2022 cost reports. (Total Funds: $416,476,012))*	$141,591,432	$416,476,012
Replace $2,541,738 in state general funds with hospital provider fees. (Total Funds: $0) *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Replace $201,221 in state general funds with nursing home provider fees. (Total Funds: $0) *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to recognize ambulance provider fees.	$611,694	$611,694
Increase funds to implement the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) and Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program (EDWP) provider rate study. (Total Funds: $116,470,036)	$39,596,901	$116,470,036
Increase funds to implement the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study. (Total Funds: $49,736,449) *(CC:Transfer state funds ($4,227,287) to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and recognize federal funds ($45,509,162) for the implementation of the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study.)*	$0	$45,509,162
Recognize funds for the New Option Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Option Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study. *(CC:No; Recognize funding in Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for the Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP). *(CC:Increase funds to provide rate parity for the Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) in order to maintain the provider network.)*	$15,957,601	$46,937,573
The department shall evaluate and implement a reimbursement policy for the clinically appropriate administration of long-acting injectable medications used in an inpatient setting, to improve the coordination of care and reduce inpatient readmission rates for individuals with serious mental illness. *(CC:Yes; Reflect in the Departmental Administration (DCH) program.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language	$1,182,848	$3,478,966

pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers.		
Provide funds to increase the dispensing fee to $11.50 for independent low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year. *(CC:Provide funds to increase the dispensing fee for independent low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year.)*	$220,084	$648,069
Increase funds to provide for reimbursement for Acute Kidney Injury in the outpatient End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) dialysis setting.	$150,971	$444,358
Provide funds for adult coverage of dental services.	$3,807,079	$11,198,116
Provide funds for emergency medical service (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin at mile 0. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to increase select primary care and OB/GYN codes.	$2,704,414	$7,954,159
Provide rate increases for select optometric codes.	$64,947	$191,021
Provide funds for continuous glucose monitors (SB35, 2024 Session).	$5,613,804	$16,523,337
Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration (DCH) program to implement a sickle cell managed care pilot program.	($1,085,208)	($3,192,023)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,755,670,208	$8,022,962,906

17.8. Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

Total Funds	$5,967,467,479
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,887,239,126
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$3,887,239,126
Other Funds	$12,328,316
Agency Funds	$12,328,316
State Funds	$2,054,483,190
Hospital Provider Payment	$369,150,111
State General Funds	$1,567,462,534
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545
Intra-State Government Transfers	$13,416,847
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$13,416,847

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,013,907,252	$6,100,719,900
Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization. (Total Funds: $98,055,748) *(CC:Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization. (Total Funds: ($327,835,558)))*	($111,455,894)	($327,835,558)
Restore funds to reflect the termination of temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase provided by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) extension through December 31, 2023.	$135,038,841	$135,038,841
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%. (Total Funds: $0)	($4,925,355)	($4,925,355)
Replace $22,875,637 in state general funds with hospital provider fees. (Total Funds: $0) *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
The department shall evaluate and implement a reimbursement policy for the clinically appropriate administration of long-acting injectable medications used in an inpatient setting, to improve the coordination	$0	$0

of care and reduce inpatient readmission rates for individuals with serious mental illness. *(CC:Yes; Reflect in the Departmental Administration (DCH) program.)*		
Provide funds to increase the dispensing fee to $11.50 for independent low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year. *(CC:Provide funds to increase the dispensing fee for independent low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year.)*	$428,745	$1,262,501
Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers.	$3,673,014	$10,802,982
Provide rate increases for select optometric codes.	$327,226	$962,430
Evaluate and, where appropriate, implement a process to allow reimbursement for blood and biomarker testing when clinically indicated so as to provide enhanced surveillance for inpatient pregnant patients between 23-34 weeks with hypertensive disorder of pregnancy. *(CC:Provide funds for appropriate biomarker testing when medically necessary as adopted by the Board of Community Health on October 12, 2023.)*	$283,995	$835,280
Increase funds to provide for reimbursement for Acute Kidney Injury in the outpatient End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) dialysis setting.	$452,912	$1,333,073
Provide funds for adult coverage of dental services.	$6,763,047	$19,892,777
Provide funds for emergency medical service (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin at mile zero. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for reimbursement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving Children's Intervention Services (CIS) and Children's Intervention School Services (CISS). *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to increase select primary care and OB/GYN codes.	$9,989,407	$29,380,608
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,054,483,190	$5,967,467,479

17.9. PeachCare

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

Total Funds	$636,185,605
Federal Funds and Grants	$511,922,423
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$4,565
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$511,917,858
State Funds	$124,111,399
State General Funds	$124,111,399
Intra-State Government Transfers	$151,783
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$151,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$100,953,107	$539,865,474
Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization. (Total Funds: $6,841,888) *(CC:Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization. (Total Funds: $96,009,762))*	$22,847,923	$96,009,762
Restore funds to reflect the termination of temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase provided by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) extension through December 31, 2023.	$624,566	$624,566

Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%. *(CC:Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (e-FMAP) from 76.12% to 76.23%.)*	($314,197)	($314,197)
Provide funds for reimbursement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving Children's Intervention Services (CIS) and Children's Intervention School Services (CISS). *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$124,111,399	$636,185,605

17.10. State Health Benefit Plan

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

Total Funds	$5,127,393,812
State Funds	$6,200,000
State General Funds	$6,200,000
Intra-State Government Transfers	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$4,820,394,285
Recognize an increase in formula funds ($244,147,056) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, and Georgia Military College, to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,760, effective July 1, 2024. *(CC:Yes; Recognize an increase in formula funds ($248,279,937) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, Georgia Military College, and Public Libraries, to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,760, effective July 1, 2024.)*	$0	$248,279,937
Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective January 1, 2027. *(CC:Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) to $1,580 for non-certified school employees, effective January 1, 2025, and continue to increase as needed in future fiscal years to match the PMPM for certified school employees to maintain financial stability of the plan.)*	$0	$52,519,590
Utilize existing funds for an actuarial study on prescription drug reimbursement to independent pharmacies in the State Health Benefit Plan to include an examination of practices by the plan's contracted pharmacy benefits manager for the outpatient pharmacy benefits. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for interim one-time funding for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists awaiting the outcome of an SHBP Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM) study. The interim independent pharmacy dispensing fee shall be administered by a pharmacy benefits manager that has been in business for at least 10 years, agrees to	$6,200,000	$6,200,000

act as a fiduciary for the state of Georgia, has experience administering pharmacy benefits for the state of Georgia or a Georgia municipality or county, and has no ownership directly or through a subsidiary or affiliate company in an insurer licensed under Title 33 or a retail, mail order, or specialty pharmacy licensed or holding a non-resident pharmacy permit under Title 26.		
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,200,000	$5,127,393,812

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

17.11. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

Total Funds	$1,980,021
State Funds	$1,980,021
State General Funds	$1,980,021

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,779,001	$1,779,001
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$31,124	$31,124
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,997	$2,997
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$9,197	$9,197
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$226	$226
Utilize existing funds ($100,000) for statewide healthcare specialty assessments to evaluate gaps in healthcare services. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds for operations to align budget to expenditures.	($11,262)	($11,262)
Utilize existing funds ($168,738) for one data analyst and data management software. *(CC:Provide funds for one data analyst and data management software.)*	$168,738	$168,738
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,980,021	$1,980,021

17.12. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

Total Funds	$37,002,461
State Funds	$37,002,461
State General Funds	$37,002,461

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$34,198,231	$34,198,231
Increase funds for 79 new residency slots in primary care medicine. *(CC:Provide funds for 105 new residency slots in primary care.)*	$2,010,343	$2,010,343
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.	($62,870)	($62,870)

Provide funds for a rural public health preventative medicine rotation.	$56,757	$56,757
Provide one-time start-up funds for the development of a Pediatric Rural Training Track.	$50,000	$50,000
Provide funds for year two of the maternal fetal medicine fellowship.	$150,000	$150,000
Provide one-time start-up funds for OB/GYN service expansion. *(CC:Provide one-time start-up funds for rural OB/GYN service expansion.)*	$750,000	$750,000
Provide one-time start-up funds for two internal medicine residency programs. *(CC:Yes; Consider utilizing existing funds ($3,494,140) for one-time start-up funding for two internal medicine residency programs.)*	$0	$0
Eliminate residency start-up funds for Southern Regional Medical Center.	($150,000)	($150,000)
Utilize existing funds ($3,494,140) for start-up grants for hospitals with graduate medical education programs to support new and expanding residency programs with priority given to existing agreements and rural sites. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,002,461	$37,002,461

17.13. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$34,586,597
State Funds	$34,586,597
State General Funds	$34,586,597

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$31,928,552	$31,928,552
Increase funds for the fifth year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.	$850,055	$850,055
Provide one-time funds for the expansion of the Valdosta Campus. *(CC:Increase funds to provide one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for the expansion of the Valdosta Campus.)*	$75,000	$75,000
Provide funds to increase the class size of Mercer's Accelerated Track.	$1,232,990	$1,232,990
Increase funds to provide one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for scholarships for year-four students committed to practicing primary care for five years in rural Georgia.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,586,597	$34,586,597

17.14. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$33,429,696
State Funds	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$32,929,696	$32,929,696
Provide funds for infant mortality research. *(CC:Provide funds for infant mortality research.)*	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

17.15. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

Total Funds	$5,965,000
State Funds	$5,965,000
State General Funds	$5,965,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,065,000	$5,065,000
Increase funds for additional loan repayment for Dentists in Rural Areas.	$900,000	$900,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,965,000	$5,965,000

17.16. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

Total Funds	$7,445,783
State Funds	$7,445,783
State General Funds	$7,445,783

17.17. Georgia Composite Medical Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

Total Funds	$4,912,028
Other Funds	$300,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$300,000
State Funds	$4,612,028
State General Funds	$4,612,028

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,151,410	$3,451,410
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$88,339	$88,339
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$11,837	$11,837
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$391	$391

Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$40,227	$40,227
Utilize existing funds ($94,542) to replace three vehicles. *(CC:Provide one-time funds and utilize existing funds to replace six vehicles.)*	$90,000	$90,000
Utilize existing funds ($31,514) for one customer service specialist. *(CC:Utilize existing funds ($31,514) and increase funds for one communications specialist.)*	$63,806	$63,806
Provide funds for a systems analyst. *(CC:Provide funds for three compliance investigators, two senior business operations managers, and salary adjustments.)*	$533,069	$533,069
Provide funds for a criminal investigator.	$131,234	$131,234
Provide one-time funds to modernize licensure application software.	$501,715	$501,715
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,612,028	$4,912,028

17.18. Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Total Funds	$3,285,334
State Funds	$3,285,334
State General Funds	$3,285,334

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,143,460	$3,143,460
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$79,543	$79,543
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,849	$6,849
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$38,832	$38,832
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$309	$309
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$60,341	$60,341
Increase funds to reflect the full cost of the database management agreement funded by HB 19 (2023 Session).	$21,000	$21,000
Provide funds for tablets to enhance inspection and investigation efficiency.	$35,000	$35,000
Utilize existing funds ($30,000) to digitize existing license, complaint, inspection, and investigative records into the data management system. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds ($5,000) to replenish and maintain law enforcement body armor. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds ($3,000) to properly dispose of seized drugs and other evidence as required by law. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reduce one-time funding for database implementation.	($100,000)	($100,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,285,334	$3,285,334

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

Total Funds	**$225,126,869**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,250,346**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,250,346
Other Funds	**$233,715**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$233,715
State Funds	**$222,740,461**
State General Funds	$222,740,461
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$902,347**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$902,347

18.1. Departmental Administration (DCS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$11,121,350
Other Funds	$1,200
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,200
State Funds	$11,120,150
State General Funds	$11,120,150

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$10,770,766	$10,771,966
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$301,729	$301,729
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$14,762	$14,762
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,279	$4,279
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$2,372	$2,372
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,100	$1,100
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$25,142	$25,142
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,120,150	$11,121,350

18.2. Field Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

Total Funds	$207,316,596
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,062,222
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,062,222
Other Funds	$122,515
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$122,515
State Funds	$205,280,741
State General Funds	$205,280,741

Intra-State Government Transfers	$851,118
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$851,118

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$189,869,483	$191,905,338
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$6,536,471	$6,536,471
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$142,019	$142,019
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$55,737	$55,737
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$39,284	$39,284
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$25,622	$25,622
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$6,793,395	$6,793,395
Increase funds to create a Centralized Reporting Unit with eight virtual agent positions.	$641,204	$641,204
Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in leased office space. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for 25 community supervision aide positions. *(CC:Increase funds for 17 community supervision aide positions.)*	$1,177,526	$1,177,526
Amount appropriated in this Act	$205,280,741	$207,316,596

18.3. Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

Total Funds	$4,584,901
State Funds	$4,584,901
State General Funds	$4,584,901

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,951,840	$3,951,840
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$92,707	$92,707
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$168	$168
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$992	$992
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$871	$871
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$361	$361
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$10,057	$10,057
Increase funds for seven additional community coordinator positions.	$527,905	$527,905
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,584,901	$4,584,901

18.4. Misdemeanor Probation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor providers through inspection and investigation.

Total Funds	$1,015,770
State Funds	$1,015,770
State General Funds	$1,015,770

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$978,962	$978,962
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$26,157	$26,157
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$255	$255
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$213	$213
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$126	$126
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$10,057	$10,057
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,015,770	$1,015,770

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

18.5. Georgia Commission on Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

Total Funds	$1,088,252
Federal Funds and Grants	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$188,124
Other Funds	$110,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$110,000
State Funds	$738,899
State General Funds	$738,899
Intra-State Government Transfers	$51,229
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$51,229

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$685,947	$1,035,300
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$30,837	$30,837
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$284	$284
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,021	$1,021

Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$148	$148
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$84	$84
Increase funds for training, research, and data development.	$20,578	$20,578
Amount appropriated in this Act	$738,899	$1,088,252

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

Total Funds	**$1,509,356,376**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$170,555**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,555
Other Funds	**$13,564,603**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,564,603
State Funds	**$1,495,621,218**
State General Funds	$1,495,621,218

19.1. Departmental Administration (DOC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

Total Funds	$40,345,260
State Funds	$40,345,260
State General Funds	$40,345,260

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$36,503,788	$36,503,788
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$897,790	$897,790
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$310,612	$310,612
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$22,395	$22,395
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$43,890	$43,890
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$606	$606
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$15,085	$15,085
Transfer funds from Offender Management program ($3,551,094) and increase funds ($2,574,744) for an advertising campaign and culture review. (Total Funds: $6,125,838) *(CC:Maintain advertising campaign, culture review, and salary funding for CO3 positions.)*	$2,551,094	$2,551,094
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,345,260	$40,345,260

19.2. Detention Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

Total Funds	$69,692,253
Other Funds	$2,453,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,453,500
State Funds	$67,238,753
State General Funds	$67,238,753

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$62,221,640	$64,675,140
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$2,000,529	$2,000,529
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$106,723	$106,723
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$61,594	$61,594
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,615	$1,615
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$2,544,381	$2,544,381
Increase funds for operational cost at facilities, statewide.	$302,271	$302,271
Utilize existing funds ($378,582) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$67,238,753	$69,692,253

19.3. Food and Farm Operations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

Total Funds	$29,110,039
State Funds	$29,110,039
State General Funds	$29,110,039

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$27,754,020	$27,754,020
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$47,890	$47,890
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,434	$1,434
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,079	$2,079
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$70,398	$70,398
Utilize existing funds ($22,702) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to provide additional meals on weekends.	$1,234,218	$1,234,218
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,110,039	$29,110,039

19.4. Health

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

Total Funds	$345,879,164
Federal Funds and Grants	$70,555
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,555
Other Funds	$390,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$390,000
State Funds	$345,418,609
State General Funds	$345,418,609

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$273,257,694	$273,718,249
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$119,316	$119,316
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$52,087	$52,087
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,938	$4,938
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$129	$129
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$10,057	$10,057
Increase funds for physical health and pharmacy service contracts.	$71,974,388	$71,974,388
Amount appropriated in this Act	$345,418,609	$345,879,164

19.5. Offender Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

Total Funds	$45,862,720
Other Funds	$30,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$30,000
State Funds	$45,832,720
State General Funds	$45,832,720

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$48,417,607	$48,447,607
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$162,715	$162,715
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$18,637	$18,637
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,024	$5,024
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$132	$132
Transfer funds to Departmental Administration (DOC) program to align budget with expenditures.	($3,551,094)	($3,551,094)
Reduce funds for virtual courts technology efficiencies.	($2,771,395)	($2,771,395)
Increase funds for a $2 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions.	$3,551,094	$3,551,094

Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,832,720	$45,862,720

19.6. Private Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

Total Funds	$147,835,303
State Funds	$147,835,303
State General Funds	$147,835,303

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$138,311,593	$138,311,593
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$2,568,270	$2,568,270
Increase funds to provide 200 temporary additional beds at Coffee and Wheeler facilities to allow for maintenance and repairs at state prisons.	$6,955,440	$6,955,440
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$147,835,303	$147,835,303

19.7. State Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

Total Funds	$786,162,423
Federal Funds and Grants	$100,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$100,000
Other Funds	$10,691,103
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,691,103
State Funds	$775,371,320
State General Funds	$775,371,320

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$711,018,989	$721,810,092
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$16,987,270	$16,987,270
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$1,307	$1,307
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,047,798	$1,047,798
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,519,520	$2,519,520
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$19,357	$19,357

Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$17,886,090	$17,886,090
Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.	$240,427	$240,427
Increase funds for operational cost at facilities, statewide.	$2,951,508	$2,951,508
Increase funds for offender call monitoring at facilities, statewide.	$1,003,807	$1,003,807
Increase funds for radio communications at facilities, statewide.	$331,000	$331,000
Provide funds for capital maintenance and repairs. *(CC:Utilize existing funds ($42,456,560) and provide additional funds ($17,543,440) for capital maintenance and repairs.)*	$17,543,440	$17,543,440
Reduce funds for recruitment and retention cost avoidance.	($1,559,992)	($1,559,992)
Reduce funds for closing HR recruitment centers in favor of increased advertising.	($1,821,757)	($1,821,757)
Reduce funds for privatizing food services at Coastal State Prison, Arrendale State Prison, Smith State Prison, and Valdosta State Prison.	($657,734)	($657,734)
Reduce funds for replacing Basic Correctional Officer Training paper books with Chromebooks.	($2,933,310)	($2,933,310)
Utilize existing funds ($3,790,622) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for safety, security, and technology initiatives to eliminate contraband and provide quarterly updates to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and the Senate Public Safety Committee.	$10,793,600	$10,793,600
Amount appropriated in this Act	$775,371,320	$786,162,423

19.8. Transition Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

Total Funds	$44,469,214
State Funds	$44,469,214
State General Funds	$44,469,214

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$32,042,794	$32,042,794
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,018,675	$1,018,675
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$52,406	$52,406
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$31,187	$31,187
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$818	$818
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$1,151,508	$1,151,508
Utilize existing funds ($160,767) to establish a correctional officer 3 rank to enhance recruitment and retention of critical positions. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for operational cost at facilities statewide.	$165,799	$165,799
Annualize funds for the operational cost for Metro Re-Entry Phase IV to add 400 transition center beds.	$10,006,027	$10,006,027

Amount appropriated in this Act	$44,469,214	$44,469,214

Section 20: Defense, Department of

Total Funds	**$111,162,590**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$75,943,450**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$75,943,450
Other Funds	**$22,590,595**
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,260,026
State Funds	**$12,628,545**
State General Funds	$12,628,545

20.1. Departmental Administration (DOD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,579,516
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,137,771
State Funds	$1,441,745
State General Funds	$1,441,745

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,400,196	$2,537,967
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$36,051	$36,051
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$887	$887
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,611	$4,611
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,441,745	$2,579,516

20.2. Military Readiness

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

Total Funds	$88,693,955
Federal Funds and Grants	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$59,957,952
Other Funds	$22,586,717
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,256,148
State Funds	$6,149,286

State General Funds $6,149,286

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$6,009,257	$88,553,926
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$71,407	$71,407
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$68,622	$68,622
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,149,286	$88,693,955

20.3. Youth Educational Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

Total Funds $19,889,119
Federal Funds and Grants $14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $14,847,727
Other Funds $3,878
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $3,878
State Funds $5,037,514
State General Funds $5,037,514

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,983,623	$19,835,228
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$111,382	$111,382
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$13,029	$13,029
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$53,410	$53,410
Reduce funds to reflect lower graduation rates.	($123,930)	($123,930)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,037,514	$19,889,119

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

Total Funds $88,962,117
Other Funds $2,844,121
Agency Funds $2,844,121
State Funds $86,117,996
State General Funds $86,117,996

21.1. Departmental Administration (DDS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor

vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

Total Funds	$11,409,888
Other Funds	$500,857
Agency Funds	$500,857
State Funds	$10,909,031
State General Funds	$10,909,031

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$10,376,670	$10,877,527
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$201,286	$201,286
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$315,689	$315,689
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$14,232	$14,232
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,154	$1,154
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,909,031	$11,409,888

21.2. License Issuance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

Total Funds	$76,029,032
Other Funds	$1,827,835
Agency Funds	$1,827,835
State Funds	$74,201,197
State General Funds	$74,201,197

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$69,430,595	$71,258,430
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,884,368	$1,884,368
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$728,414	$728,414
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,227)	($5,227)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$7,988	$7,988
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$50,284	$50,284
Increase funds for an increase in federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees.	$166,925	$166,925
Increase funds for card services cloud server annual maintenance.	$1,980,000	$1,980,000
Increase funds for postage rate increases.	$341,057	$341,057
Reduce funds for regular operating and software subscription efficiencies.	($380,207)	($380,207)
Reduce funds for the closure of the Helena Customer Service Center.	($3,000)	($3,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$74,201,197	$76,029,032

21.3. Regulatory Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

Total Funds	$1,523,197
Other Funds	$515,429
Agency Funds	$515,429
State Funds	$1,007,768
State General Funds	$1,007,768

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$966,907	$1,482,336
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$31,485	$31,485
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$9,136	$9,136
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$240	$240
Reflect a change in the program purpose statement. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,007,768	$1,523,197

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of

Total Funds	**$1,108,680,564**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$494,874,422**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$227,164,017
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$174,961,385
Other Funds	**$499,500**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$499,500
State Funds	**$613,306,642**
Lottery Funds	$541,423,948
State General Funds	$71,882,694

22.1. Child Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

Total Funds	$339,388,378
Federal Funds and Grants	$267,505,684
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$169,970,279
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,786,385
State Funds	$71,882,694

State General Funds $71,882,694

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$62,534,475	$330,040,159
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$35,010	$35,010
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$11,442	$11,442
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$32,751	$32,751
Increase funds to raise Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) reimbursement to the 50th percentile of market rates for childcare providers in accordance with federal regulation. *(CC:Increase funds to improve market rates for childcare providers.)*	$9,269,016	$9,269,016
Amount appropriated in this Act	$71,882,694	$339,388,378

22.2. Nutrition Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

Total Funds $170,000,000
Federal Funds and Grants $170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $170,000,000

22.3. Pre-Kindergarten Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

Total Funds $541,598,948
Federal Funds and Grants $175,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $175,000
State Funds $541,423,948
Lottery Funds $541,423,948

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$443,790,064	$443,965,064
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$242,607	$242,607
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$724,675	$724,675
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$15,236	$15,236
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$37,217	$37,217
Increase formula funds for teacher training and experience.	$1,261,840	$1,261,840
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer	$2,414,115	$2,414,115

contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified teachers at public Pre-K providers to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.		
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified Pre-K teachers and assistant teachers by $2,500.	$24,986,832	$24,986,832
Increase funds for year one of a four-year phase in to reduce classroom size from 22 to 20 students to improve instructional quality.	$9,509,822	$9,509,822
Increase funds to upgrade provider management system.	$612,290	$612,290
Provide funds for computer refresh.	$49,787	$49,787
Increase funds to expand the Summer Transition Program with income eligibility requirements. *(CC:Increase funds to maintain the current number of classrooms in the Summer Transition Program without the implementation of an income eligibility requirement.)*	$8,974,800	$8,974,800
Increase operating funds for Pre-K programs by increasing start-up grants for new Pre-K classrooms from $8,000 to $30,000 per classroom ($1,981,493), providing $15,000 replenishment grants every five years ($11,454,000), and increasing transportation funding from $16.50 per category I student to $80.78 per student for all students ($4,052,718).	$17,488,211	$17,488,211
Provide funds for three Pre-Kindergarten administrative positions.	$383,311	$383,311
Increase operating funds for private providers.	$11,498,339	$11,498,339
Provide funds for a salary increase for assistant Pre-K teachers to provide parity with K-12 paraprofessionals ($14,752,422) and improve salary parity between Pre-K lead teachers and K-12 teachers by moving to the State Board of Education salary schedule ($4,682,380).	$19,434,802	$19,434,802
Amount appropriated in this Act	$541,423,948	$541,598,948

22.4. Quality Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

Total Funds	$57,693,238
Federal Funds and Grants	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$57,193,738
Other Funds	$499,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$499,500

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

Total Funds	**$40,115,216**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$926,190**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$926,190
State Funds	**$39,189,026**
State General Funds	$39,189,026

23.1. Departmental Administration (DEcD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

Total Funds	$5,772,093
State Funds	$5,772,093

State General Funds $5,772,093

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,449,841	$5,449,841
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$148,236	$148,236
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$17,654	$17,654
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,072	$5,072
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,290	$1,290
Transfer funds from Tourism ($70,000) and increase funds to align budget with rental expenditures. *(CC:Increase funds to align budget with rent expenditures.)*	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,772,093	$5,772,093

23.2. Film, Video, and Music

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

Total Funds $1,167,927

State Funds $1,167,927

State General Funds $1,167,927

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,137,937	$1,137,937
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$27,451	$27,451
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,539	$2,539
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,167,927	$1,167,927

23.3. Georgia Council for the Arts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

Total Funds $610,794

State Funds $610,794

State General Funds $610,794

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$590,056	$590,056
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$20,738	$20,738
Amount appropriated in this Act	$610,794	$610,794

23.4. Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

Total Funds	$1,635,756
Federal Funds and Grants	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$659,400
State Funds	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356

23.5. Global Commerce

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$10,661,293
State Funds	$10,661,293
State General Funds	$10,661,293

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$10,444,679	$10,444,679
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$195,687	$195,687
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$20,927	$20,927
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,661,293	$10,661,293

23.6. Innovation and Technology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

Total Funds	$2,758,002
State Funds	$2,758,002
State General Funds	$2,758,002

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,691,792	$2,691,792
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$41,210	$41,210
Increase funds for personal services to align budget with expenditures.	$25,000	$25,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,758,002	$2,758,002

23.7. International Relations and Trade

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$3,146,182
Federal Funds and Grants	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$266,790
State Funds	$2,879,392
State General Funds	$2,879,392

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,636,322	$2,903,112
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$40,438	$40,438
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,632	$2,632
Increase funds for contracts to support the global export of Georgia manufactured and agricultural products.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,879,392	$3,146,182

23.8. Rural Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

Total Funds	$1,397,889
State Funds	$1,397,889
State General Funds	$1,397,889

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$966,313	$4,080,973
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$5,702	$5,702
Increase funds for two workforce development positions to support the Hyundai and Rivian economic development projects. *(CC:No; Reflect funds for one workforce development position to support the Hyundai economic development project in the Technical College System of Georgia.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for a site development specialist position to support economic development in rural communities. *(CC:Increase funds for monitoring and compliance of regulations and contractual obligations at major economic development project sites.)*	$200,000	$200,000
Transfer funds for the Governor's Rural Strike Force from the OneGeorgia Authority to align budget with expenditures.	$450,000	($2,664,660)
Reduce funds for a project manager position.	($224,126)	($224,126)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,397,889	$1,397,889

23.9. Small and Minority Business Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

Total Funds	$1,080,381
State Funds	$1,080,381
State General Funds	$1,080,381

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,055,169	$1,055,169
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$25,212	$25,212
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,080,381	$1,080,381

23.10. Tourism

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

Total Funds	$11,884,899
State Funds	$11,884,899
State General Funds	$11,884,899

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$11,720,412	$11,720,412
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$149,066	$149,066
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$15,421	$15,421
Transfer funds to Departmental Administration to align budget with expenditures. *(CC:No; Maintain funds for state-owned historical markers.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,884,899	$11,884,899

Section 24: Education, Department of

Total Funds	**$15,547,667,128**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,264,165,683**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,264,053,182
Other Funds	**$34,125,850**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$34,125,850
State Funds	**$13,249,375,595**
State General Funds	$13,249,375,595

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,191.66. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

24.1. Agricultural Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

Total Funds	$16,877,914
Federal Funds and Grants	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$309,003
Other Funds	$1,150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,150,000
State Funds	$15,418,911
State General Funds	$15,418,911

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$14,484,116	$15,943,119
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$30,685	$30,685
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$28,056	$28,056
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,227	$1,227
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$443	$443
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$284	$284
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($288,000)	($288,000)
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024. *(CC:Increase funds to annualize the $2,000 salary increase in FY 2024 and provide funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.)*	$513,154	$513,154
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.	$368,946	$368,946
Increase funds for eight extended day/year programs.	$88,000	$88,000
Increase funds for two young farmer positions in Barrow and Peach counties. *(CC:Increase funds for two young farmer positions in Barrow and Peach counties.)*	$192,000	$192,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,418,911	$16,877,914

24.2. Business and Finance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

Total Funds	$18,612,595
Federal Funds and Grants	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$81,020
Other Funds	$9,991,981
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$9,991,981
State Funds	$8,539,594
State General Funds	$8,539,594

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$8,048,336	$18,121,337
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$256,158	$256,158
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$714	$714
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$4,903	$4,903
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,272	$6,272
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$22,608	$22,608
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$603	$603
Increase funds to upgrade the Capital Outlay Program Software (COPS) to integrate public Pre-K classrooms pursuant to SB 233 (2024 Session).	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,539,594	$18,612,595

24.3. Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

Total Funds	$66,475,947
Federal Funds and Grants	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$60,875,445
Other Funds	$350,145
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$350,145
State Funds	$5,250,357
State General Funds	$5,250,357

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,046,404	$66,271,994
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$114,927	$114,927
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$1,317	$1,317
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,488	$2,488
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for	$9,981	$9,981

additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.		
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$240	$240
Remove one-time funding for study and host meetings with House and Senate committees and stakeholders concerning Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) formula funding.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Provide funds for adaptive sports program. *(CC:Increase funds to increase the base funding by 33% for an adaptive sports program.)*	$100,000	$100,000
Increase funds for outdoor learning grants and recognize $75,000 in existing funds.	$25,000	$25,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,250,357	$66,475,947

24.4. Charter Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.

Total Funds	$10,427,123
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,803,882
Other Funds	$145,460
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$145,460
State Funds	$5,477,781
State General Funds	$5,477,781

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,853,152	$14,802,494
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$16,859	$16,859
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$346	$346
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$5,499	$5,499
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$388	$388
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$1,537	$1,537
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($1,700,000)	($1,700,000)
Reduce funds for facilities grants to reflect the full $100,000 for each locally-approved charter school, pursuant to HB 430 (2017 Session).	($2,700,000)	($2,700,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,477,781	$10,427,123

24.5. Communities in Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

Total Funds	$2,690,100
State Funds	$2,690,100
State General Funds	$2,690,100

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,690,100	$1,690,100
Increase funds to leverage matching grant funds for program expansion. *(CC:Provide one-time funding to leverage matching grant funds for program expansion.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,690,100	$2,690,100

24.6. Curriculum Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

Total Funds	$18,276,551
Federal Funds and Grants	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,833,819
Other Funds	$176,231
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$176,231
State Funds	$11,266,501
State General Funds	$11,266,501

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$6,734,693	$13,744,743
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$118,426	$118,426
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$2,606	$2,606
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$177	$177
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,123	$3,123
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$12,048	$12,048
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$298	$298
Provide funds to support evidence-based reading instruction grants to fund two literacy coaches per Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) and provide $2,000 supplements to literacy support coordinators and leads at school districts. *(CC:Yes; Recognize funding in Curriculum Development - Special Project.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for life sciences industry certification.	$177,000	$177,000
Transfer existing funds for AP and PSAT exams from the Testing program to properly align with department administration.	$4,924,130	$4,924,130
Provide funds for one STEM International Baccalaureate (IB) exam to all students and one International Baccalaureate exam for free and reduced-paying lunch students.	$319,000	$319,000
Increase funds for computer science professional development to support SB 108 (2019 Session). *(CC:Yes; Reflect funds in the Board of Regents University System of Georgia Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program.)*	$0	$0

Increase funds for a supplementary secondary math pilot program.	$475,000	$475,000
Transfer funds from the Curriculum Development program to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program for dyslexia screening pursuant to SB 48 (2019 Session). *(CC:Reduce and recognize funds in the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program for dyslexia screening pursuant to SB 48 (2019 Session).)*	($1,500,000)	($1,500,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,266,501	$18,276,551

24.7. Curriculum Development - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund literacy coaches and associated training targeted for the bottom 25 percent of schools, including an emphasis on English as a Second Language (ESL) training for Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers.

Total Funds	$6,111,300
State Funds	$6,111,300
State General Funds	$6,111,300

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds for regional literacy coaches for the bottom 25% of schools ($1,989,650); training for regional literacy coaches ($32,000), local literacy coaches in the bottom 25% of elementary schools ($245,000), and Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers in the bottom 25% of schools ($1,720,000); and English as a Second Language (ESL) literacy training to Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers in the bottom 25% of schools with more than 5% of students in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) ($135,000). *(CC:Provide funds to Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) for: regional literacy coaches with at least one at each RESA ($4,000,000); supplements for 950 school literacy leads upon the completion of an accredited training model ($1,022,675); and training for local coaches, teachers, and supplemental training for ESOL teachers, prioritizing training to schools identified by the RESA as needing additional literacy intervention ($1,088,625). Regional Education Service Agencies shall provide data to the Department of Education for an annual report to the Office of Planning and Budget and House and Senate budget offices regarding the number of teachers and coaches trained, the type of training completed, and the schools those trained professionals support. Reports shall be provided annually on August 1, beginning August 1, 2024.)*	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,111,300	$6,111,300

24.8. Federal Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

Total Funds	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,305,164,432

24.9. Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational

and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

Total Funds	$62,356,289
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,322,802
State Funds	$51,033,487
State General Funds	$51,033,487

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$52,808,418	$64,131,220
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$5,034	$5,034
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$265,481	$265,481
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$115	$115
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$504	$504
Reduce formula funds for enrollment and training and experience decline.	($4,261,708)	($4,261,708)
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.	$576,720	$576,720
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.	$1,638,923	$1,638,923
Amount appropriated in this Act	$51,033,487	$62,356,289

24.10. Georgia Virtual School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

Total Funds	$11,370,004
Other Funds	$8,284,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,284,000
State Funds	$3,086,004
State General Funds	$3,086,004

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,958,631	$11,242,631
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$125,258	$125,258
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$2,115	$2,115

Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,086,004	$11,370,004

24.11. Information Technology Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

Total Funds	$21,528,084
Federal Funds and Grants	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$409,267
State Funds	$21,118,817
State General Funds	$21,118,817

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$20,653,162	$21,062,429
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$356,302	$356,302
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$2,078	$2,078
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$4,686	$4,686
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$9,276	$9,276
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$92,420	$92,420
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$893	$893
Amount appropriated in this Act	$21,118,817	$21,528,084

24.12. Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

Total Funds	$32,355,822
State Funds	$32,355,822
State General Funds	$32,355,822

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$20,794,733	$20,794,733
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$4,631	$4,631
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$97,802	$97,802
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$127	$127
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$504	$504
Transfer funds from the Quality Basic Education program to provide salary	$8,499,000	$8,499,000

supplements of $1,000 to all custodians and adjust amount to reflect current count.		
Increase funds for dyslexia screening pursuant to SB 48 (2019 Session). *(CC:Provide funds for dyslexia screening pursuant to SB 48 (2019 Session) and universal screening pursuant to HB 538 (2023 Session); recognize that available universal screeners can also screen for dyslexia and thereby require vendors to supply evidence that they assess the same skills required for dyslexia screening at first administration of the screener.)*	$1,522,090	$1,522,090
Reduce formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.	($389,615)	($389,615)
Increase formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment data.	$255,709	$255,709
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024, for Residential Treatment Facilities.	$296,944	$296,944
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024, for Sparsity Grants.	$461,897	$461,897
Provide funds for a mentorship program to increase teacher retention rates. *(CC:Increase funds and utilize undesignated Local Education Agency (LEA) reserve funds for a mentorship program to increase teacher retention rates.)*	$250,000	$250,000
Provide one-time grant funds for CPR training and equipment for student health and safety.	$362,000	$362,000
Increase funds to provide a supplemental sparsity grant to school districts with fewer than 200 students and one K-12 school.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$32,355,822	$32,355,822

24.13. Nutrition

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

Total Funds	$846,230,485
Federal Funds and Grants	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$803,409,469
Other Funds	$184,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$184,000
State Funds	$42,637,016
State General Funds	$42,637,016

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$39,262,827	$842,856,296
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$14,778	$14,778
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$213	$213
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($6,333,713)	($6,333,713)
Increase formula funds for school nutrition.	$2,005,404	$2,005,404
Increase formula funds to recognize a 4.1% increase to the salary earnings	$1,353,794	$1,353,794

in the nutrition formula.		
Provide funds for the cost of breakfast and lunch for reduce-paying students.	$6,333,713	$6,333,713
Amount appropriated in this Act	$42,637,016	$846,230,485

24.14. Preschool Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

Total Funds $56,782,489
State Funds $56,782,489
State General Funds $56,782,489

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$46,780,890	$46,780,890
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$268,361	$268,361
Increase funds based on formula earnings.	$7,121,204	$7,121,204
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.	$1,552,098	$1,552,098
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.	$1,059,936	$1,059,936
Amount appropriated in this Act	$56,782,489	$56,782,489

24.15. Pupil Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

Total Funds $353,759,373
State Funds $353,759,373
State General Funds $353,759,373

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$148,750,195	$148,750,195
Increase funds for pupil transportation to provide additional state support for school districts statewide by reflecting updated bus count and 40% of operational costs.	$200,000,000	$200,000,000
Increase formula funds to recognize a 4.1% increase to the salary earnings in the pupil transportation formula.	$5,009,178	$5,009,178
Amount appropriated in this Act	$353,759,373	$353,759,373

24.16. Quality Basic Education Equalization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to

local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

Total Funds	$1,022,847,487
State Funds	$1,022,847,487
State General Funds	$1,022,847,487

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$756,060,581	$756,060,581
Increase formula funds for Equalization grants.	$266,786,906	$266,786,906
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487

24.17. Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

Total Funds	($2,753,394,408)
State Funds	($2,753,394,408)
State General Funds	($2,753,394,408)

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	($2,569,521,550)	($2,569,521,550)
Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.	($183,872,858)	($183,872,858)
Amount appropriated in this Act	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)

24.18. Quality Basic Education Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

Total Funds	$14,101,605,664
State Funds	$14,101,605,664
State General Funds	$14,101,605,664

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$13,144,014,393	$13,144,014,393
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$67,122,281	$67,122,281
Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.	$243,550,636	$243,550,636
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.	$367,862,211	$367,862,211
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.	$242,421,120	$242,421,120
Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement.	$40,194,505	$40,194,505

Reduce formula funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.	($1,419,901)	($1,419,901)
Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement pursuant to HB 87 (2023 Session).	$6,298,548	$6,298,548
Increase formula funds for the charter system grant.	$301,659	$301,659
Reduce formula funds for the local charter school grant.	($53,514)	($53,514)
Reduce funds to provide a military counselor to Chattahoochee County given the availability of existing funds.	($49,493)	($49,493)
Transfer funds to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program to provide salary supplements of $1,000 to all custodians.	($8,636,781)	($8,636,781)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664

24.19. Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

Total Funds	$16,490,985
State Funds	$16,490,985
State General Funds	$16,490,985

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$16,027,615	$16,027,615
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$4,967	$4,967
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$31,714	$31,714
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$115	$115
Reduce funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment.	($59,330)	($59,330)
Increase funds for a 4.1% salary increase for certified staff.	$396,624	$396,624
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.	$89,280	$89,280
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,490,985	$16,490,985

24.20. School Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

Total Funds	$14,367,970
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,456,721
Other Funds	$1,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,000

State Funds $10,910,249
State General Funds $10,910,249

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$10,661,849	$14,119,570
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$231,454	$231,454
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$2,521	$2,521
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$341	$341
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,754	$5,754
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$7,743	$7,743
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$587	$587
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,910,249	$14,367,970

24.21. School Nurse

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

Total Funds $42,724,230
State Funds $42,724,230
State General Funds $42,724,230

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$41,544,204	$41,544,204
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$246,287	$246,287
Reduce formula funds for school nurses.	($609,505)	($609,505)
Increase funds for a 4.1% salary increase for school nurses.	$1,543,244	$1,543,244
Amount appropriated in this Act	$42,724,230	$42,724,230

24.22. School Security Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.

Total Funds $108,905,000
State Funds $108,905,000
State General Funds $108,905,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds to establish school security grants. *(CC:Provide funds to establish school security grants for safety infrastructure and*	$108,905,000	$108,905,000

POST certified personnel.)		
Provide funds for safety training for teachers and the ability of local school systems to develop school safety plans. *(CC:Yes; Reflect funding in school security grants.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$108,905,000	$108,905,000

24.23. State Charter School Commission Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

Total Funds	$6,685,379
Other Funds	$6,685,379
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,685,379

24.24. State Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

Total Funds	$41,058,578
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,146,556
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,034,055
Other Funds	$1,111,904
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,111,904
State Funds	$38,800,118
State General Funds	$38,800,118

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$37,543,965	$39,802,425
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$625,473	$625,473
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$10,274	$10,274
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$16,719	$16,719
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$30,845	$30,845
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$1,008	$1,008
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$3,316	$3,316
Increase formula funds for training and experience.	$263,962	$263,962
Utilize existing funds ($2,000,000) for major repairs and renovations. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective	$304,556	$304,556

September 1, 2024.		
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,800,118	$41,058,578

24.25. Technology/Career Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

Total Funds	$81,055,530
Federal Funds and Grants	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$50,655,460
Other Funds	$6,045,750
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,045,750
State Funds	$24,354,320
State General Funds	$24,354,320

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$22,402,168	$79,103,378
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$66,921	$66,921
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$154,957	$154,957
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$641	$641
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,284	$1,284
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$4,411	$4,411
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$124	$124
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024. *(CC:Increase funds to annualize the $2,000 salary increase in FY 2024 and provide funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.)*	$1,434,814	$1,434,814
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($711,000)	($711,000)
Increase funds for construction industry certification. *(CC:Increase funds for construction industry certification and encourage industry partners to provide additional funding.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Provide funds for three heavy equipment simulators at ten schools. *(CC:Yes; Reflect funding in Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission - Capital Projects Fund.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,354,320	$81,055,530

24.26. Testing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

Total Funds	$34,750,259

Federal Funds and Grants	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$15,697,807
State Funds	$19,052,452
State General Funds	$19,052,452

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$22,233,072	$37,930,879
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$100,864	$100,864
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$2,151	$2,151
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$256	$256
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,529	$2,529
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$9,578	$9,578
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$242	$242
Increase funds to provide a universal reading screener for all K-3 students pursuant to HB 538 (2023 Session). *(CC:Increase funds for state mandated testing.)*	$1,627,890	$1,627,890
Transfer funds for Advanced Placement and PSAT exams to the Curriculum Program to properly align with department administration.	($4,924,130)	($4,924,130)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,052,452	$34,750,259

24.27. Tuition for Multiple Disability Students

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

Total Funds	$1,551,946
State Funds	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$100,139,046**
Other Funds	**$33,818,202**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$33,818,202
State Funds	**$66,320,844**
State General Funds	$66,320,844

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.20% for New Plan employees and 24.45% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $889.76 per member for

State Fiscal Year 2025.

25.1. Deferred Compensation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

Total Funds	$5,196,262
Other Funds	$5,196,262
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,196,262

25.2. Georgia Military Pension Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

Total Funds	$2,781,444
State Funds	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,793,161	$2,793,161
Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($11,717)	($11,717)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

25.3. Public School Employees Retirement System

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

Total Funds	$36,773,000
State Funds	$36,773,000
State General Funds	$36,773,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$32,357,000	$32,357,000
Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($1,209,000)	($1,209,000)
Provide funds to increase the benefit multiplier from $16.50 to $17.00 pursuant to SB 105 (2024 Session).	$5,625,000	$5,625,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$36,773,000	$36,773,000

25.4. System Administration (ERS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

Total Funds	$55,388,340
Other Funds	$28,621,940

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$28,621,940
State Funds	$26,766,400
State General Funds	$26,766,400

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$26,760,400	$55,382,340
Recognize $26,750,000 in existing funds to support benefit adjustments for retired state employees as authorized by the board of trustees. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for HB 472 (2024 Session) as required by the actuary.	$6,000	$6,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,766,400	$55,388,340

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

Total Funds	**$68,792,026**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$6,986,349**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,986,349
Other Funds	**$9,427,187**
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,998,542
State Funds	**$52,328,490**
State General Funds	$52,328,490
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$50,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

26.1. Commission Administration (SFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

Total Funds	$7,144,232
Federal Funds and Grants	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$123,800
Other Funds	$507,780
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$507,780
State Funds	$6,512,652
State General Funds	$6,512,652

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$6,938,968	$7,570,548
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$137,994	$137,994
Transfer funds to Forest Protection to align budget with expenditures.	($2,347,037)	($2,347,037)
Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.	$1,782,727	$1,782,727

The State Forestry Commission shall study and report back to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by August 1, 2024 on the establishment of the State Board of Registration for Foresters. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,512,652	$7,144,232

26.2. Forest Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

Total Funds	$9,498,634
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,682,151
Other Funds	$1,089,732
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$661,087
State Funds	$4,676,751
State General Funds	$4,676,751
Intra-State Government Transfers	$50,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,522,487	$9,344,370
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$154,264	$154,264
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,676,751	$9,498,634

26.3. Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

Total Funds	$50,942,080
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,046,681

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,046,681
Other Funds	$6,756,312
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,756,312
State Funds	$41,139,087
State General Funds	$41,139,087

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$38,568,866	$48,371,859
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,316,575	$1,316,575
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$13,166	$13,166
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$4,600	$4,600
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$25,142	$25,142
Transfer funds from Commission Administration for the purchase of environmental cab tractors.	$1,010,738	$1,010,738
Increase funds for the on-going service contracts for equipment associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$41,139,087	$50,942,080

26.4. Tree Seedling Nursery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

Total Funds	$1,207,080
Federal Funds and Grants	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$133,717
Other Funds	$1,073,363
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,073,363

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

Total Funds	**$93,156,350**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$30,552,612**
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$753,430
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,799,182
Other Funds	**$807,856**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$807,856
State Funds	**$61,795,882**
State General Funds	$61,795,882

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

27.1. Governor's Emergency Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

Total Funds	$11,062,041
State Funds	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041

27.2. Governor's Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

Total Funds	$6,904,362
State Funds	$6,904,362
State General Funds	$6,904,362

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$6,718,437	$6,718,437
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$148,327	$148,327
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$28,148	$28,148
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,515	$1,515
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$7,440	$7,440
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$495	$495
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,904,362	$6,904,362

27.3. Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

Total Funds	$8,881,276
State Funds	$8,881,276
State General Funds	$8,881,276

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$8,739,361	$8,739,361
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$177,443	$177,443
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$336	$336
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$6,857	$6,857

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,463)	($3,463)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$153,828	$153,828
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$727	$727
Reduce funds for contracts.	($193,813)	($193,813)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,881,276	$8,881,276

27.4. Georgia Data Analytic Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

Total Funds	$1,999,667
State Funds	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,947,072	$1,947,072
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$25,169	$25,169
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$27,426	$27,426
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

27.5. Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

Total Funds	$1,991,567
State Funds	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,976,466	$1,976,466
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$15,101	$15,101
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

27.6. Office of the Child Advocate

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

Total Funds	$1,476,162
State Funds	$1,476,162
State General Funds	$1,476,162

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,430,137	$1,430,137
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$36,616	$36,616
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$8,078	$8,078
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,057	$1,057
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$274	$274
Reduce funds for training contracts. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,476,162	$1,476,162

27.7. Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Total Funds	$36,772,410
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,703,182
Other Funds	$807,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$807,856
State Funds	$6,261,372
State General Funds	$6,261,372

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,990,956	$35,501,994
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$573,749	$573,749
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$27,857	$27,857
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,060	$5,060
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$990	$990
Utilize existing funds ($482,581) and increase funds ($352,420) to restore the payment of grants to counties. (Total Funds: $835,001) *(CC:Utilize existing funds ($482,581) and increase funds to restore the payments of grants to counties (Total Funds: $1,020,001).)*	$537,420	$537,420
Increase funds to enhance the State Operation Center capabilities.	$125,340	$125,340
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,261,372	$36,772,410

27.8. Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

Total Funds	$1,430,522
Federal Funds and Grants	$31,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$31,000
State Funds	$1,399,522
State General Funds	$1,399,522

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,328,407	$1,359,407
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$48,867	$48,867
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,630	$2,630
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($57,908)	($57,908)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$19,248	$19,248
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$370	$370
Increase funds for operations.	$57,908	$57,908
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,399,522	$1,430,522

27.9. Office of the State Inspector General

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

Total Funds	$1,829,469
State Funds	$1,829,469
State General Funds	$1,829,469

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,547,478	$1,547,478
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$42,048	$42,048
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$6,711	$6,711
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,353)	($3,353)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$12,666	$12,666
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$30,171	$30,171
Reduce funds for information technology efficiencies.	($800)	($800)
Increase funds for fees, training, and additional ongoing expenses for the implementation of SB 59 (2023 Session).	$84,924	$84,924
Provide funds for one new investigator position.	$109,624	$109,624

Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,829,469	$1,829,469

27.10. Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

Total Funds	$9,549,120
Federal Funds and Grants	$818,430
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$753,430
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$65,000
State Funds	$8,730,690
State General Funds	$8,730,690

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$8,407,153	$9,225,583
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$239,028	$239,028
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$538	$538
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$24,600	$24,600
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,704	$2,704
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$50,638	$50,638
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$334	$334
Increase funds to expand teacher recruitment summit partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).	$5,695	$5,695
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,730,690	$9,549,120

27.11. Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

Total Funds	$5,964,736
State Funds	$5,964,736
State General Funds	$5,964,736

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$6,222,603	$6,222,603
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$71,008	$71,008
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$389	$389

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$9,849	$9,849
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,692)	($3,692)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$33,839	$33,839
Reduce funds to reflect current state agreements for erasure analysis.	($82,000)	($82,000)
Reduce funds to recognize reclassified positions.	($37,260)	($37,260)
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($250,000)	($250,000)
Increase funds for the Literacy Lab. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,964,736	$5,964,736

27.12. Special Project - Student Achievement, Governor's Office of

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB 211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

Total Funds	$1,005,034
State Funds	$1,005,034
State General Funds	$1,005,034

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$5,034	$5,034
Utilize existing funds ($500,000) to provide community grants in support of the Georgia Reads Community Partnership. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,005,034	$1,005,034

27.13. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

Total Funds	$1,661,290
State Funds	$1,661,290
State General Funds	$1,661,290

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,640,245	$1,640,245
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$19,799	$19,799
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$103	$103
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$1,143	$1,143

Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,661,290	$1,661,290

27.14. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,628,694
State Funds	$2,628,694
State General Funds	$2,628,694

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,566,946	$2,566,946
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$55,371	$55,371
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$658	$658
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$247	$247
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$5,472	$5,472
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,628,694	$2,628,694

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,235,996,585**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,180,648,298**
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$18,693,550
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$84,653,271
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$73,608,754
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$107,072,714
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$12,173,817
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$1,263,048
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$335,095,844
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$548,087,300
Other Funds	**$26,693,575**
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$23,293,575
State Funds	**$1,028,095,764**
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070
State General Funds	$1,026,525,375
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$558,948**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$558,948

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

28.1. Adoptions Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

Total Funds	$123,488,226
Federal Funds and Grants	$77,748,473
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$9,121,401
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$68,627,072
State Funds	$45,739,753
State General Funds	$45,739,753

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$46,569,051	$124,317,524
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$131,930	$131,930

Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.	($961,228)	($961,228)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,739,753	$123,488,226

28.2. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

Total Funds	$15,286,500
Federal Funds and Grants	$10,980,533
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,966,090
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,014,443
State Funds	$4,305,967
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070
State General Funds	$2,989,897

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,242,661	$14,223,194
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$32,695	$32,695
Increase funds to reflect FY 2023 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$30,611	$30,611
Increase funds for child advocacy centers to expand mental health services and forensic interviewing for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, exploitation, and trafficking.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,305,967	$15,286,500

28.3. Child Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

Total Funds	$127,207,190
Federal Funds and Grants	$89,275,285
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$89,275,285
Other Funds	$3,400,000
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
State Funds	$34,136,145
State General Funds	$34,136,145
Intra-State Government Transfers	$395,760
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$395,760

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$32,257,326	$125,328,371
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$609,249	$609,249
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$58,282	$58,282

Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for child support workers.	$1,100,194	$1,100,194
Increase funds for prosecution to support recruitment and retention needs.	$111,094	$111,094
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,136,145	$127,207,190

28.4. Child Welfare Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

Total Funds	$489,977,756
Federal Funds and Grants	$245,981,983
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$40,389,409
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$91,416
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$2,908,512
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$1,263,048
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$167,282,970
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,046,628
State Funds	$243,832,585
State General Funds	$243,832,585
Intra-State Government Transfers	$163,188
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$163,188

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$229,607,756	$474,252,927
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$5,248,228	$5,248,228
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$166,571	$166,571
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$13,151	$13,151
Increase funds for the full cost of two community action team pilot programs funded by HB 911 (2022 Session).	$214,146	$214,146
Transfer funds from Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention ($590,000) and increase funds ($828,935) for technology upgrades and improvements to the SHINES child welfare case management system to enhance efficiency.	$1,418,935	$1,418,935
Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for child protection and placement services caseworkers.	$4,663,798	$4,663,798
Increase funds to the court appointed special advocates (CASA) to enhance statewide capacity.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Increase funds for child advocacy centers to expand mental health services and forensic interviewing for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, exploitation, and trafficking. *(CC:Yes; Reflect in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to annualize wraparound services pilot.	$1,500,000	$3,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$243,832,585	$489,977,756

28.5. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

Total Funds	$18,161,659
Federal Funds and Grants	$18,161,659
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$18,161,659

28.6. Departmental Administration (DHS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$122,684,204
Federal Funds and Grants	$47,012,373
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$273,396
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$6,579,886
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$763,398
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$6,496,909
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$3,969,067
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$28,929,717
Other Funds	$13,580,052
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,580,052
State Funds	$62,091,779
State General Funds	$62,091,779

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$63,125,920	$130,179,151
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,789,637	$1,789,637
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$156,145	$156,145
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($23,445)	($23,445)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$282,708	$282,708
Reduce funds for rent to reflect savings from office space consolidation.	($2,636,268)	($2,636,268)
Transfer funds to Federal Eligibility Services to match program expenditures to program purpose.	($1,681,569)	($8,142,375)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.12% to 76.23%.	($9,349)	($9,349)
Increase funds for rent for a multi-service building in Coweta County.	$1,088,000	$1,088,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$62,091,779	$122,684,204

28.7. Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

Total Funds	$34,795,110

Federal Funds and Grants	$3,911,715
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$2,314,962
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,596,753
State Funds	$30,883,395
State General Funds	$30,883,395

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$28,407,238	$32,318,953
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$861,864	$861,864
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$24,966	$24,966
Transfer funds to Child Welfare Services to align budget with expenditures.	($590,000)	($590,000)
Increase funds for retention needs and three new ombudsman representatives.	$900,960	$900,960
Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for elder abuse investigations and protections caseworkers.	$1,278,367	$1,278,367
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,883,395	$34,795,110

28.8. Elder Community Living Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

Total Funds	$90,261,111
Federal Funds and Grants	$37,318,008
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$6,950,343
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$30,367,665
State Funds	$52,943,103
State General Funds	$52,943,103

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$52,117,304	$89,435,312
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$47,528	$47,528
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,271	$3,271
Increase funds $550,000 for non-Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).	$550,000	$550,000
Utilize $1,000,000 in existing funds for respite for older adults. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for Georgia Memory Net to extend brain health awareness campaign to younger audiences, specifically those aged 40 and above.	$225,000	$225,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$52,943,103	$90,261,111

28.9. Energy Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

Total Funds	$71,610,157
Federal Funds and Grants	$71,610,157
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$71,610,157

28.10. Federal Eligibility Benefit Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Total Funds	$409,586,503
Federal Funds and Grants	$250,563,858
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$258,495
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$5,807,841
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$1,235,199
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$99,147,424
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$14,988,311
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$129,126,588
State Funds	$159,022,645
State General Funds	$159,022,645

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$148,250,993	$392,354,045
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$5,434,395	$5,434,395
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$814,548	$814,548
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$200,339	$200,339
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$15,121	$15,121
Transfer funds from Departmental Administration to match program expenditures to program purpose.	$1,681,569	$8,142,375
Increase funds for labor and wage data verification services.	$2,061,147	$2,061,147
Increase funds for 23 county customer service staff to provide staff in every customer service center.	$630,057	$630,057
Reduce funds for a duplicative QR Codes contract.	($65,524)	($65,524)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$159,022,645	$409,586,503

28.11. Out-of-Home Care

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

Total Funds	$444,259,914
Federal Funds and Grants	$102,068,529
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$31,307,285
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$70,620,172
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$141,072
State Funds	$342,191,385
State General Funds	$342,191,385

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$334,231,136	$434,305,766
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.	($418,910)	($418,910)
Provide funds for a 3% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers.	$8,379,159	$10,373,058
Amount appropriated in this Act	$342,191,385	$444,259,914

28.12. Out-of-School Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

Total Funds	$17,500,000
Federal Funds and Grants	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$15,500,000
State Funds	$2,000,000
State General Funds	$2,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,660,000	$20,160,000
Eliminate funds for one-time funding to bridge the education gap.	($2,660,000)	($2,660,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,000,000	$17,500,000

28.13. Refugee Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

Total Funds	$5,035,754
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,035,754
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,035,754

28.14. Residential Child Care Licensing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

Total Funds	$3,137,970
Federal Funds and Grants	$568,850
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$568,850
State Funds	$2,569,120
State General Funds	$2,569,120

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,341,265	$2,910,115
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$92,617	$92,617

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$620	$620
Provide funds to establish an application and inspection process for Qualified Residential Treatment Programs.	$134,618	$134,618
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,569,120	$3,137,970

28.15. Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$36,523,008
Federal Funds and Grants	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$36,453,008
State Funds	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000

28.16. Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$20,597,565
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,497,565
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$14,194,825
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,302,740
State Funds	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

28.17. Council On Aging

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Total Funds	$376,625
State Funds	$376,625
State General Funds	$376,625

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$366,529	$366,529
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$12,096	$12,096
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($10,000)	($10,000)
Increase funds for operations.	$8,000	$8,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$376,625	$376,625

28.18. Family Connection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

Total Funds	$11,696,854
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$1,336,965
State Funds	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,763,639	$11,100,604
Provide funds to increase operational support and each county's allocation to $60,000. *(CC:Provide funds to increase operational support and each county's allocation to $56,250.)*	$596,250	$596,250
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,359,889	$11,696,854

28.19. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

Total Funds	$2,779,241
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,443,269
State Funds	$335,972
State General Funds	$335,972

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$326,141	$2,769,410
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$9,831	$9,831
Amount appropriated in this Act	$335,972	$2,779,241

28.20. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

Total Funds	$11,039,595
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,846,048
Other Funds	$284,597
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$284,597
State Funds	$2,908,950
State General Funds	$2,908,950

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,436,787	$10,567,432
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$244,500	$244,500
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$137,307	$137,307
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,441)	($6,441)
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$96,927	$96,927
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	($130)	($130)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,908,950	$11,039,595

28.21. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

Total Funds	$66,908,724
Federal Funds and Grants	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$66,908,724

28.22. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

Total Funds	$4,365,888
Other Funds	$4,365,888
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,365,888

28.23. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

Total Funds	$100,240,872
Federal Funds and Grants	$69,425,542
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$69,425,542
Other Funds	$5,063,038
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,063,038
State Funds	$25,752,292
State General Funds	$25,752,292

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$24,028,571	$98,517,151
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$737,941	$737,941
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$32,830	$32,830
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,322	$7,322

Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$34,342	$34,342
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	($291)	($291)
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$25,142	$25,142
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($403,150)	($403,150)
Reduce funds for rent to reflect savings from office space consolidation.	($189,902)	($189,902)
Reduce funds for telecommunications to reflect savings from leveraging technology.	($78,013)	($78,013)
Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.	$57,500	$57,500
Utilize existing funds to support services for blind and visually impaired Georgians. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for independent living services.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,752,292	$100,240,872

28.24. Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

Total Funds	$8,476,159
State Funds	$8,476,159
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319
State General Funds	$8,221,840

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,575,199	$3,575,199
Increase funds for the full cost of the Gwinnett Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center funded by HB 19 (2023 Session).	$4,746,840	$4,746,840
Increase funds to reflect FY 2023 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209.	$54,120	$54,120
Increase funds for a psychiatric nurse to support youth survivors of exploitation and trafficking.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,476,159	$8,476,159

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

Total Funds	**$243,417,883**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$853,494**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$853,494
Other Funds	**$9,201,333**
Agency Funds	$9,151,733
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$49,600
State Funds	**$232,821,762**
State General Funds	$232,821,762
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$541,294**

Other Intra-State Government Payments	$541,294

29.1. Departmental Administration (COI)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

Total Funds	$2,720,123
Other Funds	$109,600
Agency Funds	$60,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$49,600
State Funds	$2,610,523
State General Funds	$2,610,523

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,467,503	$2,577,103
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$102,936	$102,936
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$10,183	$10,183
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,352	$5,352
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$23,968	$23,968
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$581	$581
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,610,523	$2,720,123

29.2. Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

Total Funds	$587,866
State Funds	$587,866
State General Funds	$587,866

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$665,945	$665,945
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$21,745	$21,745
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,060	$1,060
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,508	$2,508
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$6,318	$6,318
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$187	$187
Transfer funds to Fire Safety for positions and associated costs.	($109,897)	($109,897)

Amount appropriated in this Act	$587,866	$587,866

29.3. Fire Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

Total Funds	$16,273,495
Federal Funds and Grants	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$853,494
Other Funds	$3,313,725
Agency Funds	$3,313,725
State Funds	$12,106,276
State General Funds	$12,106,276

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$10,323,775	$14,490,994
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$322,072	$322,072
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$4,431	$4,431
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$27,432	$27,432
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$85,960	$85,960
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$2,083	$2,083
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$50,284	$50,284
Transfer funds from Enforcement ($109,897) and Insurance Regulation ($852,586) to annualize nine positions and associated costs.	$962,483	$962,483
Transfer funds from Insurance Regulation for three additional inspectors and associated costs.	$249,930	$249,930
Transfer funds from Insurance Regulation for the one-time cost of three vehicles and equipment.	$77,826	$77,826
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,106,276	$16,273,495

29.4. Insurance Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

Total Funds	$9,962,285
Other Funds	$5,778,008
Agency Funds	$5,778,008
State Funds	$4,184,277

State General Funds $4,184,277

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,143,065	$10,921,073
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$133,681	$133,681
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$5,588	$5,588
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$19,812	$19,812
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$60,851	$60,851
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,622	$1,622
Transfer funds to Fire Safety for positions, vehicles, and associated costs.	($1,180,342)	($1,180,342)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,184,277	$9,962,285

29.5. Reinsurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

Total Funds $205,884,326

State Funds $205,884,326

State General Funds $205,884,326

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$185,859,157	$185,859,157
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$25,169	$25,169
Increase funds for the state reinsurance program.	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$205,884,326	$205,884,326

29.6. Special Fraud

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

Total Funds $7,989,788

State Funds $7,448,494

State General Funds $7,448,494

Intra-State Government Transfers $541,294

Other Intra-State Government Payments $541,294

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,129,010	$7,670,304
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$129,646	$129,646
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to	$108	$108

20.78%.		
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,581	$1,581
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$17,504	$17,504
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$38,758	$38,758
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,148	$1,148
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$130,739	$130,739
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,448,494	$7,989,788

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

Total Funds	**$329,176,371**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$44,400,504**
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$719,814
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$43,680,690
Other Funds	**$34,323,759**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$34,323,759
State Funds	**$250,452,108**
State General Funds	$250,452,108

30.1. Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Total Funds	$10,859,259
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,600
Other Funds	$353,303
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$353,303
State Funds	$10,493,356
State General Funds	$10,493,356

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$10,271,861	$10,637,764
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$174,881	$174,881
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$46,427	$46,427
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($403)	($403)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$590	$590
Reflect and utilize $1,100,000 from FY 2023 to continue facility security upgrades. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0

Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,493,356	$10,859,259

30.2. Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Total Funds	$19,088,856
Other Funds	$11,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,500,000
State Funds	$7,588,856
State General Funds	$7,588,856

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,350,878	$18,850,878
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$235,680	$235,680
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,003	$1,003
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,295	$1,295
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,588,856	$19,088,856

30.3. Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Total Funds	$68,838,576
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,302,180
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,302,180
Other Funds	$5,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,856
State Funds	$66,530,540
State General Funds	$66,530,540

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$57,173,683	$59,481,719
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,438,172	$1,438,172
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$253,103	$253,103
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department	($57,285)	($57,285)

of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.		
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$4,318	$4,318
Increase funds to annualize 21 crime lab positions.	$1,734,600	$1,734,600
Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding associated with new positions funded in FY 2024.	($269,206)	($269,206)
Provide funds to restore service contracts for crime lab instrumentation.	$1,536,237	$1,536,237
Increase funds for six death investigation specialists, one forensic photographer, one quality manager, one business support analyst supervisor, and one business support analyst in the Medical Examiner's Office to address increased workload.	$1,334,031	$1,334,031
Increase funds to provide locality pay to three medical examiners for the Pooler office to increase recruitment.	$251,421	$251,421
Increase funds to provide targeted retention initiatives for 229 crime lab scientists.	$1,151,508	$1,151,508
Increase funds to provide targeted retention initiatives for lab technicians and evidence receiving technicians.	$1,019,764	$1,019,764
Transfer funds from the Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project program to enhance GBI's ability to hire additional medical examiners.	$960,194	$960,194
Amount appropriated in this Act	$66,530,540	$68,838,576

30.4. Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund a Medical Examiner office in Macon and increase funds for three medical examiners, one administrative assistant, 11 death investigator specialists (DIS), and one DIS supervisor in the Macon Medical Examiner's Office to address increased workload.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$960,194	$960,194
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000. *(CC:Yes; Transfer funds to the Forensic Scientific Services program.)*	$0	$0
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority. *(CC:Yes; Transfer funds to the Forensic Scientific Services program.)*	$0	$0
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs. *(CC:Yes; Transfer funds to the Forensic Scientific Services program.)*	$0	$0
Transfer program funds to the Forensic Scientific Services program to enhance GBI's ability to hire additional medical examiners. *(CC:Transfer funds from the Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project program to the Forensic Scientific Services program to enhance GBI's ability to hire additional medical examiners. Per HB 911 (2022 Session), funds were appropriated for the purpose of the Macon Medical Examiner's Office. When space becomes constructed to resume local operations in medical examinations, the Georgia General Assembly expects the funds to be reallocated to this location.)*	($960,194)	($960,194)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

30.5. Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Total Funds	$81,479,947
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,812,153
Other Funds	$1,724,650
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,724,650
State Funds	$77,943,144
State General Funds	$77,943,144

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$69,527,461	$73,064,264
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,825,859	$1,825,859
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$221,784	$221,784
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($81,189)	($81,189)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$5,328	$5,328
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$1,553,782	$1,553,782
Increase funds to add two criminal intelligence analysts positions to support the Criminal Street Gang Database. *(CC:Increase funds to add two criminal intelligence analysts and operating expenses to support the Criminal Street Gang Database.)*	$307,746	$307,746
Transfer funds from Department of Public Safety to Georgia Bureau of Investigation for two watchdesk analyst positions.	$167,352	$167,352
Increase funds for nine special agents, two digital forensic investigators, two criminal intelligence analysts, and one office manager and associated cost for the GBI Gang Task Force in Columbus to combat crime.	$4,865,094	$4,865,094
Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding associated with new positions funded in FY 2024.	($1,892,982)	($1,892,982)
Increase funds for on-going case management system.	$200,000	$200,000
Increase funds for investigative tools for the cold case unit.	$155,000	$155,000
Provide funds for targeted retention initiatives for 21 digital forensic investigators, six financial forensic auditors, and 34 criminal intelligence analysts.	$406,938	$406,938
Increase funds for local law enforcement partnerships to combat crime and gang activity.	$680,971	$680,971
Amount appropriated in this Act	$77,943,144	$81,479,947

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

30.6. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Total Funds	$76,636,962
Federal Funds and Grants	$40,273,571
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$719,814
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$39,553,757
Other Funds	$20,739,950
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,739,950
State Funds	$15,623,441
State General Funds	$15,623,441

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$17,572,734	$78,586,255
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$503,746	$503,746
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$6,406	$6,406
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,216)	($10,216)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$2,851	$2,851
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($4,725,230)	($4,725,230)
Transfer funds from Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for School Resource Officer and De-escalation training.	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)
Utilize existing funds ($95,161) for one budget and financial support position. (Total Funds: $95,161) *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds to maintain current grant operations. (Total Funds: $993,046) *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to restore seven grant specialist positions and one budget analyst position.	$749,443	$749,443
Provide funds for personal services and operating expenses to promote the stability of the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund.	$2,773,707	$2,773,707
Develop and report back to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by September 1, 2024 on a grant program to incentivize the consolidation of resources for policing in communities of less than 50,000 people. *(CC:Yes; Develop and report back to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by August 1, 2024 on a grant program to incentivize the consolidation of resources for policing in communities of less than 50,000 people.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,623,441	$76,636,962

30.7. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$37,300,125
State Funds	$37,300,125
State General Funds	$37,300,125

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$35,903,076	$35,903,076
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$27,969	$27,969
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$87	$87
Increase funds for existing accountability courts to support population growth.	$964,892	$964,892
Increase funds to add one DUI court and one mental health court. *(CC:Increase funds to add one DUI court and one Mental Health court.)*	$291,901	$291,901
Increase funds for one administrative coordinator position.	$112,200	$112,200
Provide funds for Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) training and MRT trauma training. *(CC:Yes; Consider using $343,687 of the $111,430,810 in opioid settlement funds for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT).)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,300,125	$37,300,125

30.8. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Total Funds	$34,972,646
State Funds	$34,972,646
State General Funds	$34,972,646

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$15,924,846	$15,924,846
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$77	$77
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($1,004,800)	($1,004,800)
Utilize existing funds ($258,098) for three grant specialist positions. (Total Funds: $258,098) *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for domestic violence shelters for administrative personnel and facility costs related to compliance with state standards. *(CC:Increase funds for domestic violence shelters for administrative personnel and facility costs related to compliance with state standards; funds will not be allotted until the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council develops not-to-exceed pay scales and not-to-exceed expenditures for facilities.)*	$12,704,161	$12,704,161
Increase funds for sexual assault centers for administrative personnel and facility costs related to compliance with state standards. *(CC:Increase funds for sexual assault centers for administrative personnel and facility costs related to compliance with state standards; funds will not be allotted until the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council develops not-to-exceed pay scales and not-to-exceed expenditures for facilities.)*	$2,073,345	$2,073,345
Provide funds for sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinators and	$4,379,232	$4,379,232

improve access to SANE resources for sexual assault centers.		
Increase funds for six sexual assault centers ($325,740) and 21 satellite sexual assault centers ($570,045).	$895,785	$895,785
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,972,646	$34,972,646

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

Total Funds	**$394,905,889**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$6,586,702**
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$600,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,986,702
Other Funds	**$255,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$255,000
State Funds	**$388,064,187**
State General Funds	$388,064,187

31.1. Community Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

Total Funds	$105,845,877
Federal Funds and Grants	$600,000
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$600,000
Other Funds	$255,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$255,000
State Funds	$104,990,877
State General Funds	$104,990,877

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$103,323,507	$104,178,507
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$2,101,954	$2,101,954
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$273,003	$273,003
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($183,526)	($183,526)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$4,715	$4,715
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$435,693	$435,693
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries	$20,974	$20,974

for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500.		
Reduce funds to reflect regular operating and contract efficiencies.	($1,544,403)	($1,544,403)
Increase funds for a 3% provider rate increase to Child Caring Institutions.	$558,960	$558,960
Amount appropriated in this Act	$104,990,877	$105,845,877

31.2. Departmental Administration (DJJ)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

Total Funds	$28,578,262
State Funds	$28,578,262
State General Funds	$28,578,262

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$27,425,062	$27,425,062
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$699,547	$699,547
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$358,036	$358,036
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($53,498)	($53,498)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,582	$1,582
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$144,815	$144,815
Provide funds for the ongoing costs of a new electronic audit tool.	$55,000	$55,000
Reduce funds to reflect regular operating and contract efficiencies.	($62,974)	($62,974)
Increase funds to provide a new benchmark for juvenile correctional officers (JCO1) at $40,040 to create parity with correctional officers.	$10,692	$10,692
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,578,262	$28,578,262

31.3. Secure Commitment (YDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

Total Funds	$101,388,703
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,848,345
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,848,345
State Funds	$98,540,358
State General Funds	$98,540,358

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$89,652,127	$92,500,472
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$2,025,950	$2,025,950
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase	$36,157	$36,157

in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.		
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$117,143	$117,143
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($225,233)	($225,233)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$5,950	$5,950
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$1,091,165	$1,091,165
Provide funds for the ongoing costs associated with a new pilot electronic grievance system in one Department of Juvenile Justice Secure Commitment (YDC) facility and one Secure Detention (RYDC) facility. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.	$50,689	$50,689
Provide funds for the creation of new mobile labs at three Secure Commitment (YDC) facilities through the Technical College System of Georgia.	$600,000	$600,000
Provide funds for new body cameras.	$148,282	$148,282
Provide funds for capital maintenance and repairs.	$4,804,408	$4,804,408
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500.	$243,296	$243,296
Provide funds for a mandatory teacher step increase.	$37,440	$37,440
Reduce funds to reflect regular operating and contract efficiencies.	($392,100)	($392,100)
Increase funds to provide a new benchmark for juvenile correctional officers (JCO1) at $40,040 to create parity with correctional officers. *(CC:Increase funds to provide a new salary benchmark for juvenile correctional officers (JCO1) at $40,040 to create parity with correctional officers and utilize personal services from vacancies to maintain benchmark with new hires.)*	$345,084	$345,084
Amount appropriated in this Act	$98,540,358	$101,388,703

31.4. Secure Detention (RYDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

Total Funds	$159,093,047
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,138,357
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,138,357
State Funds	$155,954,690
State General Funds	$155,954,690

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$140,322,880	$143,461,237
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$2,963,099	$2,963,099
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to	$51,997	$51,997

20.78%.		
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$291,767	$291,767
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($352,976)	($352,976)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$9,091	$9,091
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$2,725,404	$2,725,404
Provide funds for new body cameras.	$427,346	$427,346
Provide funds for the ongoing costs associated with a new pilot electronic grievance system in one Department of Juvenile Justice Secure Commitment (YDC) facility and one Secure Detention (RYDC) facility. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.	$74,100	$74,100
Provide funds for capital maintenance and repairs.	$9,808,818	$9,808,818
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500.	$331,385	$331,385
Provide funds for a mandatory teacher step increase.	$79,560	$79,560
Reduce funds to reflect regular operating and contract efficiencies.	($1,607,759)	($1,607,759)
Increase funds to provide a new benchmark for juvenile correctional officers (JCO1) at $40,040 to create parity with correctional officers. *(CC:Increase funds to provide a new salary benchmark for juvenile correctional officers (JCO1) at $40,040 to create parity with correctional officers and utilize personal services from vacancies to maintain benchmark with new hires.)*	$829,978	$829,978
Amount appropriated in this Act	$155,954,690	$159,093,047

Section 32: Labor, Department of

Total Funds	**$54,060,312**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$41,189,283**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$41,189,283
Other Funds	**$4,292,769**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,292,769
State Funds	**$8,578,260**
State General Funds	$8,578,260

32.1. Departmental Administration (DOL)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

Total Funds	$20,014,994
Federal Funds and Grants	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$14,314,069
Other Funds	$3,957,769
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,957,769
State Funds	$1,743,156
State General Funds	$1,743,156

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,787,850	$20,059,688
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$5,306	$5,306
Transfer funds to Unemployment Insurance to align budget with expenditures.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,743,156	$20,014,994

32.2. Labor Market Information

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

Total Funds	$1,383,448
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,383,448

32.3. Unemployment Insurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

Total Funds	$32,661,870
Federal Funds and Grants	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,491,766
Other Funds	$335,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$335,000
State Funds	$6,835,104
State General Funds	$6,835,104

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$6,347,204	$32,173,970
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$29,695	$29,695
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,270)	($1,270)
Utilize existing funds ($1,950,000) and transfer funds from Departmental Administration ($50,000) and the Technical College System of Georgia ($409,475) to address appeals hearing case backlog and improve customer service. (Total Funds: $2,409,475)	$459,475	$459,475
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,835,104	$32,661,870

Section 33: Law, Department of

Total Funds **$129,617,039**

Federal Funds and Grants	**$3,633,332**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
Other Funds	**$80,048,040**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,048,040
State Funds	**$45,935,667**
State General Funds	$45,935,667

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

33.1. Department of Law

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the State of Georgia is involved.

Total Funds	$124,299,299
Other Funds	$80,048,040
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,048,040
State Funds	$44,251,259
State General Funds	$44,251,259

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$38,870,673	$118,918,713
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,187,433	$1,187,433
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$6,997	$6,997
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$116,191	$116,191
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$465,213	$465,213
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$3,225	$3,225
Increase funds for the second phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions.	$1,594,143	$1,594,143
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for 11 positions for the Organized Retail Crime and Cyber Prosecution Unit.	$1,417,466	$1,417,466
Increase funds to expand the Gang Prosecution Unit to Columbus, Macon, and Savannah regions. *(CC:Increase funds to expand the Gang Prosecution Unit to Columbus, Macon, and Middle Judicial Circuit.)*	$822,411	$822,411
Transfer funds and two associated paralegal positions from the Environmental Protection Division to the Department of Law to align program budgets with operations.	$172,290	$172,290
Reduce funds to reflect IT efficiencies.	($404,783)	($404,783)

Amount appropriated in this Act	$44,251,259	$124,299,299

33.2. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

Total Funds	$5,317,740
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
State Funds	$1,684,408
State General Funds	$1,684,408

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,607,601	$5,240,933
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$46,077	$46,077
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,134	$5,134
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$11,073	$11,073
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$569	$569
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing funds ($16,867) and increase funds ($13,954) for the second phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions. (Total Funds: $30,821)	$13,954	$13,954
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,684,408	$5,317,740

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

Total Funds	**$355,431,135**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$70,726,663**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,726,663
Other Funds	**$96,515,632**
Agency Funds	$22,957,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$73,557,797
State Funds	**$188,188,840**
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886
State General Funds	$163,865,387
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most

critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

34.1. Coastal Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

Total Funds	$12,527,969
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,096,144
Other Funds	$107,925
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$107,925
State Funds	$7,323,900
State General Funds	$7,323,900

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,244,471	$8,448,540
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$91,557	$91,557
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$18,333	$18,333
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$971	$971
Reduce funds to reflect savings from eliminating landline phones.	($31,432)	($31,432)
Increase funds for one-time funding for Tybee Island beach restoration.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,323,900	$12,527,969

34.2. Departmental Administration (DNR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$13,809,444
State Funds	$13,809,444
State General Funds	$13,809,444

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$13,281,136	$13,281,136
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$280,013	$280,013
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for	$57,650	$57,650

the Georgia Technology Authority.		
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$17,204	$17,204
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$171,737	$171,737
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,704	$1,704
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,809,444	$13,809,444

34.3. Environmental Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

Total Funds	$120,437,773
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,694,911
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,694,911
Other Funds	$55,523,856
Agency Funds	$22,957,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,566,021
State Funds	$35,219,006
State General Funds	$35,219,006

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$33,958,338	$119,177,105
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$641,795	$641,795
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$168,017	$168,017
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$188,339	$188,339
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$68,851	$68,851
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$5,282	$5,282
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$10,057	$10,057

Transfer funds and two associated paralegal positions from the Environmental Protection Division to the Department of Law to align program budgets with operations.	($172,290)	($172,290)
Increase funds for five additional positions to assist with agricultural water withdrawal permitting activities.	$350,617	$350,617
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,219,006	$120,437,773

34.4. Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

Total Funds	$30,138,943
State Funds	$30,138,943
State General Funds	$30,138,943

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$30,354,259	$30,354,259
Reduce funds for grants and benefits pursuant to HB 332 and HR 238 (2018 Session) to reflect FY 2023 collections.	($215,316)	($215,316)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,138,943	$30,138,943

34.5. Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

Total Funds	$14,679,767
State Funds	$14,679,767
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$17,493,568	$17,493,568
Reduce funds for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of Solid Waste Tipping Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	($2,813,801)	($2,813,801)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,679,767	$14,679,767

34.6. Law Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

Total Funds	$37,072,344
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,751,293
Other Funds	$3,657
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,657
State Funds	$34,317,394
State General Funds	$34,317,394

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$31,524,784	$34,279,734
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,030,503	$1,030,503
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$50,449	$50,449
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$4,286	$4,286
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$1,080,254	$1,080,254
Increase funds for six additional game warden positions.	$577,118	$577,118
Increase funds for removal of unattended vessels pursuant to passage of HB 957 (2024 Session).	$50,000	$50,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,317,394	$37,072,344

34.7. Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

Total Funds	$55,802,550
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,204,029
Other Funds	$32,391,791
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,391,791
State Funds	$20,206,730
State General Funds	$20,206,730

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$15,305,955	$50,901,775
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$486,779	$486,779
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$2,537	$2,537
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,837)	($1,837)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$5,296	$5,296
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($55,000)	($55,000)
Provide funds for part-time staff pay adjustments to address recruitment and retention.	$458,000	$458,000

Provide funds for travel expenses and per diem for members of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Advisory Committee.	$5,000	$5,000
Increase funds for outdoor recreation.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$20,206,730	$55,802,550

34.8. Solid Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

Total Funds	$7,866,886
State Funds	$7,866,886
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,666,636	$7,666,636
Increase funds for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of Scrap Tire Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$200,250	$200,250
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,866,886	$7,866,886

34.9. Wildlife Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

Total Funds	$63,095,459
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,980,286
Other Funds	$8,488,403
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,488,403
State Funds	$24,626,770
State General Funds	$22,849,970
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$23,691,579	$62,160,268
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$705,262	$705,262
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$73,663	$73,663
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,621)	($1,621)

Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$4,374	$4,374
Increase funds for a training coordinator position in the Wildlife Resources Division to standardize division training. *(CC:Yes; Utilize existing funds for a training coordinator position in the Wildlife Resources Division to standardize division training.)*	$0	$0
Replace state general funds with federal funds for two program manager positions.	($118,157)	($118,157)
Reduce funds to reflect efficiencies from consolidating hunting and fishing regulations.	($101,725)	($101,725)
Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of Lifetime Sportsman's License revenues pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$73,395	$73,395
Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($298,210) for fish hatchery renovations for the conservation and management of fisheries resources. *(CC:Yes; Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($298,210) for fish hatchery renovations for the conservation and management of fisheries resources.)*	$0	$0
Utilize existing Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds ($259,307) to expand access to the Deer Management Assistance Program for the conservation and management of wildlife resources. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for personal services related to fish hatcheries for the conservation and management of fisheries resources. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to expand access to the Deer Management Assistance Program for conservation and management of wildlife resources. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for processing of venison donations.	$300,000	$300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,626,770	$63,095,459

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

Total Funds	**$21,293,305**
State Funds	**$21,293,305**
State General Funds	$21,293,305

35.1. Board Administration (SBPP)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$2,407,857
State Funds	$2,407,857
State General Funds	$2,407,857

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,352,443	$2,352,443
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$51,714	$51,714
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$550	$550
Increase funds for training software.	$3,150	$3,150
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0

Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,407,857	$2,407,857

35.2. Clemency Decisions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

Total Funds $18,282,969

State Funds $18,282,969

State General Funds $18,282,969

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$16,793,391	$16,793,391
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$530,859	$530,859
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$13,418	$13,418
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$203,497	$203,497
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,160	$1,160
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$256,456	$256,456
Increase funds for three criminal investigator positions and one hearing examiner position.	$425,865	$425,865
Increase funds for one Georgia Crime Information Center terminal operator position.	$58,323	$58,323
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,282,969	$18,282,969

35.3. Victim Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

Total Funds $602,479

State Funds $602,479

State General Funds $602,479

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$582,334	$582,334
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$20,145	$20,145
Amount appropriated in this Act	$602,479	$602,479

Section 36: State Properties Commission

Total Funds	**$2,400,000**
Other Funds	**$2,400,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,400,000

36.1. State Properties Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

Total Funds	$2,400,000
Other Funds	$2,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,400,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

36.2. Payments to Georgia Building Authority

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Recognize an increase in rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses. (Total Funds: $10,526,820) *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

Total Funds	**$116,038,239**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$170,762**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,762
Other Funds	**$33,340,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$33,340,000
State Funds	**$82,527,477**
State General Funds	$82,527,477

37.1. Public Defender Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

Total Funds	$11,284,841
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,000
Other Funds	$1,840,000

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,840,000
State Funds	$9,439,841
State General Funds	$9,439,841

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,151,686	$10,996,686
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$257,958	$257,958
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$13,619	$13,619
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$210,928	$210,928
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds to reflect savings from the consolidation of positions.	($194,350)	($194,350)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,439,841	$11,284,841

37.2. Public Defenders

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

Total Funds	$104,753,398
Federal Funds and Grants	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$165,762
Other Funds	$31,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$31,500,000
State Funds	$73,087,636
State General Funds	$73,087,636

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$69,913,653	$101,579,415
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,794,791	$1,794,791
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$948	$948
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($30,576)	($30,576)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$12,163	$12,163
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for the equalization of Circuit Public Defender salaries to District Attorney salaries per O.C.G.A. 17-12-25.1. et seq. *(CC:No; Funding for this request was included in FY 2023 and FY 2024 budgets,*	$0	$0

additional funds to equalize these positions is already reflected in this budget.)		
Annualize three assistant public defender positions in Atlantic, Coweta, and Dougherty Judicial Circuits.	$365,243	$365,243
Increase funds for three additional assistant public defender positions for new judgeships in Douglas, Houston, and Tifton Judicial Circuits starting January 1, 2025.	$211,169	$211,169
Provide funds for one public defender for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB 424 (2024 Session).	$54,220	$54,220
Increase funds for seven attorney positions at the Atlanta Judicial Circuit.	$431,795	$431,795
Increase funds for Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit contract.	$204,936	$204,936
Increase funds for the creation of an Alternate Defender Office in Brunswick to address high conflict case demand. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for rent for alternate public defender regional offices.	$129,294	$129,294
Collaborate with the Prosecuting Attorneys to establish and maintain a unified pay scale between assistant district attorneys and public defenders and report findings to House and Senate Appropriations Committees by July 1, 2024. *(CC:No; The State Commission on Compensation, per O.C.G.A. 45-7-90 et seq., shall convene, research and provide recommendations on salary plans for the job titles of assistant district attorneys and assistant public defenders. The Commission shall report final recommendations by August 1, 2024.)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds for four public defenders and operations from the Coweta Judicial Circuit to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit per SB 424 (2024 Session). *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$73,087,636	$104,753,398

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

Total Funds	**$835,295,175**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$392,631,491**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$16,862,765
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$3,126,552
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$352,300,780
Other Funds	**$10,776,819**
Agency Funds	$561,134
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,215,685
State Funds	**$431,886,865**
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188
State General Funds	$399,946,410
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,327
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940

38.1. Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

Total Funds	$57,263,391
Federal Funds and Grants	$31,798,036
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,224,903
Other Funds	$695,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$695,000
State Funds	$24,770,355
State General Funds	$17,873,781
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$22,945,574	$55,438,610
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$109,811	$109,811
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$10,448	$10,448
Provide funds to expand the visiting hematologist program.	$908,522	$908,522
Increase funds for outreach and breast cancer screening services.	$796,000	$796,000
Utilize $350,000 in existing funds for feminine hygiene products for low-income clients at community organizations. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,770,355	$57,263,391

38.2. Adult Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

Total Funds	$7,661,199
Federal Funds and Grants	$945,342
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$945,342
State Funds	$6,715,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,715,857

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$6,689,810	$7,635,152
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$24,601	$24,601
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,446	$1,446
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,715,857	$7,661,199

38.3. Departmental Administration (DPH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$38,619,150
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,664,750

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$646,125
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,018,625
Other Funds	$1,750,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,750,000
State Funds	$32,204,400
State General Funds	$32,072,605
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$29,263,628	$35,678,378
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$924,578	$924,578
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$38,883	$38,883
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,046,670	$1,046,670
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$52,571	$52,571
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$479,724	$479,724
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	($6,295)	($6,295)
Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.	$80,873	$80,873
Restore funds for the Clayton County district health director position.	$323,768	$323,768
Amount appropriated in this Act	$32,204,400	$38,619,150

38.4. Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

Total Funds	$42,035,819
Federal Funds and Grants	$32,213,086
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$623,949
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$31,589,137
Other Funds	$435,983
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$435,983
State Funds	$9,386,750
State General Funds	$9,386,750

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,459,048	$40,108,117
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$176,543	$176,543
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	($150)	($150)
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for	$9,875	$9,875

the Georgia Technology Authority.		
Provide funds for personnel, rent, and operating costs for the multi-agency receipt, stage, and storage warehouse facility for emergency preparedness.	$1,741,434	$1,741,434
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,386,750	$42,035,819

38.5. Epidemiology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

Total Funds	$17,622,296
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,259,338
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$9,259,338
State Funds	$8,362,958
State General Funds	$8,242,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,326,337	$16,585,675
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$102,328	$102,328
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$824	$824
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$36,257	$36,257
Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.	$1,684	$1,684
Increase funds for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances.	$765,528	$765,528
Provide funds for the Georgia Poison Center.	$130,000	$130,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,362,958	$17,622,296

38.6. Immunization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

Total Funds	$18,124,495
Federal Funds and Grants	$10,975,391
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$10,975,391
Other Funds	$4,649,702
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,649,702
State Funds	$2,499,402
State General Funds	$2,499,402

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,459,847	$18,084,940
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$27,396	$27,396

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$12,159	$12,159
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,499,402	$18,124,495

38.7. Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

Total Funds	$60,388,729
Federal Funds and Grants	$30,967,419
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$8,614,470
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$509,106
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$21,843,843
Other Funds	$85,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$85,000
State Funds	$29,336,310
State General Funds	$29,336,310

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$27,465,227	$58,517,646
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$37,721	$37,721
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$3,501	$3,501
Utilize existing funds ($685,903) and increase funds to expand the pilot to provide home visiting in at-risk and underserved rural communities during pregnancy and early childhood to improve birth outcomes, reduce preterm deliveries, and decrease infant and maternal mortality. (Total Funds: $1,000,000) *(CC:Utilize existing funds ($685,903) and increase funds to expand the pilot to provide home visiting in at-risk and underserved rural communities during pregnancy and early childhood to improve birth outcomes, reduce preterm deliveries, and decrease infant and maternal mortality. (Total Funds: $1,752,000))*	$1,066,097	$1,066,097
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.89% to 66.04%.	($12,232)	($12,232)
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers in the Babies Can't Wait program.	$775,996	$775,996
Utilize existing funds ($118,939) for one epidemiologist position for surveillance and data analysis for the Low THC Oil Registry program. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,336,310	$60,388,729

38.8. Infant and Child Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

Total Funds	$232,696,544
Federal Funds and Grants	$216,117,023
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$7,392,607

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$625,445
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$208,098,971
State Funds	$16,579,521
State General Funds	$16,579,521

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$15,496,541	$231,613,564
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$90,425	$90,425
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$13,916	$13,916
Increase funds for newborn screening to include two additional disorders that have been approved by the Georgia Newborn Screening Advisory Committee.	$978,639	$978,639
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,579,521	$232,696,544

38.9. Infectious Disease Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

Total Funds	$100,517,806
Federal Funds and Grants	$54,622,682
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$54,622,682
State Funds	$45,895,124
State General Funds	$45,895,124

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$45,305,157	$99,927,839
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$380,532	$380,532
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$58,824	$58,824
Provide funds for one congenital syphilis and HIV case manager position to link cases identified during pregnancy and delivery to testing and treatment resources.	$150,611	$150,611
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,895,124	$100,517,806

38.10. Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

Total Funds	$10,715,842
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,068,424
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$400,534
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$667,890
Other Funds	$561,134

Agency Funds	$561,134
State Funds	$9,086,284
State General Funds	$9,086,284

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,138,976	$10,768,534
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$173,512	$173,512
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$8,870	$8,870
Eliminate one-time funds for lead inspection start-up costs and testing machines.	($235,074)	($235,074)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,086,284	$10,715,842

38.11. Public Health Formula Grants to Counties

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

Total Funds	$212,126,713
Other Funds	$1,800,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,800,000
State Funds	$210,326,713
State General Funds	$210,326,713

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$197,519,328	$199,319,328
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$12,874,359	$12,874,359
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$287,409	$287,409
Reduce funds for telehealth equipment.	($354,383)	($354,383)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$210,326,713	$212,126,713

38.12. Vital Records

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

Total Funds	$5,878,899
Other Funds	$800,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$800,000
State Funds	$5,078,899
State General Funds	$5,078,899

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,877,699	$5,677,699
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$129,979	$129,979

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$198	$198
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$71,023	$71,023
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,078,899	$5,878,899

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

38.13. Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

Total Funds	$1,848,188
State Funds	$1,848,188
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,913,773	$1,913,773
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2023 collections of fines relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-150.	($65,585)	($65,585)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,848,188	$1,848,188

38.14. Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

Total Funds	$29,796,104
State Funds	$29,796,104
State General Funds	$13,568,164
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$22,144,775	$22,144,775
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$21,556	$21,556
Increase funds for Trauma Care Network Trust Funds to reflect FY 2023 Super Speeder Collections pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$1,139,434	$1,139,434
Increase funds to reflect FY 2023 drivers license reinstatement fee collections.	$432,068	$432,068
Provide funds to initiate a multi-year plan to stabilize the trauma network. *(CC:Increase funds to initiate a multi-year plan to stabilize the trauma network and recognize return on investment of $22.60 per dollar invested.)*	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

Increase funds pursuant to passage of SB 515 (2024 Session).	$2,058,271	$2,058,271
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,796,104	$29,796,104

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Total Funds	**$315,394,838**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$34,695,566**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,695,566
Other Funds	**$13,093,402**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,093,402
State Funds	**$254,827,024**
State General Funds	$254,827,024
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$12,778,846**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$12,778,846

39.1. Aviation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

Total Funds	$5,121,513
State Funds	$5,121,513
State General Funds	$5,121,513

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,743,331	$4,743,331
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$101,458	$101,458
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$18,265	$18,265
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$37,781	$37,781
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$256	$256
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$85,483	$85,483
Increase funds to provide aviation pilot in-grade promotions.	$39,668	$39,668
Increase funds for aircraft fuel for local assistance requests.	$95,271	$95,271
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,121,513	$5,121,513

39.2. Capitol Police Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

Total Funds	$9,612,660

Intra-State Government Transfers	$9,612,660
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$9,612,660

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,207,583	$9,612,660
Replace $1,207,583 in state general funds with GBA rental payments.	($1,207,583)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$9,612,660

39.3. Departmental Administration (DPS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

Total Funds	$10,585,187
Other Funds	$3,510
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,510
State Funds	$10,581,677
State General Funds	$10,581,677

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,877,495	$9,881,005
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$308,414	$308,414
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$53,098	$53,098
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$60,583	$60,583
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$927	$927
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$20,114	$20,114
Increase funds for one additional IT Help Desk position.	$80,097	$80,097
Increase funds to offset crash report costs.	$125,000	$125,000
Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services ($33,902), Motor Carrier Compliance ($19,032), and Office of Public Safety Officer Support ($3,015) programs to the Departmental Administration program for agency copier and associated expenses. (Total Funds: $55,949)	$55,949	$55,949
Working in conjunction with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, revise training programs for trooper and motor carrier compliance officers to promote efficiencies in course offerings and the frequency of schools to increase the number of new public safety officers trained annually. Provide a status update on implementation to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by August 1, 2024. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,581,677	$10,585,187

39.4. Field Offices and Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction

Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

Total Funds	$164,803,505
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,494,501
Other Funds	$673,900
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$673,900
State Funds	$161,259,318
State General Funds	$161,259,318
Intra-State Government Transfers	$375,786
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$375,786

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$151,709,975	$155,254,162
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$4,275,670	$4,275,670
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$521,219	$521,219
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,076,819	$1,076,819
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$11,035	$11,035
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$3,937,253	$3,937,253
Increase funds for personal service expense to reflect previously vacant law enforcement officer positions.	$453,600	$453,600
Increase funds to implement dispatcher career path promotions.	$1,132,501	$1,132,501
Increase funds for aircraft fuel for local assistance requests. *(CC:No; Transfer funds for aircraft fuel for local assistance requests to the Aviation program.)*	$0	$0
Eliminate one-time funds for the Buckhead Post.	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)
Eliminate one-time funds for equipment and furnishings for the Jekyll Island Post.	($150,000)	($150,000)
Transfer funds from Department of Public Safety to Georgia Bureau of Investigation for two watchdesk analyst positions.	($167,352)	($167,352)
Transfer funds from the Field Offices and Services program to the Departmental Administration program for agency copier and associated expenses.	($33,902)	($33,902)
Reduce one-time funds for Regional K-9 Taskforce to reflect the purchase of 20 K-9s in the FY 2024 budget (HB 19, 2023 Session).	($257,500)	($257,500)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$161,259,318	$164,803,505

39.5. Law Enforcement Training

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

Total Funds	$9,786,381
State Funds	$9,786,381
State General Funds	$9,786,381

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,621,336	$7,621,336
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$94,846	$94,846
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$159,370	$159,370
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$53,654	$53,654
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$584	$584
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$286,620	$286,620
Increase funds for additional 35 trooper school graduates.	$1,569,971	$1,569,971
Working in conjunction with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, revise training programs for trooper and motor carrier compliance officers to promote efficiencies in course offerings and the frequency of schools to increase the number of new public safety officers trained annually. Provide a status update on implementation to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by August 1, 2024. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,786,381	$9,786,381

39.6. Motor Carrier Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

Total Funds	$45,678,644
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,348,744
Other Funds	$10,761,804
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,761,804
State Funds	$23,197,173
State General Funds	$23,197,173
Intra-State Government Transfers	$370,923
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$370,923

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$18,763,296	$41,244,767
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$351,531	$351,531
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$89,298	$89,298
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$218,666	$218,666
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$2,450	$2,450
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary	$1,196,764	$1,196,764

enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.		
Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of the weigh-in-motion monitoring system.	$2,594,200	$2,594,200
Transfer funds from the Motor Carrier Compliance program to the Departmental Administration program for agency copier and associated expenses.	($19,032)	($19,032)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$23,197,173	$45,678,644

39.7. Office of Public Safety Officer Support

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

Total Funds	$2,104,013
State Funds	$2,104,013
State General Funds	$2,104,013

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,512,332	$1,512,332
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$53,268	$53,268
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$208	$208
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$8,664	$8,664
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$40,227	$40,227
Increase funds for one additional Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS).	$30,000	$30,000
Increase funds for additional training for volunteer peer support workers.	$30,000	$30,000
Provide funds for two additional social workers and two additional peer support workers.	$432,329	$432,329
Transfer funds from the Office of Public Safety Officer Support program to the Departmental Administration program for agency copier and associated expenses.	($3,015)	($3,015)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,104,013	$2,104,013

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

39.8. Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

Total Funds	$1,853,034
State Funds	$1,853,034
State General Funds	$1,853,034

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,588,873	$1,588,873

Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$42,501	$42,501
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,492	$1,492
Provide funds for one additional safety and compliance specialist and associated travel for the creation of a new testing region. *(CC:Provide funds for two additional safety and compliance specialists and associated travel for the creation of new testing regions.)*	$227,568	$227,568
Reduce funds for operating efficiencies.	($7,400)	($7,400)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,853,034	$1,853,034

39.9. Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

Total Funds	$6,284,249
State Funds	$6,284,249
State General Funds	$6,284,249

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,523,783	$5,523,783
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$161,953	$161,953
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,310)	($2,310)
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$28,717	$28,717
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$135,767	$135,767
Increase funds for the Georgia POST Resiliency Program previously funded through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Law Enforcement Training Grant. *(CC:No; Reduce funds and move resiliency training program and transfer all curriculum, training materials, course materials, equipment, instructor tool kit materials, video materials, course completion records, training requests, and research data to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center no later than April 30, 2024.)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for one curriculum auditor.	$118,891	$118,891
Provide funds for one Investigations Division deputy director.	$127,028	$127,028
Increase funds for system maintenance support for an online gang and human trafficking training system. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Provide additional funds for Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police sponsored training ($80,972) and Sheriffs' Training Academy ($119,028). *(CC:Provide additional funds for Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police sponsored training and Sheriffs' Training Academy.)*	$100,000	$100,000
Increase funds to provide a $2,000 salary adjustment for law enforcement officers not included in HB 19 (2023 Session) to reduce turnover and increase retention.	$90,420	$90,420

Utilize existing funds for personnel for targeted recruitment and retention of staff. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,284,249	$6,284,249

39.10. Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$35,452,842
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,061,179
Other Funds	$1,492,086
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,492,086
State Funds	$30,970,910
State General Funds	$30,970,910
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,928,667
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,928,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$21,250,180	$25,732,112
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$634,306	$634,306
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$45,092	$45,092
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$63,165	$63,165
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,728	$1,728
Increase funds for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for one mechanic position, one curriculum specialist position, and instructor development. *(CC:Increase funds for one mechanic position, one curriculum specialist position, and instruction development.)*	$321,112	$321,112
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.	$15,000	$15,000
Increase funds for a board approved director raise.	$20,030	$20,030
Increase funds for additional staff and operational needs to increase Basic Law Enforcement training hours.	$6,262,417	$6,262,417
Transfer funds from Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for School Resource Officer and De-escalation training.	$1,250,000	$1,250,000
Increase funds for pest control and fire emergency monitoring system for campus.	$28,474	$28,474
Reduce funds for a vacant instructor position.	($62,502)	($62,502)
Increase funds for annual cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for dispatchers.	$291,908	$291,908
Increase funds for three positions and travel costs to provide resiliency training state-wide to law enforcement, firefighters, and 911 dispatchers.	$600,000	$600,000

Working in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety, revise training programs for trooper and motor carrier compliance officers to promote efficiencies in course offerings and the frequency of schools to increase the number of new public safety officers trained annually. Provide a status update on implementation to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by August 1, 2024. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for personnel and operations for the Volunteer Firefighter program.	$250,000	$250,000
Study and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the efficiencies of a statewide training management and compliance solution system by August 1, 2024. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,970,910	$35,452,842

39.11. Office of Highway Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

Total Funds	$21,182,937
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$19,791,142
Other Funds	$162,102
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$162,102
State Funds	$738,883
State General Funds	$738,883
Intra-State Government Transfers	$490,810
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$490,810

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$677,637	$21,121,691
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$18,651	$18,651
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$21,806	$21,806
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$16,297	$16,297
Utilize existing funds ($65,092) and increase funds ($4,492) for one community engagement coordinator and associated travel. (Total Funds: $69,584)	$4,492	$4,492
Amount appropriated in this Act	$738,883	$21,182,937

39.12. Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver’s Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,929,873
State Funds	$2,929,873

State General Funds $2,929,873

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,920,678	$2,920,678
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$9,195	$9,195
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,929,873	$2,929,873

Section 40: Public Service Commission

Total Funds **$14,050,994**
Federal Funds and Grants **$1,231,100**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $1,231,100
State Funds **$12,819,894**
State General Funds $12,819,894

40.1. Commission Administration (PSC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

Total Funds $1,993,791
State Funds $1,993,791
State General Funds $1,993,791

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,949,732	$1,949,732
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$52,928	$52,928
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$5,309	$5,309
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$14,010	$14,010
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$19,652	$19,652
Transfer funds to Facility Protection to align budget with expenditures.	($47,840)	($47,840)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,993,791	$1,993,791

40.2. Facility Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

Total Funds $3,045,092
Federal Funds and Grants $1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $1,231,100
State Funds $1,813,992
State General Funds $1,813,992

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,551,202	$2,782,302
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$50,734	$50,734
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$11,632	$11,632
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$19,187	$19,187
Utilize existing funds ($63,726), transfer funds from Facility Protection ($47,840), and increase funds for two additional investigators for the Call Before You Dig program. (Total Funds: $191,952)	$128,226	$128,226
Increase funds for state share of one additional pipeline safety inspector position. *(CC:Increase funds for state share of one additional pipeline safety inspector position.)*	$53,011	$53,011
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,813,992	$3,045,092

40.3. Utilities Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

Total Funds	$9,012,111
State Funds	$9,012,111
State General Funds	$9,012,111

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$8,371,690	$8,371,690
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$242,975	$242,975
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$30,823	$30,823
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$72,400	$72,400
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$251,267	$251,267
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,306	$1,306
Provide funds for audit of universal access fund contributors.	$25,000	$25,000
Provide funds for per diem rate increase.	$16,650	$16,650
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,012,111	$9,012,111

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia Board of

Total Funds	**$9,718,989,410**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,840,895,656**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,840,895,656

Other Funds	**$4,488,841,450**
Agency Funds	$3,212,198,116
Records Center Storage Fee	$692,038
Research Funds	$1,275,951,296
State Funds	**$3,389,252,304**
State General Funds	$3,389,252,304

41.1. Agricultural Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

Total Funds	$121,175,318
Federal Funds and Grants	$38,250,210
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$38,250,210
Other Funds	$28,511,900
Agency Funds	$8,506,900
Research Funds	$20,005,000
State Funds	$54,413,208
State General Funds	$54,413,208

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$53,340,515	$120,102,625
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$617,446	$617,446
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$138,527	$138,527
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$316,720	$316,720
Amount appropriated in this Act	$54,413,208	$121,175,318

41.2. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

Total Funds	$7,247,766
Federal Funds and Grants	$605,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$605,000
Other Funds	$6,642,766
Agency Funds	$6,487,766
Research Funds	$155,000

41.3. Cooperative Extension Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

Total Funds	$85,878,828
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,361,094
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,361,094
Other Funds	$22,707,707
Agency Funds	$13,865,707
Research Funds	$8,842,000
State Funds	$50,810,027
State General Funds	$50,810,027

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$49,552,824	$84,621,625
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,078,332	$1,078,332
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$177,971	$177,971
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$900	$900
Amount appropriated in this Act	$50,810,027	$85,878,828

41.4. Enterprise Innovation Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

Total Funds	$28,505,598
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,500,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$9,500,000
Other Funds	$6,000,000
Agency Funds	$6,000,000
State Funds	$13,005,598
State General Funds	$13,005,598

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$12,647,809	$28,147,809
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$229,541	$229,541
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$74,117	$74,117

Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$54,131	$54,131
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,005,598	$28,505,598

41.5. Forestry Cooperative Extension

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

Total Funds	$1,904,894
Federal Funds and Grants	$450,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$450,000
Other Funds	$346,988
Agency Funds	$271,000
Research Funds	$75,988
State Funds	$1,107,906
State General Funds	$1,107,906

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,079,636	$1,876,624
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$25,363	$25,363
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$2,907	$2,907
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,107,906	$1,904,894

41.6. Forestry Research

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

Total Funds	$15,729,667
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,169,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,169,000
Other Funds	$8,310,243
Agency Funds	$2,479,243
Research Funds	$5,831,000
State Funds	$3,250,424
State General Funds	$3,250,424

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,190,344	$15,669,587

Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$50,851	$50,851
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$8,182	$8,182
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$1,047	$1,047
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,250,424	$15,729,667

41.7. Georgia Archives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

Total Funds	$5,496,043
Other Funds	$955,154
Agency Funds	$263,116
Records Center Storage Fee	$692,038
State Funds	$4,540,889
State General Funds	$4,540,889

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,464,213	$5,419,367
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$36,002	$36,002
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$5,503	$5,503
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$34,246	$34,246
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$925	$925
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,540,889	$5,496,043

41.8. Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

Total Funds	$4,654,981
Other Funds	$2,223,468
Agency Funds	$2,223,468
State Funds	$2,431,513
State General Funds	$2,431,513

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,327,175	$4,550,643
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$73,107	$73,107
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$10,618	$10,618
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$20,613	$20,613
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,431,513	$4,654,981

41.9. Georgia Research Alliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

Total Funds	$5,128,082
State Funds	$5,128,082
State General Funds	$5,128,082

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,110,865	$5,110,865
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$15,412	$15,412
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$1,805	$1,805
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
The Georgia Research Alliance shall explore and develop a plan that uses the previous success and a one-time infusion of state funding to establish a revolving loan fund ensuring continued operation of the Georgia Research Alliance in perpetuity and report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget by September 1, 2024. *(CC:Yes; The Georgia Research Alliance shall explore and develop a plan that uses the previous success and a one-time infusion of state funding to establish a revolving loan fund ensuring continued operation of the Georgia Research Alliance in perpetuity and report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget by August 1, 2024.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,128,082	$5,128,082

41.10. Georgia Tech Research Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

Total Funds	$848,510,130
Federal Funds and Grants	$525,422,777
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$525,422,777

Other Funds	$315,937,315
Research Funds	$315,937,315
State Funds	$7,150,038
State General Funds	$7,150,038

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,037,113	$848,397,205
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$89,607	$89,607
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$6,364	$6,364
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$16,954	$16,954
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,150,038	$848,510,130

41.11. Marine Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

Total Funds	$1,757,957
Federal Funds and Grants	$296,648
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$296,648
Other Funds	$302,183
Agency Funds	$156,183
Research Funds	$146,000
State Funds	$1,159,126
State General Funds	$1,159,126

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,126,088	$1,724,919
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$28,944	$28,944
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$4,094	$4,094
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,159,126	$1,757,957

41.12. Marine Resources Extension Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

Total Funds	$3,472,529
Other Funds	$1,700,000

Agency Funds	$740,000
Research Funds	$960,000
State Funds	$1,772,529
State General Funds	$1,772,529

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,723,494	$3,423,494
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$42,473	$42,473
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$6,562	$6,562
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,772,529	$3,472,529

41.13. Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

Total Funds	$46,036,856
State Funds	$46,036,856
State General Funds	$46,036,856

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$44,525,290	$44,525,290
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,311,566	$1,311,566
Increase funds to expand the current partnership with Clark Atlanta University for prostate cancer research.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$46,036,856	$46,036,856

41.14. Public Libraries

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

Total Funds	$55,884,267
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,651,513
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,651,513
State Funds	$50,232,754
State General Funds	$50,232,754

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$46,886,944	$52,538,457
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,193,864	$1,193,864
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$163,530	$163,530
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$8,562	$8,562
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$209,954	$209,954
Increase funds for the public libraries' formula based on an increase in the state population.	$141,350	$141,350
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $843 to $1,093. *(CC:Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $843 to $1,093 effective July 1, 2024, and from $1,093 to $1,580 effective January 1, 2025.)*	$1,628,550	$1,628,550
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$50,232,754	$55,884,267

41.15. Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

Total Funds	$39,034,591
State Funds	$39,034,591
State General Funds	$39,034,591

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$39,988,670	$39,988,670
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$442,984	$442,984
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$45,243	$45,243
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($2,188,571)	($2,188,571)
Eliminate one-time funds for music industry archiving at the University of Georgia.	($5,200,000)	($5,200,000)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$134,143	$134,143
Increase funds for Middle Georgia Aviation to support increased enrollment.	$1,608,122	$1,608,122
Increase funds for projects at the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation.	$500,000	$500,000
Provide funds to establish the David Ralston Center for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities at the University of Georgia to build the workforce of professionals and provide a clearinghouse for research.	$1,504,000	$1,504,000
Increase funds for legal clinics to increase law student exposure and involvement in public defender and prosecuting attorney work.	$1,450,000	$1,450,000

Reduce funds to reflect transfer of operations for the Georgia Cancer Center to a new partner. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds to reflect transfer of operations for the Adrenal Disease Center to a new partner. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for computer science professional development pursuant to SB 108 (2019 Session).	$750,000	$750,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,034,591	$39,034,591

41.16. Regents Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

Total Funds	$11,682,898
Other Funds	$350,000
Agency Funds	$350,000
State Funds	$11,332,898
State General Funds	$11,332,898

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$10,991,274	$11,341,274
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$116,869	$116,869
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$13,227	$13,227
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$193,978	$193,978
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$17,550	$17,550
Provide a quarterly report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the status of the University System of Georgia moving onto a new ERP. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide a quarterly report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the status of the University System of Georgia moving to the State Health Benefit Plan. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,332,898	$11,682,898

41.17. Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

Total Funds	$7,617,319
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,392,407
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,392,407
Other Funds	$2,009,390
Agency Funds	$1,551,177
Research Funds	$458,213

State Funds	$3,215,522
State General Funds	$3,215,522

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,150,314	$7,552,111
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$62,435	$62,435
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$2,773	$2,773
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,215,522	$7,617,319

41.18. Teaching

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

Total Funds	$8,369,356,443
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,241,597,007
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,241,597,007
Other Funds	$4,062,744,336
Agency Funds	$3,140,303,556
Research Funds	$922,440,780
State Funds	$3,065,015,100
State General Funds	$3,065,015,100

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,868,895,190	$8,173,236,533
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$91,813,260	$91,813,260
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$7,676,694	$7,676,694
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,180,277	$1,180,277
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,941,550	$1,941,550
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$246,882	$246,882
Increase funds to reflect a 0.8% decrease in enrollment with an increase in higher cost program areas ($2,256,373) and 0.2% increase in square footage ($658,999).	$2,915,372	$2,915,372
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$22,431,361	$22,431,361
Restore FY 2024 formula funds.	$66,000,000	$66,000,000
Adjust the debt service payback amount for a project at the Georgia Perimeter College.	$86,730	$86,730

Increase funds for the Fort Valley State University Land Grant match requirements.	$823,926	$823,926
Increase funds for Medical College of Georgia expansion at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong campus.	$4,692,816	$4,692,816
Reduce funds for non-formula funding for the Research Consortium. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds for non-formula funding for the Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program.	($3,688,958)	($3,688,958)
Reduce funds for non-formula funding for the University of North Georgia Blue Ridge campus. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds for non-formula funding for the statewide consortium for technology. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,065,015,100	$8,369,356,443

41.19. Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

Total Funds	$6,582,499
Federal Funds and Grants	$200,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$200,000
Other Funds	$1,100,000
Research Funds	$1,100,000
State Funds	$5,282,499
State General Funds	$5,282,499

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,168,289	$6,468,289
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$92,093	$92,093
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$13,917	$13,917
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$8,200	$8,200
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,282,499	$6,582,499

41.20. Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

Total Funds	$29,591,855
Other Funds	$29,000,000
Agency Funds	$29,000,000

State Funds $591,855
State General Funds $591,855

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$571,250	$29,571,250
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$15,519	$15,519
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$3,735	$3,735
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$1,351	$1,351
Amount appropriated in this Act	$591,855	$29,591,855

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

41.21. Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

Total Funds $629,161
State Funds $629,161
State General Funds $629,161

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$614,133	$614,133
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$13,356	$13,356
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,375	$1,375
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$297	$297
Utilize existing funds ($264,500) for planning costs and exhibitions at the Anne Frank Education Center. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$629,161	$629,161

41.22. Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

Total Funds $3,940,215
State Funds $3,940,215
State General Funds $3,940,215

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,849,591	$3,849,591
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state	$93,391	$93,391

employees not to exceed $3,000.		
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$1,020	$1,020
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,787)	($3,787)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,940,215	$3,940,215

41.23. Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

Total Funds	$5,897,545
State Funds	$5,897,545
State General Funds	$5,897,545

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,631,535	$5,631,535
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$26,984	$26,984
Increase funds for enrollment, training, and experience. *(CC:Decrease funds for enrollment and training and experience based on enrollment decline and changed composition of teacher years of experience and certificate level.)*	($58,752)	($58,752)
Increase funds to adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for certified teachers and certified employees by $2,500 effective September 1, 2024.	$140,458	$140,458
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,760 effective July 1, 2024.	$112,320	$112,320
Provide funds for a school security grant.	$45,000	$45,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,897,545	$5,897,545

41.24. Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

Total Funds	$13,273,968
State Funds	$13,273,968
State General Funds	$13,273,968

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$12,998,363	$12,998,363
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$228,024	$228,024
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$340	$340

Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$52,625	$52,625
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,766)	($5,766)
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$382	$382
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,273,968	$13,273,968

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

Total Funds	**$228,394,509**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,058,059**
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$687,912
Other Funds	**$2,247,671**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,247,671
State Funds	**$225,088,779**
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494
State General Funds	$221,915,502
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

42.1. Departmental Administration (DOR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$14,314,782
State Funds	$14,314,782
State General Funds	$14,314,782

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$14,200,931	$14,200,931
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$308,565	$308,565
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$72,216	$72,216
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$9,232	$9,232
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$5,328	$5,328
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$471	$471
Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.	($281,961)	($281,961)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,314,782	$14,314,782

42.2. Forestland Protection Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

Total Funds	$39,073,494
State Funds	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494

42.3. Industry Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

Total Funds	$10,758,358
Federal Funds and Grants	$370,147
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Other Funds	$485,887
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$485,887
State Funds	$9,902,324
State General Funds	$9,468,541
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,513,691	$10,369,725
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$233,785	$233,785
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$63,170	$63,170
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,701	$4,701
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$441	$441
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$186,052	$186,052
Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.	($99,516)	($99,516)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,902,324	$10,758,358

42.4. Local Government Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

Total Funds	$7,711,502
Other Funds	$420,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$420,000
State Funds	$7,291,502
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494
State General Funds	$4,552,008

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,541,636	$7,961,636
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$116,448	$116,448
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for	$34,595	$34,595

the Georgia Technology Authority.		
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,296	$4,296
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$296	$296
Reduce funds for the Fireworks Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of Fireworks Excise Tax pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	($405,769)	($405,769)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,291,502	$7,711,502

42.5. Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

Total Funds	$9,749,175
State Funds	$9,749,175
State General Funds	$9,749,175

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,033,157	$9,033,157
Increase funds to reflect a change in the Employee's Retirement System employer contribution rate to fully fund the actuarial determined employer contribution, increase the employer 401(k) match for GSEPS employees, and fund the employer share of accrued forfeited leave for retiring employees.	$716,018	$716,018
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,749,175	$9,749,175

42.6. Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

Total Funds	$43,301,791
State Funds	$43,301,791
State General Funds	$43,301,791

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$39,055,613	$39,055,613
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$383,180	$383,180
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$555,877	$555,877
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$14,638	$14,638
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$809	$809
Increase funds to reflect a contract increase for motor vehicle registration and licensing.	$3,341,432	$3,341,432
Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.	($49,758)	($49,758)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$43,301,791	$43,301,791

42.7. Office of Special Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

Total Funds	$6,392,590
Federal Funds and Grants	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$416,081
State Funds	$5,976,509
State General Funds	$5,976,509

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$5,897,079	$6,313,160
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$93,482	$93,482
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$36,315	$36,315
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$181	$181
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$185	$185
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$65,369	$65,369
Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.	($116,102)	($116,102)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,976,509	$6,392,590

42.8. Tax Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

Total Funds	$64,477,374
Other Funds	$1,341,784
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,341,784
State Funds	$63,135,590
State General Funds	$63,135,590

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$61,309,618	$62,651,402
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$1,412,457	$1,412,457
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$447,983	$447,983
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$48,847	$48,847
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$2,709	$2,709
Increase funds for six tax examiner positions to form an initial contact team to assist newly delinquent taxpayers.	$411,554	$411,554
Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.	($497,578)	($497,578)

Amount appropriated in this Act	$63,135,590	$64,477,374

42.9. Tax Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

Total Funds	$4,856,425
State Funds	$4,856,425
State General Funds	$4,856,425

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,857,380	$4,857,380
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$128,521	$128,521
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$16,893	$16,893
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,751	$2,751
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$153	$153
Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.	($149,273)	($149,273)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,856,425	$4,856,425

42.10. Taxpayer Services

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

Total Funds	$27,759,018
Federal Funds and Grants	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$271,831
State Funds	$27,487,187
State General Funds	$27,487,187

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$27,062,532	$27,334,363
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$588,493	$588,493
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$202,681	$202,681
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$23,650	$23,650
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,337	$1,337
Increase funds to raise hourly pay for part-time seasonal mail operations staff.	$72,900	$72,900

Reduce funds to reflect the consolidation of leased office space.	($464,406)	($464,406)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,487,187	$27,759,018

Section 43: Secretary of State

Total Funds	**$45,677,942**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$550,000**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$550,000
Other Funds	**$5,192,320**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,192,320
State Funds	**$39,935,622**
State General Funds	$39,935,622

43.1. Corporations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

Total Funds	$4,611,820
Other Funds	$4,611,820
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,611,820

43.2. Elections

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

Total Funds	$8,893,891
Federal Funds and Grants	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$550,000
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	$8,293,891
State General Funds	$8,293,891

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$7,870,966	$8,470,966
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$107,655	$107,655
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,035	$5,035
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$45,653	$45,653
Increase funds for rising postage costs.	$135,000	$135,000
Utilize existing funds ($550,000) and increase funds for one software	$129,582	$129,582

engineer, one county elections operations auditor, one county elections operations audit manager, two voting systems specialists, and associated travel costs. (Total Funds: $679,582)		
Provide funds for third-party ballot-text auditing technology. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,293,891	$8,893,891

43.3. Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

Total Funds	$4,374,758
State Funds	$4,374,758
State General Funds	$4,374,758

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,687,666	$3,687,666
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$131,677	$131,677
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,422	$6,422
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$27,784	$27,784
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$115,775	$115,775
Increase funds for four criminal investigators due to increased volume of elections and licensing board investigations.	$405,434	$405,434
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,374,758	$4,374,758

43.4. Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

Total Funds	$3,482,485
Other Funds	$5,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,500
State Funds	$3,476,985
State General Funds	$3,476,985

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,333,041	$3,338,541
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$110,091	$110,091
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,861	$3,861
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$27,762	$27,762
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$2,230	$2,230

Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,476,985	$3,482,485

43.5. Professional Licensing Boards

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

Total Funds	$11,031,280
Other Funds	$400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$400,000
State Funds	$10,631,280
State General Funds	$10,631,280

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$8,810,088	$9,210,088
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$292,159	$292,159
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$17,704	$17,704
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$13,881	$13,881
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$2,395	$2,395
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$5,034	$5,034
Increase funds for 21 licensing technicians, one process improvement analyst, one licensing and renewal assistant, two IT positions, one administrative assistant, and one business analyst, as well as related equipment and hourly temporary employees to address backlogs while onboarding new employees. *(CC:Increase funds for personnel for 11 licensing technicians, one process improvement analyst, one licensing and renewal assistant, two IT positions, one administrative assistant, and one business analyst, as well as related equipment and hourly temporary employees to address backlogs while onboarding new employees and maintain standard office operating procedures and coverage to meet customer needs.)*	$1,490,019	$1,490,019
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,631,280	$11,031,280

43.6. Securities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

Total Funds	$1,205,245
Other Funds	$25,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$25,000
State Funds	$1,180,245
State General Funds	$1,180,245

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,142,611	$1,167,611
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$22,556	$22,556
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,175	$1,175
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$13,903	$13,903
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,180,245	$1,205,245

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

43.7. Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

Total Funds $1,697,973

State Funds $1,697,973

State General Funds $1,697,973

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,573,399	$1,573,399
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$47,787	$47,787
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,387	$1,387
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$19,866	$19,866
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$500	$500
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$5,034	$5,034
Provide funds for hearings conducted by the Office of State Administrative Hearings.	$50,000	$50,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,697,973	$1,697,973

43.8. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

Total Funds $1,361,143

State Funds $1,361,143

State General Funds $1,361,143

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,032,895	$1,032,895
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$18,457	$18,457

Increase funds for two investigators, one analyst, and associated operating costs.	$309,791	$309,791
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

43.9. Real Estate Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

Total Funds	$3,230,111
Other Funds	$100,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$100,000
State Funds	$3,130,111
State General Funds	$3,130,111

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,052,930	$3,152,930
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$64,223	$64,223
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$11,946	$11,946
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,012	$1,012
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,130,111	$3,230,111

43.10. State Elections Board

Total Funds	$5,789,236
State Funds	$5,789,236
State General Funds	$5,789,236

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$513,018	$513,018
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$8,793	$8,793
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($25,000)	($25,000)
Increase funds for investigative operations.	$292,425	$292,425
Increase funds for third-party ballot-text auditing technology and require that the Office of the Secretary of State will utilize the appropriated funds solely to conduct a pilot project that will provide full verification recount of all ballots cast in Georgia in the November 2024 elections; that the recount will be for all races on the ballot; that the recount will be completed prior to certification of the election; that ballot images used to conduct the verification recount will be made available on a publicly accessible website within 30 days following election day; that the recount will be conducted by a third-party vendor with no connection to any current voting system vendor operating in Georgia; and that no employee of the Office of the Secretary of State will financially benefit from software development or procurement in the implementation of this project.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,789,236	$5,789,236

Section 44: Student Finance Commission, Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,169,894,026**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$103,692**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$103,692
Other Funds	**$13,760,294**
Agency Funds	$478,028
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,282,266
State Funds	**$1,155,710,040**
Lottery Funds	$1,018,849,961
State General Funds	$136,860,079
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$320,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$320,000

44.1. Adult Learner High-Demand Field Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to assist adult learners complete degrees in high-demand field.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds to establish an adult learner scholarship program assisting Georgia residents of two years or more to complete their bachelor's degree in a high-demand field utilizing competency-based learning models or other such models designed to meet the needs of the working adult learner. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

44.2. Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

Total Funds $2,600,000

State Funds $2,600,000

State General Funds $2,600,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$955,830	$955,830
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$1,644,170	$1,644,170
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

44.3. Commission Administration (GSFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

Total Funds	$13,313,056
Federal Funds and Grants	$103,692
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$103,692
Other Funds	$1,804,005
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,804,005
State Funds	$11,085,359
Lottery Funds	$11,085,359
Intra-State Government Transfers	$320,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$320,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$10,784,999	$13,012,696
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$288,723	$288,723
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$4,154	$4,154
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,246	$3,246
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$4,237	$4,237
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,085,359	$13,313,056

44.4. Dual Enrollment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

Total Funds	$91,295,437
State Funds	$91,295,437
State General Funds	$91,295,437

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$76,205,744	$76,205,744
Increase funds to meet projected enrollment.	$15,089,693	$15,089,693
Amount appropriated in this Act	$91,295,437	$91,295,437

44.5. Engineer Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

Total Funds	$1,260,000
State Funds	$1,260,000

State General Funds $1,260,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
Increase funds based on projected enrollment. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

44.6. Georgia Military College Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds $1,082,916
State Funds $1,082,916
State General Funds $1,082,916

44.7. HERO Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

Total Funds $330,000
State Funds $330,000
State General Funds $330,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$630,000	$630,000
Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.	($300,000)	($300,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$330,000	$330,000

44.8. HOPE Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds $76,573,700
State Funds $76,573,700
Lottery Funds $76,573,700

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$80,603,880	$80,603,880
Reduce funds provided to reflect expected program expenditure.	($20,732,382)	($20,732,382)
Transfer funds from the HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools program to the HOPE Grant program.	$16,702,202	$16,702,202
Amount appropriated in this Act	$76,573,700	$76,573,700

44.9. HOPE High School Equivalency Exam

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

Total Funds	$500,000
State Funds	$500,000
Lottery Funds	$500,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,345,510	$1,345,510
Reduce funds provided to reflect expected program expenditure.	($845,510)	($845,510)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$500,000	$500,000

44.10. HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$74,782,841
State Funds	$74,782,841
Lottery Funds	$74,782,841

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$91,218,629	$91,218,629
Reduce funds provided to reflect expected program expenditures at a HOPE Private Award rate at $2,496 and a HOPE Zell Private Award rate at $2,985.	($16,435,788)	($16,435,788)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$74,782,841	$74,782,841

44.11. HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$845,908,061
State Funds	$845,908,061
Lottery Funds	$845,908,061

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$874,902,233	$874,902,233
Reduce funds to reflect expected program expenditures at a 100% factor rate.	($12,291,970)	($12,291,970)
Transfer funds from the HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools program to the HOPE Grant program.	($16,702,202)	($16,702,202)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$845,908,061	$845,908,061

44.12. College Completion Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible

students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

Total Funds	$10,000,000
State Funds	$10,000,000
Lottery Funds	$10,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
Reduce funds for College Completion Grants.	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

44.13. Low Interest Loans

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$20,000,000
Reduce funds and eliminate program to reflect cessation of further loan originations.	$0	($20,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

44.14. North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$3,037,740
State Funds	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740

44.15. North Georgia ROTC Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Total Funds	$1,113,750
State Funds	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750

44.16. Public Safety Memorial Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and

prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$540,000
State Funds	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000

44.17. REACH Georgia Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

Total Funds	$6,370,000
State Funds	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000

44.18. Service Cancelable Loans

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

Total Funds	$15,220,000
Other Funds	$10,200,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,200,000
State Funds	$5,020,000
State General Funds	$5,020,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$4,985,000	$15,185,000
Recognize existing funds ($3,200,000) to provide up to $20,000 maximum loan repayments across five years of service to support recruitment and retention of public law enforcement officers across the state. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for the Veterinary Loan Repayment Program.	$35,000	$35,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,020,000	$15,220,000

44.19. Tuition Equalization Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

Total Funds	$24,435,328
Other Funds	$1,278,261
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,278,261
State Funds	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$23,157,067	$24,435,328
Utilize existing funds to increase award amount from $1,000 to $1,100 per year. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$23,157,067	$24,435,328

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

44.20. Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

Total Funds	$1,531,197
Other Funds	$478,028
Agency Funds	$478,028
State Funds	$1,053,169
State General Funds	$1,053,169

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,007,011	$1,485,039
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$45,302	$45,302
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$856	$856
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,053,169	$1,531,197

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

Total Funds	**$55,527,501**
Other Funds	**$55,465,501**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$55,465,501
State Funds	**$62,000**
State General Funds	$62,000

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Retirement System shall not exceed 20.78% for State Fiscal Year 2025.

45.1. Local/Floor COLA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

Total Funds	$62,000
State Funds	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$83,000	$83,000
Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.	($21,000)	($21,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$62,000	$62,000

45.2. System Administration (TRS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

Total Funds	$55,465,501
Other Funds	$55,465,501
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$55,465,501

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,197,092,154**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$246,686,921**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$246,686,921
Other Funds	**$371,638,544**
Agency Funds	$357,108,714
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,529,830
State Funds	**$489,183,833**
State General Funds	$489,183,833
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$89,582,856**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$89,582,856

46.1. Adult Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

Total Funds	$53,599,683
Federal Funds and Grants	$30,318,028
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$30,318,028
Other Funds	$4,149,140
Agency Funds	$4,149,140
State Funds	$19,071,849
State General Funds	$19,071,849
Intra-State Government Transfers	$60,666
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$60,666

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$18,824,974	$53,352,808
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$218,537	$218,537
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$7,471	$7,471
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$6,217	$6,217
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,159	$7,159
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$7,491	$7,491
Provide funds for the Workforce EXCELerator pilot program pursuant to SB 112 (2023 Session). *(CC:No; Provide funds for the Workforce EXCELerator pilot program pending final passage of SB 112 (2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,071,849	$53,599,683

46.2. Departmental Administration (TCSG)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

Total Funds	$8,613,321
State Funds	$8,613,321
State General Funds	$8,613,321

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$8,327,178	$8,327,178
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$273,584	$273,584
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$1,683	$1,683
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$9,641	$9,641
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,235	$1,235
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,613,321	$8,613,321

46.3. Economic Development and Customized Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

Total Funds	$46,072,640
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,329,344
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,329,344
Other Funds	$27,721,262
Agency Funds	$27,721,262

State Funds	$3,361,533
State General Funds	$3,361,533
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,660,501
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,660,501

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,319,875	$46,030,982
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$5,522	$5,522
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$122	$122
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,646	$1,646
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$206	$206
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$34,162	$34,162
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,361,533	$46,072,640

46.4. Quick Start

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Total Funds	$21,534,720
Other Funds	$87
Agency Funds	$87
State Funds	$21,534,633
State General Funds	$21,534,633

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$62,417,469	$62,417,556
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$343,124	$343,124
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$3,317	$3,317
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$6,010	$6,010
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$9,137	$9,137
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,239	$1,239
Reduce funds for one-time construction costs for the Rivian training center.	($46,000,000)	($46,000,000)
Increase funds to meet existing training obligations.	$4,754,337	$4,754,337
Amount appropriated in this Act	$21,534,633	$21,534,720

46.5. Technical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

Total Funds	$903,985,255
Federal Funds and Grants	$58,406,396
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$58,406,396
Other Funds	$339,744,883
Agency Funds	$325,238,225
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$14,506,658
State Funds	$418,972,287
State General Funds	$418,972,287
Intra-State Government Transfers	$86,861,689
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$86,861,689

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$397,291,161	$882,304,129
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$10,410,249	$10,410,249
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$222,318	$222,318
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$313,281	$313,281
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$394,419	$394,419
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$140,506	$140,506
Increase funds to reflect a 3.0% increase in enrollment ($8,988,608) and 0.7% increase in square footage ($444,954). *(CC:Increase funds to reflect a 3.0% increase in enrollment ($8,988,608) and 0.7% increase in square footage ($444,954).)*	$9,433,562	$9,433,562
Increase funds for salaries and benefits and utilize reserve funds ($657,910) for startup and equipment costs for 22 additional campus police officers (Total Funds: $2,524,701). *(CC:Increase funds for salaries and benefits for 22 additional campus police officers.)*	$1,866,791	$1,866,791
Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.	($1,100,000)	($1,100,000)
In conjunction with the Office of Planning and Budget and House and Senate budget offices, the Technical College System of Georgia shall conduct a review of the current formula rates and program expense for the Technical Education program to ensure that the funding formula reflects costs to provide instruction and determine whether additional clusters are needed to better reflect needs of high-cost programs. *(CC:Yes; In conjunction with the Office of Planning and Budget and House and Senate budget offices, the Technical College System of Georgia shall conduct a review of the current formula rates and program expense for the Technical Education program to ensure that the funding formula considers costs and rewards graduation and in-field job placement.)*	$0	$0

Amount appropriated in this Act	$418,972,287	$903,985,255

46.6. Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

Total Funds	$7,421,541
State Funds	$7,421,541
State General Funds	$7,421,541

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Increase funds to provide increased credit hour earnings for aviation, commercial truck driving, and nursing program areas to reflect the high-cost nature of providing these programs.	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,421,541	$7,421,541

46.7. Workforce Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

Total Funds	$155,864,994
Federal Funds and Grants	$145,633,153
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$145,633,153
Other Funds	$23,172
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$23,172
State Funds	$10,208,669
State General Funds	$10,208,669

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,679,941	$155,336,266
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$46,100	$46,100
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$142	$142
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$205	$205
Provide funds for two new positions to provide regionally based consultation and technical assistance to healthcare partners across the state.	$322,000	$322,000
Transfer funds to the Department of Labor for terminated lease agreements for employment services worksites.	($409,475)	($409,475)
Increase funds for customized recruitment for workforce to support the state's expanding electric vehicle industry. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Department of Economic Development's Rural Development program for two workforce development positions to	$225,000	$225,000

support the Hyundai and Rivian economic development projects. *(CC:Increase funds for a workforce development position to support the Hyundai economic development project.)*		
Increase funds for new staff position to support State Workforce Board responsibilities per HB 982 (2024 Session).	$194,756	$194,756
Increase funds to support Public Service Apprenticeships pursuant to passage of SB 497 (2024 Session).	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,208,669	$155,864,994

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

Total Funds	**$4,176,632,405**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,611,749,186**
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,458,281
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$112,290,905
Other Funds	**$175,979,549**
Agency Funds	$19,098,513
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$156,881,036
State Funds	**$2,388,903,670**
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,086,529,283
State General Funds	$41,346,890
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:

a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.

b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.

c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.

d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.

e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

47.1. Airport Aid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

Total Funds	$72,874,942
Federal Funds and Grants	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,509,284
Other Funds	$6,233
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,233
State Funds	$26,359,425
State General Funds	$26,359,425

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$26,359,425	$72,874,942
Increase funds for Airport Aid. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,359,425	$72,874,942

47.2. Capital Construction Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

Total Funds	$2,074,269,536
Federal Funds and Grants	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$930,452,699
Other Funds	$122,300,430
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$122,300,430
State Funds	$1,021,516,407
Motor Fuel Funds	$885,544,844
Transportation Trust Funds	$135,971,563

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,013,318,180	$2,066,071,309
Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB 170 (2015 Session) for increased project capacity.	$698,227	$698,227
Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$7,500,000	$7,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,021,516,407	$2,074,269,536

47.3. Capital Maintenance Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

Total Funds	$476,696,217
Federal Funds and Grants	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$281,600,000
Other Funds	$350,574
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$350,574
State Funds	$194,745,643
Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167

Transportation Trust Funds $44,157,476

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$159,373,986	$441,324,560
Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$35,371,657	$35,371,657
Amount appropriated in this Act	$194,745,643	$476,696,217

47.4. Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

Total Funds $12,211,835

Federal Funds and Grants $9,043,897

Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205) $9,043,897

State Funds $3,167,938

Motor Fuel Funds $3,167,938

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$3,103,354	$12,147,251
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$34,149	$34,149
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$10,782	$10,782
Realign funds to properly reflect new project billing process.	$19,653	$19,653
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,167,938	$12,211,835

47.5. Departmental Administration (DOT)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges and to provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

Total Funds $102,033,375

Federal Funds and Grants $10,839,823

Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205) $10,839,823

Other Funds $398,970

Agency Funds $398,970

State Funds $90,794,582

Motor Fuel Funds $90,794,582

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$83,848,101	$95,086,894
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$2,172,582	$2,172,582
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for	$749,326	$749,326

the Georgia Technology Authority.		
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$246,524	$246,524
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$20,114	$20,114
Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB 170 (2015 Session) for increased IT costs.	$3,757,935	$3,757,935
Amount appropriated in this Act	$90,794,582	$102,033,375

47.7. Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the State Funded Construction - Local Road Assistance Program.

Total Funds	$220,146,601
State Funds	$220,146,601
Motor Fuel Funds	$220,146,601

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$212,801,168	$212,801,168
Increase funds for local maintenance and improvement grants to reflect ten percent of projected motor fuel revenues.	$7,345,433	$7,345,433
Amount appropriated in this Act	$220,146,601	$220,146,601

47.8. Local Road Assistance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

Total Funds	$62,002,378
Federal Funds and Grants	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$51,655,917
Other Funds	$6,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,000,000
State Funds	$4,346,461
Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461

47.9. Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the state-wide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

Total Funds	$27,673,675
Federal Funds and Grants	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$22,772,795
State Funds	$4,900,880
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,900,880

Transportation Trust Funds $2,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,845,171	$25,617,966
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$46,734	$46,734
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$8,975	$8,975
Increase funds to enhance transportation planning by Georgia's metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,900,880	$27,673,675

47.10. Ports and Waterways

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

Total Funds $1,397,141
State Funds $1,397,141
State General Funds $1,397,141

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,387,074	$1,387,074
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$10,067	$10,067
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,397,141	$1,397,141

47.11. Program Delivery Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

Total Funds $193,468,032
Federal Funds and Grants $53,642,990
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205) $53,642,990
Other Funds $1,098,619
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $1,098,619
State Funds $138,726,423
Motor Fuel Funds $138,726,423

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$126,906,966	$181,648,575
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$3,759,037	$3,759,037
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$725,789	$725,789
Increase funds based on projected revenues per HB 170 (2015 Session) to	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

support recruitment and retention efforts and increasing project costs.		
Realign funds to properly reflect new project billing process.	$3,334,631	$3,334,631
Amount appropriated in this Act	$138,726,423	$193,468,032

47.12. Rail

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

Total Funds	$13,794,878
Federal Funds and Grants	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$616,315
Other Funds	$88,239
Agency Funds	$88,239
State Funds	$13,090,324
State General Funds	$13,090,324

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$8,305,308	$9,009,862
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$15,253	$15,253
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,999	$1,999
Increase funds to support operations of the Office of Rail to dedicate locomotive fuel sales tax revenue for purposes defined in HB 588 (2021 Session).	$1,228,544	$1,228,544
Increase funds for a risk-based inspection program in the State Safety Oversight Program to meet Federal Railroad Administration guidelines.	$102,236	$102,236
Increase funds to reflect FY 2023 collections of locomotive fuel sales tax pursuant to HB 588 (2021 Session).	$3,436,984	$3,436,984
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,090,324	$13,794,878

47.13. Routine Maintenance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

Total Funds	$560,239,451
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$11,577,366
Other Funds	$19,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,500,000
State Funds	$529,162,085
Motor Fuel Funds	$529,162,085

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$493,397,670	$524,475,036
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$6,763,925	$6,763,925
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,575,585	$1,575,585
Increase funds based on projected revenue per HB 170 (2015 Session) for increased project capacity.	$27,424,905	$27,424,905
Amount appropriated in this Act	$529,162,085	$560,239,451

47.14. Traffic Management and Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

Total Funds	$166,363,140
Federal Funds and Grants	$79,677,354
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$79,527,354
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$25,534,484
Agency Funds	$18,611,304
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,923,180
State Funds	$61,151,302
Motor Fuel Funds	$61,151,302

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$56,128,198	$161,340,036
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$885,821	$885,821
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$230,203	$230,203
Increase funds based on projected revenue per HB 170 (2015 Session) to support recruitment efforts for HEROs and increased project costs.	$3,907,080	$3,907,080
Amount appropriated in this Act	$61,151,302	$166,363,140

47.15. Transit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

Total Funds	$108,051,505
Federal Funds and Grants	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$65,015,306
Other Funds	$702,000

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$702,000
State Funds	$42,334,199
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973
State General Funds	$500,000
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,421,226

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$30,342,007	$96,059,313
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$36,624	$36,624
Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$2,676,532	$2,676,532
Increase funds for the Georgia Transit Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of Hired Transport Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$8,779,036	$8,779,036
Provide one-time funds for Chatham area transit infrastructure.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$42,334,199	$108,051,505

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

47.16. Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority

Total Funds	$9,210,331
State Funds	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$13,128,506	$13,128,506
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$81,825	$81,825
Reduce funds to reflect efficiencies in commuter bus services in metro Atlanta, including coordination with local transit providers and streamlined options for riders.	($4,000,000)	($4,000,000)
The Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority shall develop an operational plan to downsize Xpress commuter service commensurate with multi-county transit demand, and begin enacting new service levels in FY 2025. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
The Atlanta-region Transit (ATL) Authority shall only create updates to the Regional Transit Plan that address multi-county travel demand for transit-dependent customers that demonstrates improvement to the State's economic development. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

47.17. Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

Total Funds	$76,199,368

Federal Funds and Grants	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$48,345,440
State Funds	$27,853,928
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,853,928

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$45,194,219	$93,539,659
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$6,544	$6,544
Reduce Transportation Trust Funds to reflect decreased debt requirements.	($19,747,585)	($19,747,585)
Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY 2023 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant HB 511 (2021 Session). *(CC:Increase funds from the Transportation Trust Fund for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB).)*	$2,400,750	$2,400,750
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,853,928	$76,199,368

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

Total Funds	**$56,136,863**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$24,210,246**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$24,210,246
Other Funds	**$3,465,491**
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	**$28,461,126**
State General Funds	$28,461,126

48.1. Departmental Administration (DVS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

Total Funds	$3,250,634
State Funds	$3,250,634
State General Funds	$3,250,634

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,091,105	$2,091,105
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$61,362	$61,362
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$60,099	$60,099
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,720	$4,720
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$33,171	$33,171

Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$177	$177
Reduce funds for one vacancy. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery to expand the Veterans Mental Health Services Program pursuant to HB 414 (2023 Session).	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,250,634	$3,250,634

48.2. Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

Total Funds	$1,384,214
Federal Funds and Grants	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$327,896
State Funds	$1,056,318
State General Funds	$1,056,318

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$2,017,144	$2,345,040
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$35,315	$35,315
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$676	$676
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,068	$3,068
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$115	$115
Transfer available funds resulting from the delay in the establishment of a veterans cemetery in Augusta to Departmental Administration for the Veterans Mental Health Services Program.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,056,318	$1,384,214

48.3. Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

Total Funds	$40,969,268
Federal Funds and Grants	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$23,128,424
Other Funds	$3,465,491
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	$14,375,353
State General Funds	$14,375,353

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$14,103,449	$40,697,364
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$253,935	$253,935

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 19.98% to 20.78%.	$7,977	$7,977
Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance benefits for University System of Georgia Board of Regents contracted employees.	$9,992	$9,992
Increase funds to address rising costs of healthcare. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,375,353	$40,969,268

48.4. Veterans Benefits

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

Total Funds	$10,532,747
Federal Funds and Grants	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$753,926
State Funds	$9,778,821
State General Funds	$9,778,821

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$9,082,918	$9,836,844
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$325,074	$325,074
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$31,918	$31,918
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$24,360	$24,360
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$56,715	$56,715
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$989	$989
Increase funds for two positions and associated costs for the new Houston County Clinic.	$135,597	$135,597
Increase funds for a coordinator specializing in providing services to veterans experiencing homelessness.	$121,250	$121,250
Reduce funds for vacancies and reduced travel and training costs. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,778,821	$10,532,747

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

Total Funds	**$22,149,322**
Other Funds	**$373,832**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$373,832
State Funds	**$21,775,490**
State General Funds	$21,775,490

49.1. Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution

of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

Total Funds	$15,463,371
Other Funds	$308,353
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$308,353
State Funds	$15,155,018
State General Funds	$15,155,018

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$14,705,989	$15,014,342
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$402,977	$402,977
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$25,938	$25,938
Increase funds to provide an additional $3,000 targeted salary enhancement for selected POST certified law enforcement officers.	$20,114	$20,114
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,155,018	$15,463,371

49.2. Board Administration (SBWC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

Total Funds	$6,685,951
Other Funds	$65,479
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$65,479
State Funds	$6,620,472
State General Funds	$6,620,472

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$6,432,451	$6,497,930
Increase funds to provide for a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$91,474	$91,474
Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$87,590	$87,590
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,273	$7,273
Increase funds for Merit System Assessment billings.	$1,684	$1,684
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,620,472	$6,685,951

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

Total Funds	**$866,598,978**
State Funds	**$866,598,978**
State General Funds	$866,598,978

50.1. Capital Projects Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

Total Funds	$866,598,978
State Funds	$866,598,978
State General Funds	$866,598,978

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund to reflect savings associated with favorable rates received in recent bond sales to be used for defeasance of existing debt obligations and other state capital needs.	$50,341,893	$50,341,893
Education, Department of: Capital Outlay Program -Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide.	$25,470,000	$25,470,000
Education, Department of: Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide.	$21,187,020	$21,187,020
Education, Department of: Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.	$181,762,692	$181,762,692
Education, Department of: Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction, statewide.	$6,905,000	$6,905,000
Education, Department of: Purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide. *(CC:Purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide.)*	$10,320,142	$10,320,142
Education, Department of: Major repairs and renovations for state schools, statewide.	$7,075,000	$7,075,000
Education, Department of: Purchase school buses, statewide.	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment for Bywaters, Founders, and Lyons renovations, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Peach County. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment for the Research Tower, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Fulton County. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment for Interdisciplinary STEM Building, Kennesaw State, Marietta, Cobb County. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment for phase three of Technology Square, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Fulton County. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment of Phase II of the Science and Ag Hill Modernization project, UGA, Athens, Clarke County. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction for renovation of Billy C Black Building, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County.	$8,700,000	$8,700,000

Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction of Nursing and Health Science Addition, College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, Glynn County.	$13,000,000	$13,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction of Herty Hall Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. *(CC:Recognize $11,000,000 appropriated in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session) to reflect completion of project funding.)*	$5,500,000	$5,500,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction of Pafford Building Renovation, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County.	$14,400,000	$14,400,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction of Eastman Campus Extension, Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County. *(CC:Recognize $10,670,000 appropriated in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session) to reflect completion of project funding.)*	$5,335,000	$5,335,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construct the Science and Ag Hill Modernization, Infrastructure Upgrades 2, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	$8,500,000	$8,500,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design, construct, and equip the partial renovation of the Davidson Student Center, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County.	$4,800,000	$4,800,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construction to upgrade the primary electrical distribution system, East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, Emanuel County.	$2,700,000	$2,700,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design for the Science and Ag Hill Modernization Phase III - Poultry Science Building Renovation, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construction for renovations to the interdisciplinary research building, Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construct the replacement of two chillers at the 10th Street Chiller Plant, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construct a campuswide renewal of HVAC and electrical systems, Gordon State College, Barnesville, Lamar County.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Georgia Research Alliance: Equipment for the Georgia Research Alliance, statewide. *(CC:Reflect $2,000,000 in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design, construct, and equip the renovation of the College of Business Building, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Georgia Military College: Repair roof of College Academic Building (Boylan and Miller Hall) - Phase III, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$112,000	$112,000
Georgia Military College: Exterior Stucco Repair for College Academic Buildings, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$67,200	$67,200
Georgia Military College: Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for Wilder Hall, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Technical College System of Georgia: System-wide equipment refresh, statewide.	$5,475,000	$5,475,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Equipment for a new Georgia industrial systems and industrial robotics training center at Ogeechee	$3,580,000	$3,580,000

Technical College, Statesboro, Bulloch County.		
Technical College System of Georgia: Design, construction, and equipment for Walton County Campus Renovations, Phase 1 at Athens Technical College, Monroe, Walton County.	$9,875,000	$9,875,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design, construction, and equipment for RAAME Center renovation at Southern Crescent Technical College, Griffin, Spalding County.	$2,675,000	$2,675,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design and construction for new transportation and logistics training center at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta, Lowndes County. *(CC:Reflect funding in the Amended FY 2024 Budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Technical College System of Georgia: Design and construction for trade-industry buildings renovation at Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, Bibb County.	$17,550,000	$17,550,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design and construction for industrial technologies renovation at Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome, Floyd County.	$16,990,000	$16,990,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design and construction for advanced technology renovation at Lanier Technical College, Cumming, Forsyth County.	$6,745,000	$6,745,000
Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities: Hospital Campus Urgent and Significant Needs Prioritized According to the GSFIC Campus Survey. *(CC:Construct the Treatment Mall at East Central Regional Hospital, Augusta, Richmond County ($8,000,000) and renovate the Boland Building, Milledgeville, Baldwin County ($750,000) for hurricane evacuations.)*	$8,750,000	$8,750,000
Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities: Hospital Vehicle Replacements, statewide.	$1,250,000	$1,250,000
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Major Repairs and Renovations at Roosevelt Warm Springs, Meriwether County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind Pillow Tick Machine Replacement.	$130,000	$130,000
Veterans Services, Department of: Facility Improvement and Repairs, Georgia War Veterans Homes, Milledgeville and Augusta, Baldwin and Richmond Counties.	$3,155,000	$3,155,000
Human Services, Department of: Facility Improvements and Security and HVAC equipment, Statewide	$225,000	$225,000
Public Health, Department of: HVAC and Generator replacements at state labs and district offices, statewide.	$775,000	$775,000
Community Supervision, Department of: Replace 111 vehicles, statewide.	$5,790,000	$5,790,000
Corrections, Department of: Replace 218 vehicles, statewide.	$10,020,000	$10,020,000
Corrections, Department of: Replace 10 buses, statewide.	$1,630,000	$1,630,000
Defense, Department of: Major repairs, maintenance and sustainment, statewide.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Defense, Department of: Site improvements and renovations for the readiness centers, statewide.	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Construction of Medical Examiner Annex Addition, Decatur, DeKalb County.	$40,100,000	$40,100,000
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Major facility maintenance, repairs and renovations, statewide.	$2,200,000	$2,200,000
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Additional design fees for a 56-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County.	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Additional design fees for a 48-bed facility expansion, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

Juvenile Justice, Department of: Construction of 48-bed facility expansion, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$52,000,000	$52,000,000
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Major repair and renovation, statewide.	$2,300,000	$2,300,000
Public Safety, Department of: Replace 106 vehicles, statewide.	$10,825,000	$10,825,000
Public Safety, Department of: Major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide.	$1,405,000	$1,405,000
Public Safety, Department of: Design, construct and equip a new State Patrol facility for post 21, Sylvania, Screven County.	$2,285,000	$2,285,000
Public Safety, Department of: Additional funds to complete the Oconee Post, Oconee County.	$485,000	$485,000
Public Safety Training Center: Replace water distribution line in main academic building, Forsyth, Monroe County. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in Amended FY 2024 Budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Public Safety Training Center: Installation of fire alarm control panels in three separate buildings, Forsyth, Monroe County. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in Amended FY 2024 Budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Public Safety Training Center: Construct four training buildings, Forsyth, Monroe County.	$1,080,000	$1,080,000
Public Safety Training Center: Construction of rifle range, Forsyth, Monroe County.	$1,030,000	$1,030,000
Public Safety Training Center: Replace five vehicles, statewide. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in Amended FY 2024 Budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Public Safety Training Center: Major repairs, Forsyth, Monroe County. *(CC:No; Reflect funding in Amended FY 2024 Budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Driver Services, Department of: Facility maintenance and renovations, statewide.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Labor, Department of: Central Complex repairs and renovations, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Law, Department of: Purchase 10 vehicles for the Prosecution Division, statewide.	$300,000	$300,000
Georgia Building Authority: Design and renovation of Agriculture Building, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$4,470,500	$4,470,500
Agriculture, Department of: Purchase lab equipment at Tifton Lab.	$1,014,674	$1,014,674
Agriculture, Department of: Chiller and Generator replacement at Tifton Lab.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority: Construction of new goat, sheep, and swine barn, Perry, Houston County. *(CC:Construction of new goat, sheep, and swine barn and MRR including roof repair and RV site expansion, Perry, Houston County.)*	$22,000,000	$22,000,000
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority: State match for the federal Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Programs, statewide.	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State Forestry Commission: Planning, design, and construction for new multi-county unit office, Thomson, McDuffie County.	$2,338,300	$2,338,300
State Forestry Commission: Facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.	$1,013,680	$1,013,680
State Forestry Commission: Replace vehicles and equipment, statewide.	$1,152,840	$1,152,840
Natural Resources, Department of: Facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.	$18,915,412	$18,915,412
Natural Resources, Department of: Parks and Wildlife ADA improvements, statewide.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Natural Resources, Department of: New Construction at State Parks and Wildlife Resources Sites, statewide.	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Natural Resources, Department of: Vehicle Replacement and Lab	$3,310,000	$3,310,000

Equipment, statewide.		
Natural Resources, Department of: Land acquisition of Dawson - Paulding Forest, various.	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Jekyll Island State Park Authority: Maintenance and Repair funding.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Stone Mountain Memorial Association: Memorial Hall Building renovation project, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County.	$4,235,000	$4,235,000
Stone Mountain Memorial Association: Top of Mountain Building renovation project, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County.	$3,217,025	$3,217,025
Stone Mountain Memorial Association: Education Center chiller project renovation, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County.	$330,000	$330,000
Georgia World Congress Center Authority: Escalator equipment modernization Building C, Atlanta, Fulton County. *(CC:Elevator and escalator equipment modernization and use other funds for parking deck elevator repair and replacement, Atlanta, Fulton County.)*	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Land acquisition and design for new 56-bed facility, Gwinnett County.	$3,800,000	$3,800,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design of Skiles and ISYE Main Building Renovation, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design of the Natural Science Lab Replacement, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Sumter County.	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Partial Renovation of the Fine Arts Building, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction of HVAC Renewal, Savannah State University, Savannah, Chatham County.	$7,000,000	$7,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Renovation of Chambliss Hall, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Tift County.	$2,900,000	$2,900,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Renovation of Lakeview Nursing and Dental, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Floyd County.	$900,000	$900,000
Georgia Military College: Major Repairs and Renovations, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$1,777,600	$1,777,600
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities: Planning, design, and land acquisition for a new behavioral health crisis center in North Metropolitan Atlanta.	$500,000	$500,000
Department of Labor: Major repair and renovations, modernization and automation, statewide.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Education, Department of: Construction of the Middle Georgia STEM Academy, Houston County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Natural Resources, Department of: Fund Tybee Island beach restoration. *(CC:Yes; Reflect funding in Department of Natural Resources.)*	$0	$0
Public Libraries: Construction of Cleveland-White County Public Library, Northeast Georgia Regional Library System, Cleveland, White County.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Public Libraries: Construction of Morgan County Library, Azalea Regional Library System, Madison, Morgan County.	$1,114,000	$1,114,000
Public Libraries: Major Repairs and Renovations, statewide.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Public Libraries: Renovation of Appleby Branch Library, Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System, Augusta, Richmond County	$900,000	$900,000
Public Libraries: Renovation of Douglas-Coffee County Library, Satilla	$900,000	$900,000

Regional Library System, Douglas, Coffee County.		
Public Libraries: Renovation of the Cedartown Library, Sara Hightower Library System, Cedartown, Polk County.	$900,000	$900,000
Public Libraries: Renovation of the Dawson County Public Library, Chestatee Regional Library System, Dawsonville, Dawson County. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Public Libraries: Renovation of Westtown Library, Dougherty County Library System, Albany, Dougherty County.	$900,000	$900,000
Public Libraries: Technology Grants to Public Libraries, statewide.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construction of Building A HVAC, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.	$16,100,000	$16,100,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Construction of Mark Ivester Center, North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville, Habersham County. *(CC:Reflect final appropriation for construction of Mark Ivester Center, North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville, Habersham County.)*	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Construction of the Jack Hill Conference Center, Savannah Technical College, Rincon, Effingham County.	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design and construction of a commercial driver's license pad at Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Whitfield Murray Campus.	$5,525,000	$5,525,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design Center for Advanced Manufacturing, Columbus Technical College, Columbus, Muscogee County. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Technical College System of Georgia: Design Hank Aaron Academic Complex, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$2,019,000	$2,019,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design New Health Science Building, Coastal Pines Technical College, Jesup, Wayne County. *(CC:Design and construction of the New Health Science Building, Coastal Pines Technical College, Jesup, Wayne County.)*	$16,805,000	$16,805,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design the expansion of the Hugh M. Gillis Regional Medical Technology Center, Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Toombs County. *(CC:Design and construction of the expansion of the Hugh M. Gillis Regional Medical Technology Center, Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Toombs County.)*	$8,260,000	$8,260,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$866,598,978	$866,598,978

Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

Total Funds	**$1,207,816,399**
Federal Recovery Funds	**$16,846,588**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$16,846,588
State Funds	**$1,190,969,811**
Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094

51.1. GO Bonds Issued

Total Funds	$1,207,816,399

Federal Recovery Funds	$16,846,588
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$16,846,588
State Funds	$1,190,969,811
Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$1,174,236,970	$1,191,083,558
Transfer funds from the GO Bonds New program to reflect the issuance of new bonds.	$81,140,826	$81,140,826
Increase funds for debt service on road and bridge issued bonds.	$5,736,919	$5,736,919
Transfer funds to the Capital Projects Fund at the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to reflect savings associated with favorable rates received in recent bond sales to be used for defeasance of existing debt obligations and other state capital needs.	($61,577,869)	($61,577,869)
Increase funds for debt service. *(CC:No)*	$0	$0
Redirect $12,465,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2023 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 911, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $150,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 81, Bond 353.103) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $2,840,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 793, Bond #3) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $4,689,074 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2020 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 31, Bond 355.101) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $6,858,347 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2019 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 684, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $500 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2019 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 684, Bond #3) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $658,807 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2018 for the State	$0	$0

Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 44, Bond 348.101) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. *(CC:Yes)*		
Recognize prepayment of debt service in the Amended FY 2024 budget (HB 915, 2024 Session).	($8,567,035)	($8,567,035)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,190,969,811	$1,207,816,399

51.2. GO Bonds New

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 19) as amended	$81,140,826	$81,140,826
Transfer funds to the GO Bonds Issued program to reflect the issuance of new bonds.	($81,140,826)	($81,140,826)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) A general cost-of-living adjustment of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

2.) In lieu of other numbered items, (a) to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment authorized by O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) for each state officer whose salary is set by Code Sections 45-7-4(a), in an amount of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, per year as determined by the Office of Planning and Budget according to O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), with members of the General Assembly subject to the further provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) as to amount and effective date; (b) To provide for increases of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000, for other department heads and officers whose salary is not set by statute; (c) Subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), the amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

3.) In lieu of other numbered items,(a) to provide for a $2,500 increase across the state salary schedule of the State Board of Education through a $2,500 increase in the state base salary.

This proposed $2,500 salary improvement is in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This Item includes as well, and without limitation, teachers and administrators in state agencies whose salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of September 1, 2024;

(b) To provide for a 4.1% increase in funding for salaries for all local nutrition workers; a 4.1% increase in the state base salary for local school bus drivers; a 4.1% increase for school nurses; and a 4.1% increase for Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) employees. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

4.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,500 salary increase for teachers and assistant teachers within the Department of Early Care and Learning. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

5.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and non-academic personnel of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed $3,000 per employee, for public librarians funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above and administered by the Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

7.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

8.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for a supplementary $3,000 targeted salary adjustment for selected POST certified law enforcement officers in the programs stated above to address employee retention needs in Department of Agriculture, Department of Community Health, Georgia Drug and Narcotics Agency, Georgia Composite Medical Board, Department of Community Supervision, Department of Corrections, Department of Defense, Department of Driver Services, State Forestry Commission, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, Office of the State Inspector General, Office of the Commissioner on Insurance and Safety Fire, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Natural Resources, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Georgia Public Defender Council, Department of Public Safety, Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, Department of Revenue, Office of the Secretary of State, Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, Department of Transportation, and State Board of Workers' Compensation. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

9.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for certain employees in the job titles and programs stated above to address employee retention needs in Juvenile Courts, Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Finance, Department of Community Health, Department of Human Services, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

10.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for certain employees in the job titles and programs stated above to address employee retention needs in the Georgia State-wide Business Court, Supreme Court, and Court of Appeals. The amount for this item is calculated according to one week's salary.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations of State Funds in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most columns for each line item containing, constituting, amending, eliminating, or redirecting state funds, including, regardless of whether such line item has a number less than 1,000 after the decimal (01 through 999) (for even-numbered fiscal years) or contains text within a box (for odd-numbered fiscal years).

The appropriations of Federal Funds and of Other Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated at the broadest or summary level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, and the more specific levels of detail shall be for information only. In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds and Federal Funds, including in Other Funds without limitation all Intra-

State Government Transfers. Regardless of placement on the page, both the broadest or summary level of detail and the more specific detail of appropriations of Intra-State Government Transfers shall be deemed more specific levels of detail of Other Funds, and the broadest or summary amount shall be deemed added to the broadest or summary amount of the appropriation of Other Funds for the program.

For authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51, the indented, bold-faced paragraphs following each Bond number are the lowest level of detail and constitute appropriations in accordance with Article VII, Section IV, Paragraph III(a)(1) of the Georgia Constitution. The caption above the Bond number, the light-faced text immediately following the Bond number before the bold-faced text, and the light-faced after the boldfaced text are information only.

The blocks of text and numerals immediately following the section header and beginning with the phrases, "Section Total - Continuation" and "Section Totals - Final" (for even-numbered fiscal years) and the shaded sections following the Section heading (for odd-numbered fiscal years) are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54, and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional

authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

PART II

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PART III

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 916.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 54, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on HB 916.

Senator McLaurin of the 14th moved that the Senate adjourn sine die.

The President ruled the motion out of order.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 505. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 1st, Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to revise provisions relating to required publication by hospital of certain financial documents on its website; to provide for uniform reporting requirements; to require hospitals to annually provide the Uniform Resource Locator for the webpage containing the financial documents; to provide for increased penalties for noncompliance; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 505:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to revise provisions relating to required publication by hospital of certain financial documents on its website; to provide for uniform reporting requirements; to require hospitals to annually provide the Uniform Resource Locator for the webpage containing the financial documents; to provide for increased penalties for noncompliance; to revise provisions relating to appointments to fill vacancies on boards for hospital authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, is amended by revising Code Section 31-7-22, relating to required publication by hospital of certain documentation on website, updating, penalty for noncompliance, enforcement, and individual criminal penalty, as follows:

"31-7-22.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'hospital' means a nonprofit hospital, a hospital owned or operated by a hospital authority, or a nonprofit corporation formed, created, or operated by or on behalf of a hospital authority.

(b) Each ~~Beginning October 1, 2019, each~~ hospital in this state shall be required to post and maintain a link in a prominent location on the main page of its website to the most recent version of each of the following documents in the format and manner established by the department pursuant to subsection (d.1) of this Code section:

(1) Federal related disclosures:

(A) Copies of audited financial statements that are general purpose financial statements, which express the unqualified opinion of an independent certified public accounting firm for the most recently completed fiscal year for the hospital; each of its affiliates, except those affiliates that were inactive or that had an immaterial amount of total assets; and the hospital's parent corporation that include the following:

(i) A PDF version of all audited financial statements;

(ii) A note in the hospital's audited financial statements that identifies individual amounts for such hospital's gross patient revenue, allowances, charity care, and net patient revenue;

(iii) Audited consolidated financial statements for hospitals with subsidiaries and consolidating financial statements that at a minimum contain a balance sheet and

statement of operations and that provide a breakout of the hospital's and each subsidiary's numbers with a report from independent accountants on other financial information; and

(iv) Audited consolidated financial statements for the hospital's parent corporation and consolidating financial statements that at a minimum contain a balance sheet and statement of operations and that provide a breakout of the hospital's and each affiliate's numbers with a report from independent accountants on other financial information; and

(B) A copy ~~Copy~~ of audited Internal Revenue Service Form 990, including Schedule H for hospitals and other applicable attachments; provided, however, that for any hospital not required to file IRS Form 990, the department shall establish and provide a form that collects the same information as is contained in Internal Revenue Service Form 990, including Schedule H for hospitals, as applicable; and

(2) Georgia supplemental disclosures:

(A) The ~~Copy of the~~ hospital's completed annual hospital questionnaire, as required by the department;

(B) The community benefit report prepared pursuant to Code Section 31-7-90.1, if applicable;

(C) The disproportionate share hospital survey, if applicable;

(D) Listing of all real property holdings of the hospital, including the location and size, parcel ID number, purchase price, current use, and any improvements made to such property;

(E) Listing of any ownership or interest the nonprofit hospital has in any joint venture, partnership, subsidiary holding company, or captive insurance company; where any such entity is domiciled; and the value of any such ownership or interest;

(F) Listing of any bonded indebtedness, outstanding loans, and bond defaults, whether or not in forbearance; and any bond disclosure sites of the hospital;

(G) A report that identifies by purpose, the ending fund balances of the net assets of the hospital and each affiliate as of the close of the most recently completed fiscal year, distinguishing between donor permanently restricted, donor temporarily restricted, board restricted and unrestricted fund balances. The hospital's interest in its foundation shall be deducted from the foundation's total fund balance;

(H) All ~~Copy of all~~ going concern statements regarding the hospital;

(I) The most recent legal chart of corporate structure, including the hospital, each of its affiliates and subsidiaries, and its parent corporation, duly dated;

(J) A report ~~Report~~ listing the salaries and fringe benefits for the ten highest paid administrative positions in the hospital. Each position shall be identified by its complete, unabbreviated title. Fringe benefits shall include all forms of compensation, whether actual or deferred, made to or on behalf of the employee, whether full or part-time;

(K) Evidence of accreditation by accrediting bodies, including, but not limited to, the Joint Commission and DNV; and

(L) The ~~Copy of the~~ hospital's policies regarding the provision of charity care and

reduced cost services to the indigent, excluding medical assistance recipients, and its debt collection practices.

(c) Each hospital in this state shall annually update the documents in the links posted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section ~~on~~ no later than July 1 of each year or more frequently at its discretion. Noncurrent documents shall remain posted and accessible on the hospital's website indefinitely.

(d) All documents listed in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable.

(d.1) No later than December 31, 2024, the department shall establish a uniform template and criteria for reporting the documents required to be posted pursuant to this Code section. No later than July 1, 2025, all hospitals shall implement and utilize such uniform template and reporting criteria.

(e) Each hospital in this state shall annually provide to the department the Uniform Resource Locator to the link required pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section no later than August 1 each year. The department shall ~~also~~ post ~~a~~ and maintain an updated link in a prominent location on its website ~~to the documents listed in subsection (b) of this Code section for~~ containing the Uniform Resource Locator for each hospital in this state as provided by each such hospital pursuant to this subsection.

(f) Any hospital that fails to ~~post the documents required pursuant to subsection (b)~~ comply with any provision of this Code section ~~within 30 days of the dates required in this Code section~~ shall be suspended from receiving any ~~state funds or any donations pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20~~ funds administered by the state; provided, however, that the department shall provide a hospital 30 days' notice of any deficiency and opportunity to correct such deficiency prior to any suspension of funds pursuant to this subsection.

(g) The department shall ~~have jurisdiction to~~ enforce this Code section and ~~to~~ promulgate rules and regulations required to administer this Code section.

(h) Any person who knowingly and willfully includes false, fictitious, or fraudulent information in any documents required to be posted pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to a violation of Code Section 16-10-20."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 31-7-72, relating to creation of county and municipal hospital authorities, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Appointments to fill vacancies on the board of any hospital authority activated on or after March 15, 1964, for either an unexpired or full term as fixed in the original resolution or ordinance creating the authority, shall be made as follows:

(1) The governing body of the area of operation shall submit a list of three eligible persons to the board of the hospital authority; and

(2) The board at its next regular meeting shall ~~either~~ select one of the three persons named in such list ~~or decline to select any of the persons named in the list. If the board declines to select any of the persons named on the list, it shall so notify the governing body; and~~

~~(3) Upon receipt of notification that the board has declined to select any of the persons named in the governing body's list, the governing body shall submit a second list of three eligible persons, no one of whom was named on the first list, to the board of the hospital authority. The board at its next regular meeting after receipt of the second list shall select one of the three persons named in the second list.~~"

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 505.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 505.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 328. By Senators Albers of the 56th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise many provisions of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; to revise provisions related to eligibility and full-time employment; to revise provisions related to the appointment, terms of office, and duties of the board of trustees; to provide for related matters; to provide for conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 328:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise many provisions of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; to revise provisions related to eligibility and full-time employment; to revise provisions related to the appointment, terms of office, and duties of the board of trustees; to change the title for the secretary-treasurer to executive director; to increase monthly dues; to revise procedures for delinquent dues; to change certain aspects for purchases of creditable service; to change payments from monthly to annual; to allow benefits prior to termination of employment; to revise benefit calculations; to provide for the refund of contributions; to provide for related matters; to provide for conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, is amended by revising Chapter 17, relating to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, as follows:

"CHAPTER 17
ARTICLE 1

47-17-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Board of Commissioners of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund.

(1.1) 'Creditable service' means approved prior service plus membership service.

(1.2) 'Full time' means regularly working a minimum of 30 hours per week or 120 hours per 28 day period for a law enforcement unit or communications center.
(2) 'Fund' means the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund.
(3) 'Income' means any and all income received by a peace officer for services rendered, whether such income is in the form of salary, fees, subsistence allowance or other type of allowance, or any combination thereof.
(4) 'Member' means a member of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund.
(4.1) 'Membership service' means service which is rendered by an employee while he or she is a member of the fund and for which credit is allowable under this chapter.
(5) 'Peace officer' means:
(A) Any person who is employed full time by an enforcement unit or communications center, agency, or department of the state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof, recognized by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, who is required by the terms of such person's employment to comply with the requirements of the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act' contained in Chapter 8 of Title 35, and who has satisfactorily completed one or more of the following basic training courses approved by the POST Council:
(i) Law enforcement;
(ii) Communications officer;
(iii) Correctional officer;
(iv) Probate/Parole officer;
(v) Jail officer; or
(vi) Juvenile correctional officer;
(B) All employees of the Peace Officers Annuity and Benefit Fund who are required by the terms of their employment to devote their full time to such job; and
(C) Any person who was a member of the fund pursuant to the definitions contained in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph and who is subsequently promoted to a position of similar duties but broader supervisory duties, if such person's new position requires him or her to comply with the standards contained in Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Act.'
~~(A) Any peace officer who is employed by this state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof who is required by the terms of such peace officer's employment, whether by election or appointment, to give such peace officer's full time to the preservation of public order, the protection of life and property, or the detection of crime in this state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof and who is required by the terms of such peace officer's employment to comply with the requirements of the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act' contained in Chapter 8 of Title 35, provided that, for the purposes of this chapter, any deputy sheriff employed as such by a sheriff of this state shall be deemed to be employed by the county in which such sheriff serves;~~
~~(B) Any warden or correction officer of state or county correctional institutions and any warden or correction officer of municipal correctional institutions of a municipality having a population of 70,000 or more according to the United States~~

~~decennial census of 1970 or any future such census who is required by the terms of his or her employment as such warden or correction officer to give his or her full time to his or her job as such warden or correction officer; and any warden or correction officer of a municipal correctional institution who on or before October 1, 1962, pays dues for prior service shall be deemed to have been a member for such periods and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits to which other members during such periods are entitled, provided that any such warden or correction officer as provided in this subparagraph is required by the terms of his or her employment to comply with the requirements of the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act' contained in Chapter 8 of Title 35;~~

~~(C) All employees of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund who are required by the terms of their employment to devote their full time to such job; and any such full-time employee who on or before October 1, 1962, paid dues for prior service shall be deemed to have been a member for such periods and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits to which other members are entitled;~~

~~(D) Any parole officers who are required by the terms of their employment to devote full time to their job;~~

~~(E) Any law enforcement employee of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit of the Department of Revenue who is required by the terms of his or her employment to devote his or her full time to his or her job as a law enforcer, and any supervisor of such employees who, himself or herself, is assigned to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit and who is required by the terms of his or her employment to have arrest powers and to enforce the alcohol and tobacco tax laws;~~

~~(F) Any person employed by the Department of Transportation who is designated by the commissioner of transportation as an enforcement officer pursuant to Code Section 32-6-29, provided that such enforcement officers shall be entitled to creditable service toward retirement only for membership service rendered after April 5, 1978, and only for membership service which is rendered in such capacity prior to July 1, 2001;~~

~~(G) Any full-time identification technician or identification supervisor employed by this state, or any subdivision or municipality thereof, whose duties include the investigation and detection of crime or whose duties are supervisory over those identification technicians whose duties include the investigation and detection of crime in this state, and who has been considered a member of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, and paid dues thereto, at any time on or before July 1, 1981; and such identification technicians and identification supervisors shall be deemed to have been members for such prior period of service that dues were paid and shall be entitled to all rights and benefits to which other members are entitled;~~

~~(H) Reserved;~~

~~(I) Persons in the categories listed below who are required, as a condition necessary to carry out their duties, to be certified as peace officers pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8 of Title 35, known as the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act':~~

~~(i) Persons employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice who have been designated by the commissioner of juvenile justice to investigate and apprehend delinquent children or children in need of services who have escaped from an institution or facility or have broken their conditions of supervision; any employee of the Department of Juvenile Justice whose full-time duties include the preservation of public order, the protection of life and property, the detection of crime, or the supervision of delinquent children or children in need of services in its institutions, facilities, or programs or who is a line supervisor of any such employee, provided that the powers of a peace officer have been conferred upon such person pursuant to Chapter 4A of Title 49;~~

~~(ii) Narcotics agents retained by the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 35-3-9;~~

~~(iii) Investigators employed by the Secretary of State as securities investigators pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 10-5-10;~~

~~(iv) Investigators employed by the Secretary of State as investigators for the professional licensing boards pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 43-1-5;~~

~~(v) Persons employed by the Department of Driver Services to whom the commissioner of driver services has delegated law enforcement powers; provided, however, that no such person shall be entitled to obtain any prior creditable service other than actual membership service;~~

~~(vi) Persons employed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board as investigators pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 43-34-6; and~~

~~(vii) Persons employed by the Georgia Board of Dentistry as investigators pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 43-11-2.1;~~

~~(J) Any person who was a member of the fund pursuant to the definitions contained in subparagraphs (A) through (I) of this paragraph and who is subsequently promoted to a position of similar duties but broader supervisory duties, if such person's new position requires him or her to comply with the standards contained in Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act,' and such person retains his or her powers of arrest;~~

~~(K) Any employee of the Department of Corrections whose full-time duties include the preservation of public order, the protection of life and property, the detection of crime, or the supervision of inmates and detainees or who is a line supervisor of any such employee, provided that all such persons are required to comply with the requirements of Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act,' in order to hold their positions and in addition have been conferred with the powers of a police officer pursuant to Code Section 42-5-35;~~

~~(L) Each jail officer, as such term is defined in the Code Section 35-8-2, who is certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and who maintains compliance with Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act'; and~~

~~(M) Each communications officer, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-8-23, who is certified or maintains compliance with rules and regulations prescribed by the~~

~~Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council with respect to such position. (6) 'Service,' as used to determine the amount of annuities or benefits due any beneficiary under this chapter, means the total number of years in the aggregate actually served by a peace officer, computed from the date such peace officer began his service as a peace officer.~~

ARTICLE 2

47-17-20.

(a) In order to carry out this chapter and to perform the duties fixed in it, there is created the Board of Commissioners of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. The board shall be composed of six members, as follows:

(1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

(2) An appointee of the Governor who is not the Attorney General;

(3) The Commissioner of Insurance or the Commissioner's designee;

(4) A peace officer actively employed by an agency of the state or a retired peace officer who was employed by an agency of the state upon retirement;

(5) A peace officer actively employed by a county or a retired peace officer who was employed by a county upon retirement; and

(6) A peace officer actively employed by a municipality or a retired peace officer who was employed by a municipality upon retirement.

(b) Each of the members provided for under paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be an active member of the fund or a retired peace officer who is a beneficiary of the fund. ~~Each such member~~ Members shall be appointed by the Governor to staggered three-year terms. ~~take office on July 1, 1984. The initial member appointed pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be the successor to incumbent board member, Sergeant Robert Brown, whose regular term of office expires October 31, 1984, and the term of said incumbent member is shortened to expire on June 30, 1984; and the initial term of the successor appointed by the Governor shall be one year. The initial member appointed pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be the successor to incumbent board member, Captain Raymond Purvis, whose regular term of office expires on October 31, 1985, and the term of said incumbent member is shortened to expire on June 30, 1984; and the initial term of the successor appointed by the Governor shall be two years. The initial member appointed pursuant to paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be the successor to incumbent board member, Sergeant Terry McAfee, whose regular term of office expires October 31, 1984, and the term of said incumbent member is shortened to expire on June 30, 1984; and the initial term of the successor appointed by the Governor shall be three years. Thereafter, successors to such members shall be appointed by the Governor to take office upon the expiration of the respective terms of office for terms of three years.~~ All such members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(c) If a vacancy occurs in a position on the board held by one of the members appointed

pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, the Governor shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term within 30 days after the date the vacancy occurred. The members of the board shall receive the same expense allowance as that received by members of the General Assembly and the same mileage allowance for the use of a personal automobile as that received by other state officials or employees or a travel allowance of actual transportation costs if traveling by public carrier within the state. Any board member shall also be reimbursed for any conference or meeting registration fee incurred in the performance of the member's duties as a board member. For each day's service outside of the state as a board member, such member shall receive actual expenses as an expense allowance as well as the same mileage allowance for the use of a personal automobile as that received by other state officials and employees or a travel allowance of actual transportation costs if traveling by public carrier or by rental motor vehicle. The board, by regulation, shall provide for the submission and approval of expense vouchers in conformity with the requirements of this subsection.

(d) The board shall elect from its members a ~~chairman~~ chairperson and a ~~vice-chairman~~ vice chairperson.

(e) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting all business that may come before the board.

(f) The executive committee of the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia ~~shall~~ may submit to the Governor a list of three names for each person to be appointed by the Governor pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section as a member of the board. In making appointments pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, the Governor may consider the names submitted by the executive committee, but it is specifically provided that the appointments shall be at the sole discretion of the Governor, and the Governor shall not be required to choose any appointee from names submitted by the executive committee.

47-17-21.

(a) There is created the office of ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. The ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director shall be elected by the board, ~~and~~ shall serve at its pleasure~~. His compensation shall be fixed by the board. He~~, and shall perform the duties provided for in this chapter and such other duties and services as the board may direct. The board shall fix the compensation of the executive director.

(b) The ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director shall give a good and sufficient surety bond in such an amount as may be determined by the board, and such surety bond shall be conditioned upon the proper and faithful performance of ~~his duties as secretary-treasurer~~ the duties of the executive director.

(c) ~~The secretary-treasurer shall make quarterly reports to the board showing the total amount of money in his hands at the time of making such report and also showing a full accounting of receipts and expenditures since his last quarterly report.~~ Subject to direction and limitations as may be set by the board, the executive director shall be authorized to enter into agreements for the acquisition of goods and services for the fund.

47-17-22.

The board is given the following powers and duties:

(1) To provide for the collection of all moneys provided for in this chapter;

(2) To provide for payment of all annuities and benefits under this chapter;

(3) To provide for and maintain all necessary administrative facilities and personnel;

(4) To provide for payment of all administrative salaries, fees, and expenses;

(5) To hear and determine applications for membership in this fund according to the terms of this chapter;

(6) To hear and determine applications for retirement, disability, and death benefits according to the terms of this chapter;

(7) To make rules, regulations, and requirements consistent with this chapter for determining eligibility of members for disability, death, and retirement benefits;

(8) To bring and defend actions;

~~(8)~~(9) To delegate its authority to invest funds to one or more members of the board;

~~(9)~~(10) To provide for the keeping of minutes and records of all meetings and proceedings of the board, including all rules, regulations, delegations, and requirements passed upon by the board;

~~(10)~~(11) To delegate any and all duties and authorities granted in this Code section to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director under such conditions as may be deemed proper by the board, provided that the board shall at all times hear and determine any matter arising under this chapter if it so desires, if such matter is referred to it by the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director, or if such matter is appealed to the board by any person affected by a decision made by the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director;

~~(11)~~(12) To exercise such other powers, not inconsistent with this chapter, as are necessary for the proper administration of this chapter; ~~and~~

(13) To contract with other public retirement funds, and any department, agency, or authority of the state or municipality or county, for the provision of administrative services and investment of assets; and

~~(12)~~(14) To correct errors in the records of the fund in those instances in which an error results in a member or beneficiary receiving more or less than ~~he or she~~ they would have been entitled to receive had the records been correct and to adjust the payments, as far as is practicable, in such a manner that the member or beneficiary is paid the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which ~~he or she is~~ they are actually entitled.

47-17-23.

(a) The board shall have such control of the funds provided for in this chapter as is not inconsistent with this chapter and other general laws. All funds received by the board shall be deposited in ~~a~~ special ~~account~~ accounts in the name of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. The board shall have the authority to expend such funds in accordance with this chapter.

(b) The board shall have full power to invest and reinvest such funds, subject to all the terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed by Article 7 of Chapter 20 of this title, the 'Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law.' Subject to such terms,

conditions, limitations, and restrictions, the board shall have full power to hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer, and dispose of any of the securities and investments in which any of the funds are invested, including the proceeds of any investments and any money belonging to the fund.

(c) The board may take, by gift, grant, devise, or bequest, any money, real or personal property, or any other thing of value and hold or invest it for the uses and purposes of the fund in accordance with this chapter.

(d) The board is authorized to employ agents, including, but not limited to, banks or trust departments thereof, and to enter into contracts with such agents for their services as investment advisers and counselors, in making recommendations for investments and in making investments if the board so authorizes.

47-17-24.

It shall be the duty of the board to keep permanent records of all its actions in granting annuities or benefits. Such records shall give the name of the recipient, the date of the beginning of the membership service of the involved peace officer, the date of such officer's incapacity, retirement, or death, the reason therefor, and such other information as the board shall desire. All records, papers, and other data shall be carefully preserved and turned over to the succeeding members of the board.

47-17-25.

The state auditor is authorized and directed to make an annual audit of the acts and doings of the board and to make a complete report of the same to the General Assembly. The state auditor shall not be required to distribute copies of the report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective and efficient. The report shall disclose all moneys received by the board and all its expenditures including administrative expenses and payments made as annuities and benefits. The state auditor shall also make an audit of affairs of the board at any time ~~he or she is~~ if requested to do so by a majority of the board.

47-17-26.

(a) Subject to the terms and limitations of this Code section, the board of commissioners is authorized to adopt from time to time a method or methods of providing for increases in the maximum monthly retirement benefit payable under Article 6 of this chapter for persons theretofore or thereafter retiring under this chapter. Such method shall be based upon:

(1) The recommendation of the actuary of the board of commissioners;

(2) The maintenance of the actuarial soundness of the fund in accordance with the standards provided in Code Section 47-20-10 or such higher standards as may be adopted by the board; and

(3) Such other factors as the board deems relevant.

Any such increase may be uniform or may vary in accordance with the time of retirement,

length of creditable service, age, nature of the retirement, or such other factors as the board of commissioners shall determine.
(b) An initial increase may be granted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section to become effective on July 1, 1993, not to exceed 3 percent of the maximum monthly retirement benefit then in effect. Thereafter, such increases may be authorized effective as of January 1 and July 1 of each year; provided, however, that no such increase shall exceed 1 1/2 percent of the maximum monthly retirement benefit then in effect.
(c) No increase shall be made pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section to become effective within six months of the effective date of any increase in the maximum retirement benefit granted by the General Assembly through amendment of Code Section 47-17-80.

47-17-27.
(a) The board is authorized and empowered to appoint and compensate a hearing officer for the purpose of holding hearings, compiling evidence and information, and submitting evidence, information, and recommendations to the board in any contested case.
(b) The hearing officer shall have the authority to do the following in connection with any hearing: administer oaths and affirmations; sign and issue subpoenas; rule upon offers of proof; regulate the course of the hearing, set the time and place for the hearing or any continued hearings, and fix the time for filing any briefs; provide for the taking of testimony by deposition or interrogatory; and reprimand or exclude from the hearing any person for any indecorous or improper conduct committed in the presence of the hearing officer. When a subpoena issued by the hearing officer is disobeyed, any interested party may apply to the superior court of the county where the hearing is being held for an order requiring obedience. Failure to comply with such order shall be cause for punishment as for contempt of court. Any applicant for disability benefits shall have the right to be represented by counsel before the hearing officer.
(c) With respect to all hearings before the hearing officer:
(1) Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. The rules of evidence as applied in the trial of civil nonjury cases in the superior courts shall be followed. Evidence not admissible under such rules of evidence may be admitted if it is of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs. The hearing officer shall give effect to the rules of privilege recognized by law; and
(2) Documentary evidence may be received in the form of copies or excerpts if the original is not readily available. At the discretion of the hearing officer, the original shall be compared with the copy or excerpt.
(d) The hearing officer, within 30 days from the close of the evidence or, if necessary, a longer period of time approved by the board, shall certify the entire record from the hearing to the board, together with his or her recommendation on the application. On review of the entire record from the hearing officer, the board shall have all the powers it would have in presiding at the reception of the evidence. In its discretion, the board may take additional testimony or remand the matter to the hearing officer for such

purpose. The recommendation of the hearing officer to the board shall be made a part of the record before the board.

(e) As a part of its decision subsequent to any hearing, the board shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and the effective date of the decision. The decision of the board shall be mailed to the parties as soon after the rendition of the decision as is practicable.

(f) Any party who is adversely affected by any final decision of the board may seek judicial review of the final decision of the board in the Superior Court of Spalding County. Proceedings for review shall be instituted by filing a petition with the court within 30 days after the decision is rendered. A copy of the petition shall be served upon the board. The petition shall state the nature of the petitioner's interest, the facts showing that the petitioner is aggrieved by the decision of the hearing officer, and the grounds upon which the petitioner contends the decision should be reversed or remanded. The petition may be amended with leave of the court.

(g) Within 30 days after the service of the petition or within further time allowed by the court, the hearing officer shall transmit to the reviewing court the original or a certified copy of the entire record of the proceeding under review. By agreement of the petitioner, the record may be shortened. The court may require or permit subsequent corrections or additions to the record.

(h) The filing of the petition shall in no manner stay the enforcement of the decision of the hearing officer.

(i) The review shall be conducted by the court without a jury and shall be confined to the record. The court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the hearing officer as to the weight of the evidence on questions of fact. The court may affirm the decision of the hearing officer or remand the case for further proceedings. The court may reverse the decision of the hearing officer if substantial rights of the petitioner have been prejudiced because the findings, inferences, conclusions, or decisions of the hearing officer are:

(1) In violation of constitutional or statutory provisions;

(2) In excess of the statutory authority of the hearing officer;

(3) Made upon unlawful procedure;

(4) Clearly erroneous in view of the reliable, probative, and substantial evidence on the whole record; or

(5) Arbitrary or capricious.

(j) A petitioner who is aggrieved by an order of the court in a proceeding authorized under this Code section may appeal to the Supreme Court of Georgia or the Court of Appeals of Georgia in accordance with Title 5.

ARTICLE 3

47-17-40.

(a) In order to obtain membership in the fund, a peace officer shall make application to the board upon an application form to be furnished by it for that purpose. It shall be the duty of the employing authority to ~~notify the board within 30 days from the date a peace~~

~~officer is employed, furnishing the name and mailing address of such peace officer. The board shall~~ furnish an application for membership form and a certification by employing authority form to such peace officer within ~~15~~ 30 days ~~after such notification~~ from the date of employment. The application form shall be accompanied by such material and information as will enable the peace officer to determine the benefits to be derived by virtue of said peace officer's membership in the fund. ~~An applicant must furnish proof of the date of such applicant's birth, and such proof shall be in such form as shall be required by the board.~~

(b) Reserved.

(c) In addition to the requirements stated in this Code section, an application for membership shall contain such other information as may be required by the board.

47-17-41.

~~The board may provide by rule and regulation for the retention of any legally qualified member who has temporarily ceased employment as a peace officer and for credit for such period, provided that an application for retention of membership is submitted not later than 90 days after such employment has ceased; and provided, further, that he or she shall pay to the fund the amounts required for such period. Such member may obtain one month of such credit for each month of active membership performed after the period of unemployment as a peace officer; provided, however, that not more than 12 months of absence from such employment shall be allowed under this Code section during a member's entire membership in the fund~~ Reserved.

47-17-42.

~~Any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, any person who was totally blinded in the line of duty as a peace officer prior to the creation of the fund and who has been unable to serve as a peace officer since that injury is authorized to become a member of the fund, regardless of whether such person is now or hereafter a peace officer. If he elects to join the fund, he shall pay into it the amount which he would have paid had he joined the fund upon its creation and continued as a member since that time, which amount shall be determined by the board. Upon such payment he shall be authorized to receive the maximum disability benefits under Code Section 47-17-81 without the necessity of complying with any time limitations contained in that Code section.~~ In addition to such benefits as provided for in this chapter, the fund may choose to offer and provide other benefits as it may determine to be advisable and financially feasible.

47-17-43.

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed so as to prevent any peace officer who is a member of the fund from belonging to any other retirement, annuity, or benefit system.

47-17-44.

(a)~~(1) Beginning on July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2021, each member shall pay monthly dues into the fund of $25.00~~.

~~(2)(A)~~ On and after July 1, 2021, each member shall pay monthly dues into the fund in an amount to be determined annually by the board that shall be at least $25.00, but shall not exceed $50.00.

(b) On and after July 1, 2024, each member shall pay monthly dues into the fund in an amount to be determined annually by the board that shall be at least $35.00, but shall not exceed $70.00.

~~(B)~~(c) The base amount of monthly dues established pursuant to this ~~paragraph~~ Code section shall apply uniformly to all members.

~~(C)~~(d) The board shall determine the monthly dues amount based on:

~~(i)~~(1) The recommendation of the actuary of the board;

~~(ii)~~(2) The maintenance of the actuarial soundness of the fund in accordance with the minimum funding standards provided in Code Section 47-20-10 or such higher standards as may be adopted by the board; and

~~(iii)~~(3) Such other factors as the board ~~declares~~ determines relevant.

~~(3)~~(e) Each month's dues shall be paid not later than the tenth day of that month. Any member of the fund who becomes delinquent in payment of dues by failure to pay the prescribed amount by the tenth of any month shall be notified of such delinquency by the executive director on the tenth of the following month. If payment is not received by the tenth of the next month, the member shall be removed from active status in the fund and notified by mail. Any member who is dropped for nonpayment of dues shall have six months from the last fully paid month to reinstate their membership. The member shall pay all back dues together with a $100.00 reinstatement fee to avoid a break in service. No previously verified creditable service credit will be lost upon reinstatement. After the six-month reinstatement period has expired, credit for prior service may only be obtained by tendering to the board an amount equal to the full actuarial cost of such time as calculated by the actuary for the fund only after the member has resumed monthly payments.

~~(4)~~(f) Each member shall be required to pay such dues for a minimum period of ten years, or 15 years for individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2010, before being eligible to receive the retirement benefits under this chapter~~, provided that, if such member is eligible to retire under this chapter and so desires, such member may retire, and the board shall deduct such monthly amount from his or her retirement benefits until he or she has paid dues into the fund for a period of ten years or 15 years for individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2010~~.

~~(b) No member shall receive credit for any service performed after March 1, 1951, unless such member has paid into the fund the amount required for such service. Upon application of any peace officer who applies for membership and who owes dues for service since March 1, 1951, the board may allow and provide for periodic payments of such dues over a period of not more than 36 months immediately subsequent to the date of his or her acceptance as a member.~~

~~(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, any member of the fund who has not obtained creditable service for prior service pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 47-17-70 may obtain such service by tendering to the board an amount equal to the dues at the rate of $20.00 per month plus 10 percent interest per annum compounded annually from the date the prior service was rendered to the date of payment for all years claimed as prior service; provided, however, that no member shall be allowed to purchase more than a total of five years of such creditable service; provided, further, however, that any member who becomes or again becomes a member of the fund on or after July 1, 1994, must have been an active member of the fund for five years or more to obtain the prior service credit provided for in this subsection.~~
~~(d) Any member of the fund who qualifies for membership under the definition contained in subparagraph (J) of paragraph (5) of Code Section 47-17-1 who has not obtained creditable service for prior service pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 47-17-70 may obtain such service by tendering to the board an amount equal to the dues at the rate of $20.00 per month plus 10 percent interest per annum compounded annually from the date the prior service was rendered to the date of payment for all years claimed as prior service.~~

ARTICLE 4

47-17-60.
(a) The greater of $10.00 or 10 percent of each bond forfeited and collected in any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statutes, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances, which case is before any court or tribunal in this state, shall be paid to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director. An amount equal to the greater of $10.00 or 10 percent of each fine imposed in any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statutes, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances, which case is before any court or tribunal in this state, shall be added to the amount of the fine imposed and collected, and, once collected, shall be paid to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director. For purposes of determining amounts to be paid to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director, the amount of the fine or bond collected shall be deemed to include costs. The amounts provided for shall be paid to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director before the payment of any costs or any claim whatsoever against such fine or forfeiture. The collecting authority shall pay such amounts to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director on the first day of the month following that in which they were collected or at such other time as the board may provide. With such payment there shall be filed an acceptable form which shows the number of cases in each of the above categories and the amounts due in each category. It shall be the duty of the collecting authority to keep accurate records of the amounts due the board so that the records may be audited or inspected at any time by any representative of the board under its direction. Sums remitted to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director under this Code section shall be used as provided for elsewhere in this chapter.
(a.1) The greater of 5 percent or $5.00 of each fee collected prior to adjudication of guilt

for purposes of pretrial diversion pertaining to any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statutes, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 15-18-80, which case is before any court or tribunal in this state, shall be paid to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director. The clerk of court as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 15-18-80 shall pay such amounts to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director on the first day of the month following that in which they were collected or at such other time as the board may provide. With such payment there shall be filed an acceptable form from the clerk of court which shows the number of cases in each of the above categories and the amounts due in each category. It shall be the duty of the clerk of court to keep accurate records of the amounts due the board so that the records may be audited or inspected at any time by any representative of the board under its direction. Sums remitted to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director under this Code section shall be used as provided for elsewhere in this chapter.

(b) If the collecting authority fails to remit such amounts with an acceptable form properly filled out within 60 days of the date on which such remittal is due, the same shall be delinquent, and there shall be imposed, in addition to the principal amount due, a specific penalty in the amount of 5 percent of the principal amount per month for each month during which the funds continue to be delinquent, provided that such penalty shall not exceed 25 percent of the principal due. In addition to such penalty, interest shall be charged on delinquent amounts at the rate of 6 percent per annum from the date the funds become delinquent until they are paid. By affirmative vote of all members, the board, upon the payment of the delinquent funds together with interest and for good cause shown, may waive the specific penalty otherwise charged under this subsection.

47-17-61.

The Georgia Composite Medical Board shall pay an employer contribution for each ~~person~~ of its investigators who becomes a member of the fund ~~pursuant to division (5)(I)(vi) of Code Section 47-17-1~~. Such contribution shall be the full actuarial cost of the member's participation as calculated by the actuary for the fund and shall be made on ~~a monthly~~ an annual basis.

47-17-62.

The Georgia Board of Dentistry shall pay an employer contribution for each ~~person~~ of its investigators who becomes a member of the fund ~~pursuant to division (5)(I)(vii) of Code Section 47-17-1~~. Such contribution shall be the full actuarial cost of the member's participation as calculated by the actuary for the fund and shall be made on ~~a monthly~~ an annual basis.

47-17-63.

The board, the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, and the Department of Revenue shall coordinate to the extent necessary to ensure that the fund receives the amounts that it is owed pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 38-3-188.

ARTICLE 5

47-17-70.

(a) ~~No peace officer who first makes application for membership in the fund on or after May 1, 1968, shall be given credit for any prior service, and such peace officer shall receive credit only from the date he or she becomes a member of the fund; provided, however, a~~ Any nonretired member of the fund may claim a maximum of five years for service rendered as a peace officer prior to such member's joining the fund ~~if such member complies with subsection (c) of Code Section 47-17-44 and remains an active member of the fund for a period of time at least equal to the number of years claimed for prior service; provided, further, that any member defined in subparagraph (J) of paragraph (5) of Code Section 47-17-1 may claim service as a peace officer prior to such member's joining the fund without regard to such five-year limitation if such member complies with subsection (c) of Code Section 47-17-44~~ by tendering to the fund the full actuarial cost of such time as calculated by the actuary for the fund. All purchased time shall count toward vesting.

(b) A member who is determined by the board to be in good standing and who enlists in or is drafted into any branch of the armed forces of the United States shall not be required to remit any funds to the board during such period of service and shall receive credit for such service, provided that such member left ~~his~~ their work as a peace officer to enter the armed forces of the United States and returned to work as a peace officer within six months after ~~he~~ they ceased such service and engaged in no other type of work within such six-month period. Such member shall receive one year of creditable service for each year of service in the armed forces of the United States, provided that there shall be a limit of five years of credit for such service. If a member remains in the armed forces of the United States longer than five years, ~~his~~ their membership shall be terminated at the end of such five-year period but shall be reinstated if ~~he returns~~ they return to work as a peace officer within six months after ~~he ceases~~ they cease such service and if ~~he has~~ they have not engaged in any other type of work within such six-month period.

47-17-71.

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide for the grant of creditable service to any active member of the fund for each month of prior service as a peace officer rendered prior to January 1, 1976, if during such period the member was denied membership in the fund or was actively prevented from making such application because of his or her race or ethnicity.

(b) The board is authorized and directed to receive the applications of such members as would be eligible to receive creditable service under the terms and conditions as set forth in subsection (c) of this Code section. Entitlement to such creditable service shall attach upon the submission of application, subject to all provisions of this Code section relative to funding.

(c) A member wishing to establish creditable service for service performed prior to January 1, 1976, as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, must make written

application to the board during the six-month period from July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, and:

(1) Provide the board with such proof of prior service as the board deems necessary, which shall include, at a minimum, pay records, tax returns, W-2 statements, or a sworn statement of the employer stating that the employment records bear proof of such employment. Such statement shall be subject to a civil fine of $5,000.00 for false swearing; and

(2) Provide the board with a sworn statement of the applicant that he or she applied for membership in the fund and was denied membership, or that he or she was actively prevented from making such application because of his or her race or ethnicity. Such statement shall be subject to a civil fine of $5,000.00 for false swearing.

(d) As soon as practicable following the last day for application, the board shall cause the actuary for the fund to determine the amount of funding necessary to grant the creditable service to all members whose applications are accepted and approved in accordance without creating any actuarial accrued liability as to the fund, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 20 of this title, the 'Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.' A pro rata portion of one-half of such amount, determined by the number of months of creditable service requested by each person, shall be assigned as such person's employee contribution required to receive such creditable service. The board shall notify each applicant of his or her pro rata share, and each such person shall pay such amount to the board not later than March 1, 2007, or thereafter be ineligible to receive such creditable service. During the regular 2007 session, the General Assembly may appropriate funds sufficient to cover one-half of the amount determined by the actuary as necessary to grant the creditable service, together with any portion of the total required employee contribution which was not received by the board from the applicants by March 1, 2007.

(e) The creditable service provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be granted on July 1, 2007, only if the board receives the full amount determined by the actuary as necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section. Otherwise, the board shall refund all amounts received from the members as employee contributions, together with regular interest thereon, and this Code section shall thereafter have no effect.

ARTICLE 6

47-17-80.

(a) At the time a member qualifies for retirement payments, such member must choose a payment option provided for in this Code section. A member shall become eligible to begin receiving benefits on the first day of the month following the month in which the member qualified for retirement and terminated active employment as a peace officer; provided, however, that, if a member is vested and has reached age 55, then the requirement of terminated active employment as a peace officer is waived. A member shall present to the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director a completed application form

for retirement benefits within 30 days of the anticipated retirement date. The application shall contain such information as the board shall require. After approval by the board, the ~~secretary-treasurer~~ executive director shall pay to such retired member a monthly sum based on the option chosen by the member. If a married member with a spouse then living is unable to choose an option provided for in this Code section and to complete an application form because of death, mental incompetency, or other providential cause, then Option Two shall become effective. After a member's retirement application has been approved by the board, the member is ineligible to return to active status in the fund.

(b)~~(1)~~ Option One shall consist of a single life annuity payable in monthly payments for the life of the member only. The monthly payment under this option shall be an amount equal to ~~$25.15~~ $30.00 per month for each full year of creditable service~~; provided, however, on July 1, 2021, such amount shall increase to $30.00 per month for each full year of creditable service~~ and in the event the member shall have additional service credit not totaling a full year, the further sum of one-twelfth of the amount paid per month for each additional year of service credit shall be paid for each month of additional service credit, provided that the member either has at least ten years of membership service, or 15 years of membership service for individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2010, and is at least 55 years of age or has at least 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age. Such monthly benefit payment shall be paid on each full year and additional full months of creditable service up to a maximum of 30 years of total service.

~~(2) No member shall be eligible for benefits under this option until the member's official duties as a peace officer have been terminated, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, and unless the member files an application for retirement benefits within 90 days from the date of the termination of the member's official duties as a peace officer, unless prevented therefrom for good cause.~~

~~(3) If such member shall qualify for retirement benefits in every respect except for completion of payment of monthly dues for the periods of time for which the member has received service credit, dues shall be deducted from the member's monthly benefit check until such dues have been paid in full.~~

~~(4) Any member who has at least ten years of membership service, or 15 years of membership service for individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2010, for which dues have been fully paid but who has not reached 55 years of age may cease paying monthly dues into the fund if the member's employment as a peace officer is terminated; and upon reaching 55 years of age, the member may be eligible to receive retirement benefits under this option.~~

(c) Option Two shall consist of a 100 percent joint life annuity payable during the life of the member or the member's spouse. The amount of monthly payment to be paid under this option shall be based on the date the member first becomes eligible to receive pension benefits (normal retirement date) and shall be computed so as to be actuarially equivalent to the monthly retirement payment which would have been paid to the member under Option One. Such actuarial equivalence shall be computed ~~on the~~ using an interest rate and current mortality ~~basis approved from time to time~~ table adopted by the board, the age of the member, and, if applicable, the age of ~~his or her~~ the spouse as of the date

benefits are to commence or as of the date benefits would have commenced if the member had retired after first becoming eligible for full benefits, whichever is earlier.

(d) Option Three shall consist of a contingency life annuity with a 50 percent monthly payment to the surviving spouse. The amount of monthly payment to be paid under this option shall be based on the date the member first becomes eligible to receive pension benefits (normal retirement date) and shall be computed so as to be actuarially equivalent to the monthly retirement payment which would have been paid to the member under Option One. Such actuarial equivalence shall be computed ~~on the interest rate and mortality basis approved from time to time~~ using an interest rate and current mortality table adopted by the board, the age of the member, and, if applicable, the age of his or her spouse as of the date benefits are to commence or as of the date benefits would have commenced if the member had retired after first becoming eligible for full benefits, whichever is earlier.

(e) Under Option Two or Three, in the case of a divorce, a retired member may revoke the election of any such option at any time after the entry of a final judgment of complete divorce from the retired member's spouse or the retired member may elect to continue under Option Two or Three for the benefit of the former spouse. Upon any such revocation, or in the case of the death of a spouse, the retired member shall begin receiving the monthly retirement benefit which the retired member would have been entitled to receive under Option One. In the event any such retired member remarries, ~~after divorce from the former spouse and~~ the retired member ~~elected to revoke Option Two or Three as provided in this subsection, the retired member~~ may elect to begin receiving the applicable reduced monthly retirement benefit of equivalent actuarial value and reestablish on behalf of the new spouse the same option which was applicable to the former spouse. Such actuarial equivalence shall be based on the age of the retired member and the age of the retired member's new spouse at the time of such election and shall be computed ~~on the Mortality Table GA51, with projection, using interest at 6 percent per annum,~~ using an interest rate and current mortality table adopted by the board with a five-year age setback for females and monthly payment annuity functions. ~~The option on behalf of the new spouse may not be exercised until one year after the date of remarriage or until a child of the remarried couple is born, whichever is earlier.~~

~~(e.1) When a retired member has elected Option Two or Option Three, then in the event the spouse predeceases the retired member, the monthly retirement benefit payable to the retired member after the death of the spouse shall be increased to the monthly retirement benefit which the retired member would have been entitled to receive under Option One. In the event any such retired member remarries or has remarried after the death of the former spouse, the retired member may elect to begin receiving the applicable reduced retirement benefit of equivalent actuarial value and reestablish on behalf of the new spouse the same option which was applicable to the deceased former spouse, but such option on behalf of the new spouse may not be reestablished until one year after the date of remarriage or until a child of the remarried couple is born, whichever is earlier. Actuarial equivalence under this subsection shall be determined in the same manner that it is determined under subsection (e) of this Code section. This subsection applies to~~

~~retired members who retired at any time prior to July 1, 1990, as well as to those who retire on or after that date, but increases in monthly retirement benefits authorized by this subsection shall not be paid retroactively for any period of time prior to July 1, 1990, notwithstanding the fact that a spouse covered under Option Two or Option Three may have died prior to July 1, 1990.~~

~~(f) Nothing contained in this Code section shall affect the requirement that a member make payments into the fund for a minimum period of ten years, or 15 years for members who become members on or after July 1, 2010, nor shall it affect the requirement that credit for service after March 1, 1951, shall not be given unless the member has made the required payments to the fund for all such service. Any peace officer becoming a member of the fund between April 1, 1953, and March 31, 1965, inclusive, must remain an active member and, in addition to completing the required years of service, must remit the correct amount of dues to the fund for a period of three years from the date he or she becomes a member, irrespective of previous service credited for which dues are paid, before being eligible for any retirement benefits provided under this Code section. Any peace officer becoming a member of the fund for the first time on or after April 1, 1965, must remain an active member and, in addition to completing the required years of service, must remit the correct amount of dues to the fund for a period of five years from the date he or she becomes a member, irrespective of previous service credited for which dues are paid, before being eligible for any retirement benefits provided under this Code section.~~

~~(g)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, any member who again becomes employed as a peace officer after having been placed on retirement under this Code section shall immediately notify the secretary-treasurer of such reemployment. Retirement benefits being paid to such member shall be terminated as of the date of such reemployment and shall remain terminated for the duration of such reemployment. During such period of reemployment, said member shall pay regular monthly dues into this fund. Upon meeting the requirements provided by law, such member shall be entitled to all benefits provided for in Code Sections 47-17-81 and 47-17-82; but such member shall not be entitled to any increase in retirement benefits by virtue of service during the period of reemployment unless such reemployment is for a term of three years or more, in which instance such member may again apply for retirement as if he or she had not previously been retired; and he or she shall be entitled to such benefits as may be provided by law at that time, if he or she so chooses.~~

~~(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a retired member employed in any capacity for 1,040 hours or less in any calendar year.~~

~~(3) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a member otherwise qualified for a normal service retirement under this chapter with at least 30 years of creditable service and who has attained the age of 55. Any such member may continue or reenter employment as a peace officer and shall for all purposes be considered a retired member of this fund; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any person who first or again becomes a member on or after July 1, 2009.~~

~~(h) The amounts provided for as retirement benefits in this Code section shall apply to those members who have retired prior to July 1, 1990, as well as to those members who retire on or after that date. The service of each member who retired prior to July 1, 1990, shall be recomputed; and, if it is determined that the amounts provided for in this Code section result in an increase in the retirement benefits being paid to such member, such benefits shall be increased to the proper amount and shall be paid to the member in the future, beginning July 1, 1990. If it is determined that an increase in retirement benefits will result for any such retired member, and such retired member shall not have completed payment of dues for all service credit previously allowed as of the date of such member's retirement, monthly dues shall be deducted from the member's monthly retirement benefits until such time as said dues shall have been paid for each month of service for which retirement credit has been received; provided, however, that no such member shall be allowed to change the option under which the member originally retired unless the member shall again become employed as a peace officer as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section and complies with all the provisions of subsection (g) of this Code section.~~

~~(i)~~(f) In the event an active member of the fund dies before retirement and such member has accumulated at least ten years of membership service, or 15 years for members who become members on or after July 1, 2010, or would otherwise have been eligible to receive retirement benefits, ~~except for the member's not having terminated the member's official capacity as a peace officer,~~ benefits shall be extended to the surviving spouse of such member in the form of an annuity for the remaining life of such spouse determined and paid to such surviving spouse under Option Two of this Code section to the same extent as if such member had died while receiving retirement benefits under Option Two.

~~(j)~~(g) Upon the death of any retired member, any unpaid monthly benefits shall be paid to the named beneficiary, if any, or if there is no named beneficiary, then to the estate of the retired member.

47-17-81.

(a) Any dues-paying member who became a member prior to July 1, 1993, who is rendered totally and permanently disabled by disease or injury so as to be unable to perform substantially all of the duties of the position to which the member was regularly assigned when the disability originated or so as to be unable to engage in any occupation or gainful employment for which the member is reasonably suited by virtue of the member's background, training, education, and experience shall be entitled to disability benefits of ~~$257.00~~ $455.00 per month for life or until the member's disability ceases, provided that the member makes application to the board for disability benefits within 12 months of becoming totally and permanently disabled.

(b) The disability benefits provided under this Code section shall be payable upon the event of disability as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section regardless of the cause of the disability and shall be payable when the disability is a result of any mental or physical injury or disease, whether caused by reason of the peace officer's employment or not, provided that no benefits shall be payable under this Code section for any

disability resulting from the chronic and excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages, addiction to drugs, the use of which is prohibited in this state by law, engagement by the member in any criminal act, willful misconduct of the member, or injury sustained by the member while serving in the armed forces of any country or while on active duty in the National Guard or other armed forces reserve force.

(c) Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, any member who is receiving disability benefits pursuant to this Code section on June 30, 1990, and who had at least 20 years of creditable service at the time such member first became eligible for such disability benefits shall receive the same benefits as a member who retires at age 55 or older with 20 years of creditable service under the provisions of Code Section 47-17-80. For each year of creditable service above 20 years but not more than 30 years which such member had when first becoming eligible to receive disability benefits, the benefits shall be the same as those provided for the same number of years of creditable service under the provisions of Code Section 47-17-80. The benefits of such members who are receiving disability benefits pursuant to this Code section on June 30, 1990, shall be recomputed and the increased benefits shall be paid to such members beginning July 1, 1990. Any member who first becomes eligible to receive disability benefits on or after July 1, 1990, who has the required years of creditable service as provided in this subsection shall have disability benefits computed and paid in the same manner as provided in this subsection.

(d) The amount of disability benefits in this Code section shall apply to those members who have retired on disability prior to July 1, 1990, as well as to those members who retire on disability on or after that date. The creditable service of each such member who retired prior to July 1, 1990, shall be recomputed, and the benefits provided under this Code section shall be paid to such member in the future beginning July 1, 1990.

(e) Once each year during the first five years following the commencement of disability benefits under this Code section, and once in every three-year period thereafter, the board may require a disability beneficiary who has not yet attained 65 years of age to undergo a medical examination, such examination to be made at his or her place of residence, or other place mutually agreed upon, by physicians designated by the board. The disability benefits recipient may himself or herself request such an examination. The designated physicians shall report to the board, following each such examination, the current status and condition of the recipient's disability.

(f) A disabled member's disability benefits shall cease:

(1) Upon his or her return to gainful employment with the employer for which he or she worked at the time ~~his or her~~ their disability originated;

(2) If he or she refuses to submit to any medical examination requested under this Code section, in which case the benefits shall remain discontinued until the member's withdrawal of such refusal and submission to the requested medical examination; and, if his or her refusal continues for one year, all his or her rights in and to disability benefits may be revoked by the board;

(3) If the board determines on the basis of any medical examination that the member has sufficiently recovered from his or her disability so as to again be able to perform

substantially all of the duties of the position to which he or she was regularly assigned when the disability originated, or so as to be able to engage in an occupation or gainful employment for which he or she is reasonably suited by virtue of his or her background, training, education, and experience;

(4) If the member does in fact obtain gainful employment compensating him or her at a level equal to or greater than the current compensation for the position he or she occupied at the time his or her disability originated; or

(5) When he or she dies.

(g) The board shall prescribe and furnish a form and procedure for the application for disability benefits. Applications shall contain such information as the board shall require. Upon the receipt of an application, the board may pass upon and decide whether to grant or deny the application on the basis of the submitted information or may refer the application to its duly appointed hearing officer for a recommendation. Any applicant for disability benefits shall have the right to request the board to refer his or her application to the hearing officer for a recommendation. In the consideration of any application for disability benefits, the receipt of disability benefits or payments by the applicant under the federal Social Security Act shall be deemed sufficient for eligibility for disability benefits under this Code section.

(h) Any other provision of this Code section to the contrary notwithstanding, no person who becomes a member or again becomes a member of this fund on or after July 1, 1993, shall be entitled to any benefit provided for in this Code section.

47-17-82.

(a) ~~A peace officer, upon becoming a member of the fund and after having designated a beneficiary, shall be issued a certificate by the board whereby the board shall agree to pay the sum of $3,500.00, or such lesser amount as might be arrived at under this Code section, to such beneficiary upon the death of such member. If a member has received $1,000.00 or more in retirement benefits at the time of his or her death, such beneficiary shall only be entitled to receive $2,500.00 upon the death of such member. If a member has received less than $1,000.00 in retirement benefits at the time of his or her death, such beneficiary shall only be entitled to receive an amount which, when added to the amount already received by the member, will total $3,500.00; provided, however, that the amount to be paid to a member who dies with less than five years of service shall be $1,000.00.~~ Following the death of a retired member or an active member in good standing, upon application to the board and proof of death, the member's designated beneficiary shall be paid the sum of $5,000.00.

(b) The designated beneficiary of any dues-paying member who receives an injury by external accident or violence arising out of and in the course of the employment as a peace officer and not resulting from willful misconduct of such officer, which injury is the direct and proximate cause of death within 12 months of the date of the injury, shall, upon application to the board and lawful proof of such injury and death as the direct and proximate result thereof, be paid a sum of ~~$5,500.00, provided that, if such peace officer received any disability benefits under this chapter, the $5,500.00 death benefit provided~~

~~for under this Code section shall be reduced in the amount of such disability benefits received; provided, further, that in no event shall such death benefit be less than $2,500.00, regardless of the amount of benefits such peace officer may have drawn prior to his death~~ $10,000.00.

(c) Applications for such benefits shall contain such information as the board shall ~~desire~~ require.

(d) If the amount of dues paid by the member prior to vesting is greater than the amount of death benefit contained in subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section, the designated beneficiary will receive a refund of the dues paid.

47-17-83.

(a) Upon application of any person who is or has been a member, the board may provide for a refund to such person of ~~95~~ 100 percent of all dues paid by ~~him~~ such person for periods of service which qualify as creditable service under this chapter.

(b) A member who takes a refund ~~after April 1, 1965, while still employed as a peace officer~~ shall not be eligible to be reinstated to membership and shall not be eligible to receive credit for service rendered before ~~he~~ they again ~~becomes~~ become a member. After a period of at least six months after taking a refund, ~~he~~ they may apply for new membership, subject to other terms and conditions set forth in this chapter and any lawful rules and regulations adopted by the board relating to membership.

(c) ~~Upon application of any person who received a refund of dues prior to April 1, 1965, or of any person who is not employed as a peace officer and who receives a refund of dues after April 1, 1965, the board may reinstate such person as a member. Such person may further be granted credit for all periods of service for which dues have previously been paid, provided that such person shall, at the time of application, be a peace officer; provided, further, that he tenders back to the fund all moneys and all dues previously refunded, plus regular dues for any other period of service during which such person may have served as a peace officer, together with interest on such amounts at the rate of 8 percent per annum from the date of such refund; provided, further, that, if such person has served eight or more continuous months as a peace officer, beginning on or after April 1, 1965, without having made application for reinstatement to membership within that eight-month period, his right to be so reinstated to membership shall be forever forfeited and he shall not be eligible to receive credit for service rendered before he again becomes a member. He may apply for new membership, subject to other terms and conditions set forth in this chapter and any lawful rules and regulations adopted by the board relating to membership.~~

~~(d)~~ The board may refund 100 percent of any overpayment of dues paid by any person for any period of membership service during which it is determined that such person was not a peace officer, and ~~he is~~ they are not entitled to credit for such period of service.

ARTICLE 7

47-17-100.
The provisions of this chapter relating to benefits and annuities shall not become operative until after the funds necessary to carry out this chapter have been provided. All claims for annuities or benefits arising before such funds are made available shall not be covered by this chapter; and the board is directed not to pay any annuities or benefits based upon any such claim; but, for the purpose of computing the length of service under this chapter, the board shall be authorized to include the period of time elapsing between February 1, 1950, and the date that it becomes operative.

47-17-101.
All rights and benefits under this chapter shall be subject to future legislative change or revision, and no beneficiary shall be deemed to have any vested right to any annuities or benefits under this chapter.

47-17-102.
If at any time the amounts derived from the different sources provided in this chapter are not sufficient to enable the board to pay in full each person determined to be entitled to annuities or benefits under this chapter, then each beneficiary shall receive a prorated percentage of the monthly benefits otherwise payable until the fund is sufficiently replenished to warrant the resumption thereafter of full payments of such annuities or benefits to each beneficiary. In no event shall the board, or any member of the board, be liable to any beneficiary or the representatives of any beneficiary for any deficiencies in payments made under this Code section.

47-17-103.
The right to any pension, annuity, allowance, or benefit; to the return of contributions; to a pension, annuity, allowance or benefit itself; to any optional benefit, or any other right accrued or accruing to any person under this chapter; and to moneys under this chapter shall be exempt from any tax imposed by this state, county, municipal, or other political subdivision, except as provided in Code Section 48-7-27; exempt from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever; and shall be unassignable unless otherwise specifically provided for in this chapter.

47-17-104.
Any person who knowingly furnishes false information for the purpose of becoming a member of the fund, for receiving credit for service to which he is not entitled, or for receiving benefits hereunder or any person who knowingly assists in doing any of the foregoing things shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person whose duty it is to remit the sum provided for in Code Section 47-17-60 and who fails or refuses to remit such sum shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

47-17-105.

If at any time a member of the fund undergoes a change of employment to a position that does not qualify the member as a 'peace officer' as such term is defined in this chapter, or if his or her job description changes in a manner that is inconsistent with such definition, such member shall have an affirmative duty to notify the board of such change immediately. The board is not authorized to accept membership dues from any such member or to pay benefits calculated on service after such a change of employment or job description."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2024, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

March 13, 2024

The Honorable John Carson, Chairman
House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to Senate Bill 328 (LC 56 0178S)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This substitute bill would amend several provisions within the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. Specifically, this bill would:

- Amend definitions to include a definition for 'full time employment' and to provide for a more concise definition of 'peace officer' without changing any of the eligibility requirements;
- Define the term of office for Board members;

- Change the title of Secretary-Treasurer to Executive Director and specify that the Board would set the compensation for the Executive Director;
- Update the duties of the Board;
- Revise provisions relating to the application for membership. Specifically, the employing agency would no longer be required to notify the Fund of each new hire. Instead, the employing agency would provide the new hire with an application and a certification of employment within 30 days of employment;
- Increase the minimum monthly dues to $35 and the maximum monthly dues to $70. Currently the minimum and maximum are $25 and $50 respectively;
- Clarify the process for delinquent payments and for the reinstatement of membership resulting from delinquencies;
- Change the requirements for remission of payments by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Board of Dentistry from monthly to annual;
- Require members to pay the full actuarial cost of creditable service for service rendered as a peace officer prior to becoming a member of the Fund. This substitute bill limits the member to a maximum of five years of creditable service, which is currently in statute. The original bill increased the maximum to seven years;
- Change the eligibility requirements for benefits to include vested members who have reached the age of 55 and remain actively employed;
- Specify that retired members may not rejoin as an active member;
- Update the spousal benefit calculator;
- Increase the disability payment from $257 per month to $455 per month;
- Increase the death benefit to $5,000. Currently, the maximum death benefit is $3,500;
- Increase the death benefit paid to beneficiaries of members who were injured in the line of duty and passed away as a result of such injuries within 12 months. Currently the maximum death benefit is $5,500. If this legislation is enacted, the benefit would be increased to $10,000; and
- Revise the provisions relating to the refund of membership dues. Persons seeking refunds would be entitled to receive a refund for 100 percent of all dues paid. Currently, they receive a refund equivalent to 95 percent of all dues paid.

This is to certify that the changes made in this substitute bill are nonfiscal amendments as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. Therefore, the actuarial investigation prepared for Senate Bill 328 (LC 43 2834ER) applies to Senate Bill 328 (LC 56 0178S). A copy of the original actuarial investigation and State Auditor's Summary is attached.

Respectfully,
/s/ Greg S. Griffin
Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

Senator Albers of the 56th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 328.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 328.

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

3/28/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 328. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ James of the 35th

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 516. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Carpenter of the 4th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exercise of the power to contract

by the Department of Transportation, so as to increase the minimum amount for a public road construction or maintenance contract that prohibits negotiation; to provide for exceptions to public comment and hearing on projects involving public-private partnerships in certain instances; to provide for an exception to vote approval for such projects; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 516 (HB 516/SCSFA) by replacing lines 21 through 23 with the following:
regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture and revenue and taxation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

By deleting lines 220 through 228.

Senator Bearden of the 30th asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on HB 516 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Bearden was excused.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 516.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
E Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 516.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 169. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Dixon of the 45th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-754 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedures to be followed by disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal in public schools, and review, so as to provide for limits on the extension of hearing dates for student discipline tribunals; to require local school systems to provide appropriate grade-level instructional materials to any student subject to in-school suspension, short-term suspension, or long-term suspension pending completion of the student discipline tribunal; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 169:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-754 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedures to be followed by disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal in public schools, and review, so as to provide for limits on the extension of hearing dates for student discipline tribunals; to require local school systems to provide appropriate grade-level instructional materials to any student subject to in-school suspension, short-term suspension, or long-term suspension pending completion of the student discipline tribunal; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-754 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedures to be followed by disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal in public schools, and review, is

amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal of school officials appointed as required by Code Section 20-2-753 shall, in addition to any other requirements imposed by rules and regulations which may have been promulgated pursuant to Code Section 20-2-752, ensure that:

(1) All parties are afforded an opportunity for a hearing after reasonable notice served personally or by mail. This notice shall be given to all parties and to the parent or guardian of the student or students involved and shall include a statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing; a short and plain statement of the matters asserted; and a statement as to the right of all parties to present evidence and to be represented by legal counsel;

(2) The hearing is held no later than ten school days after the beginning of the suspension unless the school system and parents or guardians mutually agree to an extension, in which case the school system shall set a new date and time of the hearing that shall not occur more than 15 school days after the beginning of the suspension. The hearing may be held later than 15 school days after the beginning of the suspension upon a written request by a parent or guardian and agreement by the school system;

(3) All parties are afforded an opportunity to present and respond to evidence and to examine and cross-examine witnesses on all issues unresolved;

(4) Any teacher who is called as a witness by the school system shall be given notice no later than three days prior to the hearing; ~~and~~

(5) A verbatim electronic or written record of the hearing shall be made and shall be available to all parties; and

(6) The school system shall provide appropriate grade-level instructional materials to any student awaiting completion of the hearing provided for in this subsection. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to infringe on any right provided to students with Individualized Education Programs pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Payne of the 54th, Watson of the 11th, and Dixon of the 45th filed the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 169 (LC 49 1887S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for reducing the minimum required millage rate or effective millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills for equalization grants; to provide for 25 percent reduction of equalization grant awards for local school systems whose millage rate or effective millage rate does not meet the minimum requirement; to

require annual reporting by the Department of Education; to revise definitions; to repeal a definition; to provide for limits on the extension of hearing dates for student discipline tribunals; to require local school systems to provide appropriate grade-level instructional materials to any student subject to in-school suspension, short-term suspension, or long-term suspension pending completion of the student discipline tribunal; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-165, relating to equalization grants, annual calculations, and allocation, by repealing paragraph (5.1) of subsection (a), revising paragraph (9) of subsection (a), and adding two new subsections to read as follows:

"(9) 'Qualified local school system' is defined as any local school system:

(A) Having an assessed valuation per weighted full-time equivalent count for the year of the digest which is below the guaranteed valuation;

(B) Having an effective millage rate greater than the millage rate applied to calculate the local five mill share pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-164; and

(C) Beginning ~~July 1, 2015, having a millage rate or an equivalent millage of at least 12 mills; beginning July 1, 2016, having a millage rate or an equivalent millage of at least 12 1/2 mills; beginning July 1, 2017, having a millage rate or an equivalent millage of at least 13 mills; beginning July 1, 2018, having a millage rate or an equivalent millage of at least 13 1/2 mills; beginning July 1, 2019, and thereafter, having a millage rate or an equivalent millage of at least 14 mills~~ July 1, 2024, and thereafter, having a millage rate or an effective millage rate of at least 10 mills."

"(d.1) If, after a local school system's equalization grant has been calculated for the ensuing fiscal year as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, such school system decreases the actual or effective millage levied against its digest for maintenance and operation to an amount below the minimum amount required in subparagraph (a)(9)(C) of this Code section, a midterm adjustment in such school system's equalization grant shall be made such that the total equalization grant amount awarded to such school system is reduced to an amount equal to 75 percent of the initial equalization grant amount."

"(f) Each year, the Department of Education shall prepare a report of each local school system that received an equalization grant the previous fiscal year. Such report shall include for each local school system the initial equalization grant amount, the midterm adjustment to the equalization grant, and the total amount of equalization grants received in the previous ten years. Such report shall also identify each local school system that received an equalization grant during the previous fiscal year while having a millage rate or an effective millage rate of less than 10 mills for the period of time upon which the calculation of such equalization grant was based. Each year by September 1, the

Department of Education shall provide such report to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Appropriations Committee, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, the director of the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the director of the House Budget and Research Office."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-754, relating to procedures to be followed by disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal in public schools, and review, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal of school officials appointed as required by Code Section 20-2-753 shall, in addition to any other requirements imposed by rules and regulations which may have been promulgated pursuant to Code Section 20-2-752, ensure that:

(1) All parties are afforded an opportunity for a hearing after reasonable notice served personally or by mail. This notice shall be given to all parties and to the parent or guardian of the student or students involved and shall include a statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing; a short and plain statement of the matters asserted; and a statement as to the right of all parties to present evidence and to be represented by legal counsel;

(2) The hearing is held no later than ten school days after the beginning of the suspension unless the school system and parents or guardians mutually agree to an extension, in which case the school system shall set a new date and time of the hearing that shall not occur more than 15 school days after the beginning of the suspension. The hearing may be held later than 15 school days after the beginning of the suspension upon a written request by a parent or guardian and agreement by the school system;

(3) All parties are afforded an opportunity to present and respond to evidence and to examine and cross-examine witnesses on all issues unresolved;

(4) Any teacher who is called as a witness by the school system shall be given notice no later than three days prior to the hearing; ~~and~~

(5) A verbatim electronic or written record of the hearing shall be made and shall be available to all parties; and

(6) The school system shall provide appropriate grade-level instructional materials to any student awaiting completion of the hearing provided for in this subsection. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to infringe on any right provided to students with Individualized Education Programs pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Payne of the 54th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 169.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 53, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 169.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bill of the House:

HB 916. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and

undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 189. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that the text portions of ballots produced by ballot marking devices shall be counted for vote tabulation and recounts purposes instead of any machine coding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 494. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Goodman of the 8th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' so as to regulate hemp products; to provide for definitions; to prohibit persons from performing certain activities without licenses; to provide for penalties; to revise disqualifications for a hemp grower license; to revise disqualifications for a hemp processor permit; to revise the annual fee for such a permit; to provide for the issuance of retail consumable hemp establishment licenses; to provide for the issuance of wholesale consumable hemp licenses; to provide for the issuance of manufacturer licenses; to provide for the registration of laboratories; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 228. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Taylor of the 173rd, Prince of the 132nd, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

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

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend HB 228 (HB 228/SCSFA) by replacing lines 3 through 8 with the following:
private colleges and universities; to provide for related matters; to provide for

By replacing lines 20 through 47 with "revising division (2)(B)(i) as follows:"

By replacing lines 82 through 86 with the following:

> funds by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission; which has at least one instructional campus that has been physically located in the State of Georgia for at least ten years, as of June 30, 2024; provided, however, that only such institution's baccalaureate degree program or programs in nursing shall be deemed an approved school for the purposes of this subpart; and provided, further, that an institution or program that is deemed an approved school pursuant to this division shall not be deemed an eligible postsecondary institution as defined in Code Section 20-3-519 or for any purposes provided for in Part 7 of this article, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants."

By deleting lines 88 through 105.

By renumbering Sections 4 and 5 as Sections 3 and 4, respectively.

Senator Burns of the 23rd moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 228.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Hickman	Y Rhett
Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
N Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery

Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 44, nays 7; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 228.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 198. By Senators Harrell of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Butler of the 55th, Dugan of the 30th, Rahman of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to governing and regulation of mental health, so as to create the Georgians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Innovation Commission; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for members and officers; to provide for meetings, agendas, quorum, and compensation; to provide for the commission's duties and powers; to provide for consultation with subject matter experts designated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Community Health; to provide for subcommittees; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 198:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 33-64-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reimbursement methodologies utilized by pharmacy benefits managers, so as to provide for reimbursement requirements relating to the state health benefit plan or plans established for school teachers, school employees, and state employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 33-64-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to

reimbursement methodologies utilized by pharmacy benefits managers, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) On and after January 1, 2025, a pharmacy benefits manager providing pharmacy benefits management for the state health benefit plan or plans established pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 and Subparts 2 and 3 of Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 shall:

(1) Reimburse an independent pharmacy for a drug dispensed to an insured for self-administration in an amount not less than the average reimbursement for chain retail pharmacies reimbursed for the same drug, provided that the Department of Community Health shall have discretion in determining what constitutes an independent pharmacy and a chain retail pharmacy, how the pharmacy benefits manager is to calculate the average price for a drug, and the procedure the pharmacy benefits manager shall follow in the event that an independent pharmacy is under-reimbursed by the pharmacy benefits manager at the time of initial claim adjudication;

(2) Provide an annual certification to the Department of Community Health certifying compliance with this subsection; and

(3) Make its records available and provide cooperation to the Department of Community Health, upon written demand in connection with financial examinations, audits, and investigations regarding compliance with this subsection."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Senator Brass of the 28th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 198.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.

Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 53, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 198.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 37. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding sheriffs, so as to revise qualification requirements for the office of sheriff; to require certification as a peace officer at the time of qualifying as a candidate for sheriff; to require such candidate to be in good standing with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for a confirming affidavit; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 37:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15, Code Section 40-6-6, and Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding sheriffs, authorized emergency vehicles and pursuit of fleeing suspects, and general provisions relative to jails, respectively, so as to allow sheriffs to receive certain additional salaries; to prohibit the use of solid, flashing, or revolving blue lights by law enforcement officers outside the jurisdiction of his or her agency; to provide for exceptions; to provide jailers with arrest powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding sheriffs, is amended by revising Code Section 15-16-20.1, relating to additional salary, as follows:

"15-16-20.1.

In addition to the minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-16-20, the sheriff of any county who performs the duties of a sheriff for a state court, probate court, magistrate court, juvenile court, or county recorder's court under any applicable general or local law of this state shall receive for his or her services in such court or courts a salary of not less than $385.90 per month, to be paid from the funds of the county. A sheriff who serves in more than one such court shall receive ~~only one~~ such salary for up to two courts. Such salaries shall not be eligible for increase for any state cost-of-living or general performance based increases."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 40-6-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authorized emergency vehicles and pursuit of fleeing suspects, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e)(1) Except when responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, it shall be unlawful for an operator of a law enforcement vehicle to use solid, flashing, or revolving blue lights outside the jurisdiction of his or her agency.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an authorized emergency vehicle with flashing lights other than as authorized by ~~subsection (c) of~~ this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to jails, is amended by revising Code Section 42-4-1, relating to appointment of county and municipal jailers, as follows:

"42-4-1.

(a) By virtue of their offices, sheriffs are jailers of the counties and have the authority to appoint other jailers, subject to the supervision of the county governing authority, as prescribed by law.

(b) By virtue of their offices, chiefs of police are the jailers of the municipal corporations and have the authority to appoint other jailers, subject to the supervision of the municipal governing authority, as prescribed by law. Each jailer of a municipal corporation shall maintain the records required of sheriffs by subsection (a) of Code Section 42-4-7.

(c) Jailers who have been certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as having successfully completed the course of training required by Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act,' shall be authorized to arrest any person found to be in violation of a criminal law that occurs within the jail or within the perimeter guard lines of such jail established pursuant to subsection (j) of Code Section 42-4-13. Jailers shall be further authorized to exercise arrest powers upon any person for whom a complaint or arrest warrant is pending who surrenders into custody at his or her jail."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Robertson of the 29th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 37 as amended by the following amendment:

Senators Robertson of the 29th and Albers of the 56th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SB 37 (LC 39 4391S) by inserting "Chapter 5 of Title 35" *between* "15," *and* "Code" *on line 1.*

By inserting "the Georgia Public Safety Training Center," *between* "sheriffs," *and* "authorized" *on line 3.*

By inserting "to provide for jurisdiction, powers, and duties for peace officers appointed to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center law enforcement unit; to authorize the issuance of motor vehicles, uniforms, and weaponry to such peace officers;" *between* "salaries;" *and* "to" *on line 5.*

By striking Section 2. in its entirety and by inserting between lines 23 and 24 the following:
Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Public Safety Training Center, is amended by revising Code Section 35-5-7, relating to security police force for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, as follows:

"35-5-7.

(a) The administrator of the center, with the approval of the board, is authorized to establish a ~~security police force~~ law enforcement unit within the Georgia Public Safety Training Center~~.~~ and appoint employees to serve as peace officers who shall be responsible for preserving public order, protecting life and property, and preventing crime. Such employees shall have been certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as having successfully completed the course of training required by Chapter 8 of this title, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.'

(b) While in the performance of their duties ~~on property of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, such security police~~, such peace officers shall have the same law enforcement powers, including the power of arrest, as ~~a~~ any other law enforcement officer ~~of the local government with police jurisdiction over such~~ certified pursuant to Chapter 8 of this title, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.' The Georgia Public Safety Training Center law enforcement unit shall enforce laws on all properties controlled by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and enforce state laws and protect life and property when ordered by the Governor or requested by a sheriff of a county or police chief of a county or municipality in this state. Such officers shall be authorized to possess and carry such firearms and other weapons while on duty as may be prescribed by the administrator of the center.

(c) From funds appropriated or available to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, the administrator of the center shall be authorized to provide motor vehicles, uniforms, firearms, and any other equipment and supplies to employees of the Georgia Public

Safety Training Center law enforcement unit necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section.
(d) This Code section shall not repeal, supersede, alter, or affect the power of any other law enforcement officer of this state or of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state."

SECTION 3.

By renumbering the remaining sections of the bill accordingly.

Strike Section 2. Lines 23 to 31.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Dolezal	N Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 37 as amended by the Senate.

The following resolution was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SR 82. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Still of the 48th, Moore of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize

the tax commissioner, subject to local governing authority approval, to waive certain delinquent ad valorem property taxes, penalty, and interest for the purpose of placing non-revenue generating and tax delinquent property back to effective utilization status; to provide for procedures and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SR 82:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for a reduction in the rate of the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest; to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such reduced rate of taxation; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (e)(2) and adding subparagraph (e)(3) to read as follows:

"(2) Except as provided in subparagraph (e)(3) of this Paragraph, that ~~That~~ standing timber shall be assessed only once, and such assessment shall be made following its harvest or sale and on the basis of its fair market value at the time of harvest or sale. Said assessment shall be two and one-half times the assessed percentage of value fixed by law for other real property taxed under the uniformity provisions of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph but in no event greater than its fair market value; and for a method of temporary supplementation of the property tax digest of any county if the implementation of this method of taxing timber reduces the tax digest by more than 20 percent, such supplemental assessed value to be assigned to the properties otherwise benefiting from such method of taxing timber.

(3)(A) From January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2034, that standing timber shall be assessed as otherwise provided in subparagraph (e)(2) of this Paragraph, except that the rate of the assessment under subparagraph (e)(2) of this Paragraph shall be reduced to the same assessed percentage of value fixed by law for other real property taxed under the uniformity provisions of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph:

(i) Within any county following a declaration of a natural disaster for such county by the Governor; and

(ii) On up to $100,000.00 in total ad valorem taxes assessed under this subparagraph (e)(3)(A) on a taxpayer within a given county during a given year,

after which any additional such timber shall be assessed at the rate provided in subparagraph (e)(2) of this Paragraph.

(B) The General Assembly shall annually appropriate to each county, municipality, or school district that experienced an ad valorem revenue reduction during the preceding tax year resulting from the reduction in the rate of assessment of timber from the rate of assessment provided for in subparagraph (e)(2) to the rate of assessment provided for in subparagraph (e)(3)(A) of this Paragraph, an amount equal to 50 percent of any such revenue reduction for the first 3 percent of such taxing jurisdiction's total timber harvest ad valorem tax revenue for such tax year and an amount equal to 100 percent of such revenue reduction that exceeds 3 percent of such taxing jurisdiction's total timber harvest ad valorem tax revenue for such tax year."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for a
( ) NO reduction in the rate of the ad valorem tax assessment of certain timber at sale or harvest and to require state appropriations to each county, municipality, or school district affected by such reduction?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

Senators Tillery of the 19th, Dolezal of the 27th, and Hufstetler of the 52nd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the House substitute to SR 82 (LC 50 0935S) by replacing "2034" *with* "2030" *on line 20.*

By replacing "$100,000.00" *with* "$25,000.00" *on line 27.*

By inserting after "year" *on line 28 the following:*

for timber harvested from bona fide conservation use property as provided for in subparagraph (e)(1) of this Paragraph

Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, and Hufstetler of the 52nd offered the following amendment #1A:

Amend the Senate amendment to SR 82 (AM 50 0091) by deleting "*replacing* "2034" *with* "2030" *on line 20. By*" *on lines 1 through 3.*

By replacing "(B)" *with* "(B)(i)" *on line 31.*

By replacing line 39 with the following:

total timber harvest ad valorem tax revenue for such tax year, provided that this subdivision (e)(3)(B)(i) shall be subject to the additional calculations provided for in subdivision (e)(3)(B)(ii) of this Paragraph.

(ii) The General Assembly shall appropriate 100 percent of the amounts provided for in subdivision (e)(3)(B)(i) of this Paragraph in year 2026; 90 percent of such amounts in year 2027; 80 percent of such amounts in year 2028; 70 percent of such amounts in year 2029; 60 percent of such amounts in year 2030; 50 percent of such amounts in year 2031; 40 percent of such amounts in year 2032; 30 percent of such amounts in year 2033; 20 percent of such amounts in year 2034; and 10 percent of such amounts in year 2035."

The President advised the Senate that amendment #1A had previously been numbered amendment #2 due to a clerical error, and amendment #1A was renumbered accordingly.

Senator Watson of the 11th filed the following amendment #3:

Amend the House substitute to SR 82 (LC 50 0935S) by:

Striking "$100,000" in line 27 and inserting "$75,000"

Senator Summers of the 13th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SR 82.

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SR 82 as amended by amendment #1.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10, the motion by Senator Tillery of the 19th took precedence.

Senator Goodman of the 8th asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on SR 82 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Goodman was excused.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that his motion to agree to the House substitute as amended by amendment #1 be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the motion was withdrawn.

Amendment #1A was rendered moot upon the withdrawal of amendment #1.

Senator Ginn of the 47th asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on SR 82 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8 (d). The consent was granted, and Senator Ginn was excused.

Senator Summers of the 13th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SR 82.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
N Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	N Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	N Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	N Still
Y Davenport	N Jones, E.	N Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
N Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
N Echols	N Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
E Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
N Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
E Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 26, nays 26; the motion lost, and the Senate did not agree to the House substitute to SR 82.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 495. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Brass of the 28th, Esteves of the 6th, Watson of the 1st and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official

Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, so as to provide for the term of validity of a registration card; to provide for delivery of registration cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House recedes from its position in amending the Senate substitute to the following Resolution of the House:

HR 1022. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for local governments to have the option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to any amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the inflation rate from the adjusted base year value of such homestead as provided by general law; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 1409. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Newton of the 127th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, so as to limit liability for mental health care providers under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to limit liability for punitive damages; to provide for applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 1105. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Collins of the 71st, Bonner of the 73rd, Dunahoo of the 31st, Barton of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to require the commissioner of corrections to report certain information regarding the immigration status, offenses, and home countries of persons who are confined under the authority of the Department of Corrections; to provide for standard procedures for intake and booking of aliens and foreign nationals;

to provide for quarterly reports by jailers regarding foreign born inmates; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 189. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that the text portions of ballots produced by ballot marking devices shall be counted for vote tabulation and recounts purposes instead of any machine coding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 189:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to remove the Secretary of State from the State Election Board; to provide additional conflict of interest provisions for state-wide and local election officers, officials, and employees relating to businesses providing goods and services related to voting equipment or any other equipment related to the tabulation, auditing, processing, or scanning of ballots; to provide for ballot access to certain political parties or political bodies relating to nomination of presidential electors and candidates; to provide for definitions; to revise provisions for determining residency for election purposes; to revise provisions related to challenging electors; to provide that the text portions or machine marks on ballots produced by ballot marking devices shall be counted for vote tabulation and recount purposes instead of any machine coding; to authorize the use of physical ballots in certain circumstances; to provide for chain of custody and related procedures for absentee ballots; to provide timelines for the tabulation of absentee ballots and ballots cast by advance voting; to provide procedures for requesting high resolution scanned images of ballots; to provide for a pilot program to audit paper ballots using optical character recognition; to revise a timing limitation on holding certain special elections in conjunction with certain state-wide primaries or elections; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-30, relating to creation, membership, terms of service, vacancies, quorum, bylaws, meetings, and executive director, by revising subsections (d) and (f) as follows:

"(d) ~~The Secretary of State shall be an ex officio nonvoting member of the board.~~ Three voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and no vacancy on the board shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the board. The board shall adopt a seal for its use and bylaws for its own government and procedure."

"(f) If any member of the board~~, other than the Secretary of State,~~ shall qualify as a candidate for any public office which is to be voted upon in any primary or election regulated by the board, that member's position on the board shall be immediately vacated and such vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for filling other vacancies on the board."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-35, relating to emergency rules and regulations, imminent peril requirement, and procedures, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) Immediately upon the setting of the date and time of the meeting at which such emergency rule or regulation is to be considered give notice by email of its intended action to:

(A) The Governor;

(B) The Lieutenant Governor;

(C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(D) The chairpersons of the standing committees of each house of the General Assembly tasked with election matters;

(E) The Secretary of State;

~~(E)~~(F) Legislative counsel; and

~~(F)~~(G) The chief executive officer of each political party registered pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-110; and"

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-19.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Business' means any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual, trust, or other legal entity.

(2) 'Family' means spouse and dependents.

(3) 'Full-time' means 30 hours of work for the state per week for more than 26 weeks per calendar year.

(4) 'Part-time' means any amount of work other than full-time work.

(5) 'Substantial interest' means the direct or indirect ownership of more than 5 percent of the assets or stock of any business.

(6) 'Transact business' or 'transact any business' means to sell or lease any personal property, real property, or services on behalf of oneself or on behalf of any third party as an agent, broker, dealer, or representative and to purchase surplus real or personal property on behalf of oneself or on behalf of any third party as an agent, broker, dealer, or representative.

(b) In addition to and notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 45, it shall be unlawful for any member of the State Board of Elections, the Secretary of State, a county or municipal superintendent or registrar, or any full-time, part-time, or contractual employee of such officer or official, for himself or herself or on behalf of any business, or for any business in which such officer, official, or employee or member of his or her family has a substantial interest to transact any business with a business that has contracted with the state, or any county or municipal government, to provide goods or services related to voting equipment or any other equipment related to the tabulation, auditing, processing, or scanning of ballots."

SECTION 3.1.

Code Section 21-2-172 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nomination of presidential electors and candidates of political bodies by convention, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any political party or political body which has obtained ballot access in no fewer than 20 states or territories for the office of presidential elector shall be allowed to qualify candidates for presidential elector and receive access to the general election ballot for the purpose of election of the office of presidential elector."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-217, relating to rules for determining residence, as follows:

"21-2-217.

(a) In determining the residence of a person desiring to register to vote or to qualify to run for elective office, the following rules shall be followed so far as they are applicable:

(1) The residence of any person shall be held to be in that place in which such person's habitation is fixed, without any present intention of removing therefrom;

(1.1) The mailing address for election purposes of any person of this state who is homeless and without a permanent address shall be the registrar's office of the county in which such person resides;

(2) A person shall not be considered to have lost such person's residence who leaves such person's home and goes into another state or county or municipality in this state,

for temporary purposes only, with the intention of returning, unless such person shall register to vote or perform other acts indicating a desire to change such person's citizenship and residence; provided, however, that:

(A) If a person registers to vote in another state, county, municipality, or legislative district of any type or sort, that person shall be deemed to have changed his or her residency;

(B) If a person returns to his or her original or new residence after voting or registering to vote in a different or separate jurisdiction, such person shall update their voter registration with their current residency jurisdiction in order to be deemed a valid registered elector and resident of such jurisdiction for voting purposes; and

(C) Proof of ownership or rental of a post office box or private mailbox service address within a particular jurisdiction shall not constitute sufficient grounds to establish a person's residency within that particular jurisdiction;

(3) A person shall not be considered to have gained a residence in any county or municipality of this state into which such person has come for temporary purposes only without the intention of making such county or municipality such person's permanent place of abode;

(4) If a person removes to another state with the intention of making it such person's residence, such person shall be considered to have lost such person's residence in this state;

(4.1) If a person removes to another county or municipality in this state with the intention of making it such person's residence, such person shall be considered to have lost such person's residence in the former county or municipality in this state;

(5) If a person removes to another state with the intention of remaining there an indefinite time and making such state such person's place of residence, such person shall be considered to have lost such person's residence in this state, notwithstanding that such person may intend to return at some indefinite future period;

(6) If a person removes to another county or municipality within this state with the intention of remaining there an indefinite time and making such other county or municipality such person's place of residence, such person shall be considered to have lost such person's residence in the former county or municipality, notwithstanding that such person may intend to return at some indefinite future period;

(7) The residence for voting purposes of a person shall not be required to be the same as the residence for voting purposes of his or her spouse;

(8) No person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence by reason of such person's presence or absence while enrolled as a student at any college, university, or other institution of learning in this state;

(9) The mere intention to acquire a new residence, without the fact of removal, shall avail nothing; neither shall the fact of removal without the intention;

(10) No member of the armed forces of the United States shall be deemed to have acquired a residence in this state by reason of being stationed on duty in this state;

(11) If a person removes to the District of Columbia or other federal territory, another state, or foreign country to engage in government service, such person shall not be

considered to have lost such person's residence in this state during the period of such service; and the place where the person resided at the time of such person's removal shall be considered and held to be such person's place of residence;

(12) If a person is adjudged mentally ill and is committed to an institution for the mentally ill, such person shall not be considered to have gained a residence in the county in which the institution to which such person is committed is located;

(13) If a person goes into another state and while there exercises the right of a citizen by voting, such person shall be considered to have lost such person's residence in this state;

(14) The specific address in the county or municipality in which a person has declared a homestead exemption, if a homestead exemption has been claimed, shall be deemed the person's residence address; and

(15) For voter registration purposes, the board of registrars and, for candidacy residency purposes, the Secretary of State, election superintendent, or hearing officer may consider evidence of where the person receives significant mail such as personal bills and any other evidence that indicates where the person resides.

(b) In determining a voter's qualification to register and vote, the registrars to whom such application is made shall consider, in addition to the applicant's expressed intent, any relevant circumstances determining the applicant's residence. The registrars taking such registration may consider the applicant's financial independence, business pursuits, employment, income sources, residence for income tax purposes, age, marital status, residence of parents, spouse, and children, if any, leaseholds, sites of personal and real property owned by the applicant, motor vehicle and other personal property registration, National Change of Address program information sponsored by the United States Postal Service, and other such factors that the registrars may reasonably deem necessary to determine the qualification of an applicant to vote in a primary or election. The decision of the registrars to whom such application is made shall be presumptive evidence of a person's residence for voting purposes."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-230, relating to challenge of persons on list of electors by other electors, procedure, hearing, and right of appeal, and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) Upon the filing of such challenge, the board of registrars shall immediately consider such challenge and determine whether probable cause exists to sustain such challenge. If the registrars do not find probable cause, the challenge shall be denied. If the registrars find probable cause, the registrars shall notify the poll officers of the challenged elector's precinct or, if the challenged elector voted by absentee ballot, notify the poll officers at the absentee ballot precinct and, if practical, notify the challenged elector and afford such elector an opportunity to answer. Probable causes shall include, but not be limited to, an elector who is deceased; an elector voting or registering to vote in a different jurisdiction; an elector obtaining a homestead exemption in a different jurisdiction; or an elector being registered at a nonresidential address as confirmed or listed by or in a government office,

data base, website, or publicly available sources derived solely from such governmental sources. If a challenged elector's name appears on the National Change of Address data base, as maintained by the United States Postal Service, as having changed such elector's residence to a different jurisdiction, the presence of such elector's name on such data base shall be insufficient cause to sustain the challenge against the elector unless additional evidence would indicate that the elector has lost his or her residency as determined pursuant to Code Section 21-2-217; provided, however, that:

(1) Any challenge of an elector within 45 days of a primary, run-off primary, election, or run-off election shall be postponed until the certification of such primary, election, or runoff is completed; and

(2) Any challenge of an elector who is determined eligible pursuant to the residency determinations provided for in paragraph (8), (10), or (11) of subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-217 shall be deemed insufficient to sustain such challenge."

"(k) Any challenge of an elector that occurs during a primary or general election shall continue through the run-off primary or run-off election of such primary or general election."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-300, relating to provision of new voting equipment by state, uniform system for all elections to be conducted with the use of scanning ballots marked by electronic ballot markers, pilot programs, county responsibilities, education, and county and municipal contracts for equipment, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(f)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section to the contrary, provided that the county election superintendent has petitioned and received the approval of the State Election Board at least 10 days prior to the beginning of advance voting, in any election with less than 5,000 registered electors, such superintendent may provide the electors physical ballots on the same type of ballot that is used for absentee ballots pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-383 and allow electors to mark their ballot using a pen, pencil, or similar non-electronic writing tool as an alternative to using electronic ballot marking devices.

(2) Such physical ballots may only be used to conduct:

(A) Special primaries, special elections, or runoffs thereof for county offices; or

(B) Special elections to present a question to the voters of a county.

Furthermore, such primary, special primary, election, or special election shall occur independently and apart from a presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, state-wide special primary, state-wide general election, or state-wide special election."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-379.23, relating to requirements for ballot display, role of Secretary of State, and printed paper ballot controls during recount, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The text portion of the paper ballot marked and printed by the electronic ballot marker indicating the elector's selection shall constitute the official ballot and shall ~~be used for, and govern the result in,~~ constitute the official vote for purposes of vote tabulation, any recount conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-495, and any audit conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-498. The official tabulation count of any ballot scanner shall be based upon the text portion or the machine mark, provided that such mark clearly denotes the elector's selection and does not use a QR code, bar code, or similar coding, of such ballots and not any machine coding that may be printed on such ballots."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-386, relating to safekeeping, certification, and validation of absentee ballots, rejection of ballot, delivery of ballots to location designated by superintendent, duties of superintendent and managers, precinct returns, report of returns of verified and accepted absentee ballots cast as soon as possible following closing of polls, notification of challenged elector, and unlawful disclosure of tabulation results, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) A county election superintendent may, in his or her discretion, after 7:00 A.M. on the day of the primary, election, or runoff begin tabulating the absentee ballots; provided, however, that all absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section by the Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff shall be tabulated and the results reported by no later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of such primary, election, or runoff or within one hour of the closing of all polls in such county, whichever occurs later. If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the superintendent shall notify in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election, or runoff, the Secretary of State of the superintendent's intent to begin the absentee ballot tabulation prior to the close of the polls. The county executive committee or, if there is no organized county executive committee, the state executive committee of each political party and political body having candidates whose names appear on the ballot for such election in such county shall have the right to designate two persons and each independent and nonpartisan candidate whose name appears on the ballot for such election in such county shall have the right to designate one person to act as monitors for such process. In the event that the only issue to be voted upon in an election is a referendum question, the superintendent shall also notify in writing the chief judge of the superior court of the county who shall appoint two electors of the county to monitor such process."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-386, relating to safekeeping, certification, and validation of absentee ballots, rejection of ballot, delivery of ballots to location designated by superintendent, duties of superintendent and managers,

precinct returns, report of returns of verified and accepted absentee ballots cast as soon as possible following closing of polls, notification of challenged elector, and unlawful disclosure of tabulation results, as follows:

"21-2-386.

(a)(1)(A) The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall keep safely, unopened, and stored in a manner that will prevent tampering and unauthorized access to and shall document authorized access to all official absentee ballots received from absentee electors prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the primary or election except as otherwise provided in this subsection.

(B) Upon receipt of each ballot, a registrar or clerk shall write the day and hour of the receipt of the ballot on its envelope. The registrar or clerk shall then compare the number of the elector's Georgia driver's license number or state identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 and date of birth entered on the absentee ballot envelope with the same information contained in the elector's voter registration records. If the elector has affirmed on the envelope that he or she does not have a Georgia driver's license or state identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, the registrar or clerk shall compare the last four digits of the elector's social security number and date of birth entered on the envelope with the same information contained in the elector's voter registration records. The registrar or clerk shall also confirm that the elector signed the oath and the person assisting the elector, if any, signed the required oath. If the elector has signed the elector's oath, the person assisting has signed the required oath, if applicable, and the identifying information entered on the absentee ballot envelope matches the same information contained in the elector's voter registration record, the registrar or clerk shall so certify by signing or initialing his or her name below the voter's oath. Each elector's name so certified shall be listed by the registrar or clerk on the numbered list of absentee voters prepared for his or her precinct. All accepted absentee ballots shall be securely stored in either a sealed container or appropriately secured in an access controlled room that will prevent tampering or unauthorized access prior to the scanning of such ballots.

(C) If the elector has failed to sign the oath, or if the identifying information entered on the absentee ballot envelope does not match the same information appearing in the elector's voter registration record, or if the elector has failed to furnish required information or information so furnished does not conform with that on file in the registrar's or clerk's office, or if the elector is otherwise found disqualified to vote, the registrar or clerk shall write across the face of the envelope 'Rejected,' giving the reason therefor. The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall promptly notify the elector of such rejection, a copy of which notification shall be retained in the files of the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for at least two years. Such elector shall have until the end of the period for verifying provisional ballots contained in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-419 to cure the problem resulting in the rejection of the ballot. The elector may cure a failure to sign the oath, nonmatching identifying information, or missing information by submitting an affidavit to the board of

registrars or absentee ballot clerk along with a copy of one of the forms of identification enumerated in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-417 before the close of such period. The affidavit shall affirm that the ballot was submitted by the elector, is the elector's ballot, and that the elector is registered and qualified to vote in the primary, election, or runoff in question. If the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk finds the affidavit and identification to be sufficient, the absentee ballot shall be counted.

(D) An elector who registered to vote by mail, but did not comply with subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-220, and who votes for the first time in this state by absentee ballot shall include with his or her application for an absentee ballot or in the outer oath envelope of his or her absentee ballot either one of the forms of identification listed in subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-417 or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of such elector. If such elector does not provide any of the forms of identification listed in this subparagraph with his or her application for an absentee ballot or with the absentee ballot, such absentee ballot shall be deemed to be a provisional ballot and such ballot shall only be counted if the registrars are able to verify current and valid identification of the elector as provided in this subparagraph within the time period for verifying provisional ballots pursuant to Code Section 21-2-419. The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall promptly notify the elector that such ballot is deemed a provisional ballot and shall provide information on the types of identification needed and how and when such identification is to be submitted to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk to verify the ballot.

(E) Three copies of the numbered list of voters shall also be prepared for such rejected absentee electors, giving the name of the elector and the reason for the rejection in each case. Three copies of the numbered list of certified absentee voters and three copies of the numbered list of rejected absentee voters for each precinct shall be turned over to the poll manager in charge of counting the absentee ballots and shall be distributed as required by law for numbered lists of voters.

(F) All absentee ballots returned to the board or absentee ballot clerk after the closing of the polls on the day of the primary or election shall be safely kept unopened by the board or absentee ballot clerk and then transferred to the appropriate clerk with the documentation provided for in subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section for storage in a manner that will prevent tampering for the period of time required for the preservation of ballots used at the primary or election and shall then, without being opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of the primary or election. The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall promptly notify the elector by first-class mail that the elector's ballot was returned too late to be counted and that the elector will not receive credit for voting in the primary or election. All such late absentee ballots shall be delivered to the appropriate clerk and stored as provided in Code Section 21-2-390.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, until the United

States Department of Defense notifies the Secretary of State that the Department of Defense has implemented a system of expedited absentee voting for those electors covered by this subparagraph, absentee ballots cast in a primary, election, or runoff by eligible absentee electors who reside outside the county or municipality in which the primary, election, or runoff is held and are members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the merchant marine of the United States, spouses or dependents of members of the armed forces or merchant marine residing with or accompanying such members, or overseas citizens that are postmarked by the date of such primary, election, or runoff and are received within the three-day period following such primary, election, or runoff, if proper in all other respects, shall be valid ballots and shall be counted and included in the certified election results.

(2)(A) Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot,' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners. At least three persons who are registrars, deputy registrars, poll workers, or absentee ballot clerks ~~must~~ shall be present before commencing; and three persons who are registrars, deputy registrars, or absentee ballot clerks shall be present at all times while the sealed containers containing verified and accepted absentee ballots are unsealed and verified for integrity, while the absentee ballot envelopes are ~~being~~ opened, and while the absentee ballots are ~~being~~ scanned. However, no person shall tally, tabulate, estimate, or attempt to tally, tabulate, or estimate or cause the ballot scanner or any other equipment to produce any tally or tabulate, partial or otherwise, of the absentee ballots cast until the time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff except as provided in this Code section. Prior to beginning the process set forth in this paragraph, the superintendent shall provide written notice to the Secretary of State in writing at least seven days prior to processing and scanning absentee ballots. Such notice shall contain the dates, start and end times, and location or locations where absentee ballots will be processed and scanned. The superintendent shall also post such notice publicly in a prominent location in the superintendent's office and on the home page of the county election superintendent's website, if the county election superintendent maintains such a website. The Secretary of State shall publish on his or her website the information he or she receives from superintendents stating the dates, times, and locations where absentee ballots will be processed.

(B) The proceedings set forth in this paragraph shall be open to the view of the public, but no person except one employed and designated by the superintendent shall touch any ballot or ballot container. Any person involved in processing and scanning absentee ballots shall swear an oath, in the same form as the oath for poll officers provided in Code Section 21-2-95, prior to beginning the processing and scanning of absentee ballots. The county executive committee or, if there is no organized county executive committee, the state executive committee of each political party and

political body having candidates whose names appear on the ballot for such election shall have the right to designate two persons and each independent and nonpartisan candidate whose name appears on the ballot for such election shall have the right to designate one person to act as monitors for such process. In the event that the only issue to be voted upon in an election is a referendum question, the superintendent shall also notify in writing the chief judge of the superior court of the county who shall appoint two electors of the county to monitor such process. While viewing or monitoring the process set forth in this paragraph, monitors and observers shall be prohibited from:

(i) In any way interfering with the processing or scanning of absentee ballots or the conduct of the election;

(ii) Using or bringing into the room any photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices, cellular telephones, or computers;

(iii) Engaging in any form of campaigning or campaign activity;

(iv) Taking any action that endangers the secrecy and security of the ballots;

(v) Touching any ballot or ballot container;

(vi) Tallying, tabulating, estimating, or attempting to tally, tabulate, or estimate, whether partial or otherwise, any of the votes on the absentee ballots cast; and

(vii) Communicating any information that they see while monitoring the processing and scanning of the absentee ballots, whether intentionally or inadvertently, about any ballot, vote, or selection to anyone other than an election official who needs such information to lawfully carry out his or her official duties.

(C) The State Election Board shall promulgate rules requiring reconciliation procedures; prompt and undelayed scanning of ballots after absentee ballot envelopes are opened; secrecy of election results prior to the closing of the polls on the day of a primary, election, or runoff; and other protections to protect the integrity of the process set forth in this paragraph.

(D) At the conclusion of the scanning of ballots, such scanned ballots shall be stored in tamper-resistant containers sealed with numbered seals, the number of which shall be recorded on the chain of custody document specified by the Secretary of State, and such forms shall be signed by the person storing the ballots and the date and time of storage shall be entered on such forms.

(3) A county election superintendent may, in his or her discretion, after 7:00 A.M. on the day of the primary, election, or runoff begin tabulating the absentee ballots; provided, however, that all absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section by the Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff shall be tabulated and the results reported by no later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of such primary, election, or runoff or within one hour of the closing of all polls in such county, whichever occurs later. If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the superintendent shall notify in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election, or runoff, the Secretary of State of the superintendent's intent to begin the absentee

ballot tabulation prior to the close of the polls. The county executive committee or, if there is no organized county executive committee, the state executive committee of each political party and political body having candidates whose names appear on the ballot for such election in such county shall have the right to designate two persons and each independent and nonpartisan candidate whose name appears on the ballot for such election in such county shall have the right to designate one person to act as monitors for such process. In the event that the only issue to be voted upon in an election is a referendum question, the superintendent shall also notify in writing the chief judge of the superior court of the county who shall appoint two electors of the county to monitor such process.

(4) The county election superintendent shall publish a written notice in the superintendent's office of the superintendent's intent to begin the absentee ballot tabulation prior to the close of the polls and publish such notice at least one week prior to the primary, election, or runoff in the legal organ of the county.

(5) The process for opening absentee ballot envelopes, scanning absentee ballots, and tabulating absentee ballots on the day of a primary, election, or runoff as provided in this subsection shall be conducted in a manner to maintain the secrecy of all ballots and to protect the disclosure of any balloting information before 7:00 P.M. on election day. No absentee ballots shall be tabulated before 7:00 A.M. on the day of a primary, election, or runoff.

(6) All persons conducting the tabulation of absentee ballots during the day of a primary, election, or runoff, including the vote review panel required by Code Section 21-2-483, and all monitors and observers shall be sequestered until the time for the closing of the polls. All such persons shall have no contact with the news media; shall have no contact with other persons not involved in monitoring, observing, or conducting the tabulation; shall not use any type of communication device including radios, telephones, and cellular telephones; shall not utilize computers for the purpose of email, instant messaging, or other forms of communication; and shall not communicate any information concerning the tabulation until the time for the closing of the polls; provided, however, that supervisory and technical assistance personnel shall be permitted to enter and leave the area in which the tabulation is being conducted but shall not communicate any information concerning the tabulation to anyone other than the county election superintendent; the staff of the superintendent; those persons conducting, observing, or monitoring the tabulation; and those persons whose technical assistance is needed for the tabulation process to operate.

(7) The absentee ballots shall be tabulated in accordance with the procedures of this chapter for the tabulation of absentee ballots. As such ballots are tabulated, they shall be placed into locked ballot boxes and may be transferred to locked ballot bags, if needed, for security. Such boxes or bags shall be sealed and witnessed and verified by each person taking custody of such items by each such person's signature and date and time of taking custody. The persons conducting the tabulation of the absentee ballots shall not cause the tabulating equipment to produce any count, partial or otherwise, of the absentee votes cast until the time for the closing of the polls except as otherwise

provided in this Code section.

(b) When requested by the superintendent, but not earlier than the third Monday prior to a primary, election, or runoff, a registrar or absentee ballot clerk shall deliver the official absentee ballot of each certified absentee elector, each rejected absentee ballot, applications for such ballots, and copies of the numbered lists of certified and rejected absentee electors to the location designated by the superintendent in secure, sealed containers with the chain of custody documents as specified by the Secretary of State and the signature and date and time of the person taking custody, and the superintendent or official receiving such absentee ballots shall issue his or her receipt therefor.

(c) The superintendent shall cause the verified and accepted absentee ballots to be opened and tabulated as provided in this Code section. A manager shall then open the outer envelope in such manner as not to destroy the oath printed thereon and shall deposit the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot' in a ballot box reserved for absentee ballots with an accompanying chain of custody documentation. Such ballot box shall be securely sealed if it is not in the direct control of the poll officers or if it is transferred to a different room or facility for tabulation. In the event that an outer envelope is found to contain an absentee ballot that is not in an inner envelope, the ballot shall be sealed in an inner envelope, initialed and dated by the person sealing the inner envelope, and deposited in the ballot box and counted in the same manner as other absentee ballots, provided that such ballot is otherwise proper. Such manager with two assistant managers, appointed by the superintendent, with such clerks as the manager deems necessary shall count the absentee ballots following the procedures prescribed by this chapter for other ballots, insofar as practicable.

(d) All absentee ballots shall be counted and tabulated in such a manner that returns may be reported by precinct; and separate returns shall be made for each precinct in which absentee ballots were cast showing the results by each precinct in which the electors reside. The superintendent shall utilize the procedures set forth in this Code section to ensure that the returns of verified and accepted absentee ballots cast are reported to the public as soon as possible following the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff. Failure to utilize these procedures to ensure that the returns of verified and accepted absentee ballots are reported as soon as possible following the close of polls shall subject the superintendent to sanctions by the State Election Board. If a superintendent fails to report the returns of verified and accepted absentee ballots by the day following the election at 5:00 P.M., the State Election Board may convene an independent performance review board pursuant to Code Section 21-2-107.

(e) If an absentee elector's right to vote has been challenged for cause, a poll officer shall write 'Challenged,' the elector's name, and the alleged cause of challenge on the outer envelope and shall deposit the ballot in a secure, sealed ballot box for which there shall be a chain of custody document as specified by the Secretary of State on which is recorded and witnessed the name and signature of each person taking custody of such ballots; and it shall be counted as other challenged ballots are counted. Where direct recording electronic voting systems are used for absentee balloting and a challenge to an elector's right to vote is made prior to the time that the elector votes, the elector shall vote

on a paper or optical scanning ballot and such ballot shall be handled as provided in this subsection. The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall promptly notify the elector of such challenge.

(f) It shall be unlawful at any time prior to the close of the polls for any person to disclose or for any person to receive any information regarding the results of the tabulation of absentee ballots except as expressly provided by law."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-493, relating to computation, canvassing, and tabulation of returns, investigation of discrepancies in vote counts, recount procedure, pilot program for posting of digital images of scanned paper ballots, certification of returns, and change in returns, by revising subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) The superintendent shall, after the close of the polls on the day of a primary or election, at his or her office or at some other convenient public place at the county seat or in the municipality, of which due notice shall have been given as provided by Code Section 21-2-492, publicly commence the computation and canvassing of the returns and continue until all absentee ballots received by the close of the polls, including those cast by advance voting~~,~~; provided, however, that such votes cast by advance voting shall be tabulated and the results reported by no later than 8:00 P.M. on such day or within one hour of the closing of all polls in such county, whichever occurs later, and all ballots cast on the day of the primary or election have been counted and tabulated and the results of such tabulation released to the public and, then, continuing with provisional ballots as provided in Code Sections 21-2-418 and 21-2-419 and those absentee ballots as provided in subparagraph (a)(1)(G) of Code Section 21-2-386 from day to day until completed. For this purpose, the superintendent may organize his or her assistants into sections, each of whom may simultaneously proceed with the computation and canvassing of the returns from various precincts of the county or municipality in the manner provided by this Code section. Upon the completion of such computation and canvassing, the superintendent shall tabulate the figures for the entire county or municipality and sign, announce, and attest the same, as required by this Code section."

"(j.2)(1) On or after January 1, 2025, in the event that a superintendent receives a request pursuant to Code Section 50-18-71 for scanned ballot images at a resolution higher than the ballot images available from the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (j.1) of this Code section, and such request is received following the final certification of the results of the election in which such ballots were created, the superintendent shall, consistent with Code Section 50-18-71, produce digital scans of the requested ballots at a resolution of no less than 600 dots per inch and deliver such scans to the requestor. A person making a request pursuant to this subsection may observe the scanning and related handling process, but under no circumstances shall anyone other than an authorized election official touch or handle a physical ballot.

(2) Notwithstanding any seal provided for by Code Section 21-2-500, a superintendent shall have access to the ballots cast within its jurisdiction so as to comply with the

provisions of this subsection. Upon receiving a request pursuant to this subsection, the superintendent shall notify the clerk of the superior court or, if designated by the clerk of the superior court, the county records manager or other office or official under the jurisdiction of a county governing authority which maintains or is responsible for maintaining such sealed ballots, and such official or office that maintains such requested ballot shall provide the superintendent access to such ballot without the need for obtaining a court order. All ballots provided to a superintendent pursuant to this paragraph shall be immediately returned by such superintendent to the official or office that maintains such ballots upon the scanning of such ballot."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-498.1.

The Secretary of State shall create a pilot program for the auditing of paper ballot images using optical character recognition technology or other related technology which shall verify the human-readable text portion of the ballot. Such auditing program shall not be based on or tabulate any QR code, bar code, or similar machine coding that may be printed on such ballots. Such audits shall include all ballot types, and the audit findings shall be reported prior to final certification of the election."

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-540, relating to conduct of special primaries and special elections generally, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special primary and the holding of same, and at least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. The period during which candidates may qualify to run in a special primary or a special election shall remain open for a minimum of two and one-half days. Special ~~primaries and special~~ elections to present questions to the voters which are to be held in conjunction with the presidential preference primary, a state-wide general primary, or state-wide general election shall be called at least 90 days prior to the date of such presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, or state-wide general election; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to ~~special primaries and~~ special elections to present questions to the voters held on the same date as such presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, or state-wide general election but conducted completely separate and apart from such state-wide general primary or state-wide general election using different ballots or voting equipment, facilities, poll workers, and paperwork."

SECTION 13.

(a) This section and Sections 12 and 14 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) Sections 1, 2, 3, 3.1, 5, 8, 10, and 11 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

(c) Sections 4, 6, and 9 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

(d) Section 7 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 14.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Butler of the 55th requested a ruling of the Chair on adjournment after 11:59 p.m., pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.14.

The President ruled that there was no fixed hour of adjournment.

Senator Butler of the 55th moved that the Senate adjourn.

The President ruled the motion out of order, as a Senator remained at the Well of the Senate.

Senator Robertson of the 29th moved the previous question.

Senator Mallow of the 2nd objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 22; the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Senator Burns of the 23rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 189.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	N Orrock
Y Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	N Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	N James	Y Still
N Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
N Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 22; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 189.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 1409. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Newton of the 127th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, so as to limit liability for mental health care providers under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to limit liability for punitive damages; to provide for applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 1409 (HB 1409/SCSFA) by striking from lines 4 through 6 the following:

to amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from certificate of need, so as to revise provisions relating to ambulatory surgical centers;

By striking lines 110 through 122.

Senator Strickland of the 17th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1409.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	N Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 53, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 1409.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that HB 912, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 912, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 912. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 138th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the definition of "multipurpose off-highway vehicle"; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and motor homes, so as to define "multipurpose off-highway vehicle" and subclassify such vehicles for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide that such vehicles shall not be returned or taxed for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dolezal of the 27th.

Senators Ginn of the 47th and Dolezal of the 27th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 912 (LC 43 2931) by replacing line 3 with the following:
"multipurpose off-highway vehicle"; to amend Code Section 40-8-76.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, so as to revise a definition; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the

By deleting "To amend" *on line 11 and inserting* "is amended" *following* "traffic," *on line 12.*

By inserting between line 31 and 32 the following:
Code Section 40-8-76.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'passenger vehicle' means every motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, pickup trucks, vans, ~~and~~ sport utility vehicles, <u>and multipurpose off-highway vehicles,</u> designed to carry 15 passengers or fewer and used for the transportation of persons; provided, however, that such term shall not include motorcycles; motor driven cycles; or off-road vehicles or pickup trucks being used by an owner, driver, or occupant 18 years of age or older in connection with agricultural pursuits that are usual and normal to the user's farming operation; and provided, further, that such term shall not include motor vehicles designed to carry 11 to 15 passengers which were manufactured prior to July 1, 2015, and which, as of such date, did not have manufacturer installed seat safety belts."

SECTION 3.

By replacing lines 48 and 49 with the following:

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.
(b) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

By replacing "**SECTION 2.**" *with* "**SECTION 4.**" *and* "**SECTION 3.**" *with* "**SECTION 5.**".

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st offered the following amendment #2:

Amend HB 912 (LC 43 2931) by inserting after "to" *on line 3 the following:*
amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commercial driver's licenses, so as to provide for hiring standards for commercial driver's license holders; to

By adding between lines 31 and 32 the following:
To amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commercial driver's licenses, by revising Code Section 40-5-145, relating to duties of employer, to add a new subsection to read as follows:
"(c) Each employer shall conduct a preemployment investigation of every commercial motor vehicle driver's record in accordance with the time frame required by federal standards or three years, whichever is greater."

SECTION 3.

By renumbering Section 2 and Section 3 on lines 47 and 50 as Section 4 and Section 5, respectively.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st asked unanimous consent that his amendment #2 be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the amendment was withdrawn.

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Ginn amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	N Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	N Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	N Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	N Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
N Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	N Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	N Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 8.

HB 912, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has disagreed to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 469. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Butler of the 55th, Gooch of the 51st, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, so as to increase the maximum amount of contributions allowed per beneficiary of savings trust accounts for higher education expenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 82. By Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Williams of the 168th, Beverly of the 143rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of

the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to state income taxes, so as to limit eligibility for the rural physician tax credit to persons qualifying as a rural physician on or before December 31, 2023; to provide for automatic repeal; to create a new tax credit for rural physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for an aggregate cap; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 409. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Burchett of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to authorize local authorities to dispose of real property in the same manner as county governing authorities; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1073. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Cooper of the 45th, Oliver of the 82nd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Evans of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-66-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and procedure on zoning, so as to repeal additional hearing and notice provisions regarding halfway houses, drug rehabilitation centers, or other facilities for treatment of drug dependency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 157. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Goodman of the 8th, Robertson of the 29th, Anderson of the 43rd and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to create a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make an application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective

date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 300. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 112th, Stephens of the 164th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to solar power free-market financing, so as to provide for the establishment of the Solar Technology Trust Fund as a fund within the state treasury; to impose a fee on the retail sale of new solar technology and to dedicate such fees to such fund as authorized and subject to the conditions imposed by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(r) of the Constitution of Georgia; to provide for reports and forms; to provide for authorization; to provide for annual appropriations and reporting; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 926. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Mainor of the 56th, Greene of the 154th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for issuance of certificates by a court for purposes of demonstrating rehabilitation and good moral character;to amend Code Section 24-4-419 of the O.C.G.A., relating to admissibility of criminal history record information of an employee or former employee; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses; to amend Code Section 44-5-150 of the O.C.G.A., relating to search and notification for information identifying anatomical gift donor status; to amend Code Section 51-1-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to presumption of due care in hiring of person pardoned or who has obtained a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1049. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 52 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to assumption reinsurance agreements, so as to enact the "Insurance Business Transfer Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for court authority; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for an application procedure; to provide for court review of a petition; to provide for ongoing jurisdiction by the court; to provide for court approval; to provide for appeal; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for ongoing oversight by the Commissioner; to provide for certain fees and costs to be borne by the applicant; to provide for compensation, costs, and expenses of the independent expert and any consultants to be borne jointly by the transferring insurer and assuming insurer; to provide for dismissal of petition; to provide for construction; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1231. By Representative Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, to allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to allow academically successful students who commence a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1407. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Anderson of the 10th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, so as to revise provisions for establishing, negotiating, reviewing, revising, and filing local government service delivery strategies; to require the development of state-wide mapping standards; to revise the dispute resolution process; to revise provisions related to sanctions; to require and limit the promulgation of certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has disagreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 905. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd, Leverett of the 123rd, LaHood of the 175th, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to repeal provisions authorizing administrative officers to exercise zoning powers; to repeal provisions authorizing quasi-judicial boards and agencies to hear and render decisions on applications for special administrative permits and conditional permits; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 351. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20 and 39 of the O.C.G.A, relating to education and minors, respectively, so as to provide for social media platform access by minors; to require local boards of education to adopt, implement, and enforce social media policies; to authorize the Attorney General and the Department of Education to consult with and assist local boards of education in the development and implementation of such policies; to require social medial platforms to provide certain information to parents upon request; to provide for enforcement authority of the Attorney General; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for definitions; to provide for effective dates; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 351:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20 and 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and minors, respectively, so as to provide for social media platform access by minors; to provide for social media policies in public schools; to include promotion of safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship in the state's comprehensive character education program; to require the Department of Education to develop and periodically update model programs for educating students regarding online

safety; to require local boards of education and governing bodies of charter schools to annually submit acceptable-use policies and technology protection measures for review by the State Board of Education; to provide for compliance standards and specifications for technology protection measures to be used in public schools; to provide for inclusion of parental measures and controls in such technology protection measures; to provide for the identification and prioritization of providers of technology protection measures which meet or exceed such standards and specifications; to provide for the Department of Education to provide guidance and develop training programs to assist public schools; to provide for the withholding of state funds allotted for public schools that have not provided for adequate technology protection measures; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for required and optional instruction regarding social media for such programs; to require public school local governing bodies to adopt, implement, and enforce social media policies; to authorize the Department of Education to consult with and assist local governing bodies in the development and implementation of such policies; to require local governing bodies to submit such policies to the Department of Education for review; to authorize the State Board of Education to withhold state funds from local governing bodies for failure to comply with certain social media policy requirements; to provide for appeals; to provide for venue; to revise provisions relating to the prohibition of bullying and cyberbullying in public schools; to require social media platforms to verify the age of account holders and to refuse account services to minors without parental consent; to require social medial platforms to provide certain information to parents upon request; to provide for enforcement authority of the Attorney General; to prohibit certain waivers; to create a civil remedy for damages against commercial entities that distribute material harmful to minors without performing age verification methods; to provide for reasonable age verification process requirements for commercial entities; to provide for standards for liability; to provide for exceptions; to provide that age verification information shall not be retained by commercial entities; to provide for the Attorney General's imposition of fines; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act of 2024."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 2 of Article 6, relating to competencies and

core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-145, relating to the comprehensive character education program, as follows:

"20-2-145.

(a) The State Board of Education shall develop by the start of the 1997-1998 school year a comprehensive character education program for levels K-12. This comprehensive character education program shall be known as the 'character curriculum' and shall focus on the students' development of the following character traits: courage, patriotism, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect for others, kindness, cooperation, self-respect, self-control, courtesy, compassion, tolerance, diligence, generosity, punctuality, cleanliness, cheerfulness, school pride, respect for the environment, respect for the creator, patience, creativity, sportsmanship, loyalty, perseverance, and virtue. Such program shall also address, by the start of the ~~1999-2000~~ 2025-2026 school year, methods of discouraging bullying and violent acts against fellow students and methods of promoting responsible digital citizenship and the safe and appropriate use of technology, the internet, and social media. Local ~~boards~~ governing bodies shall implement such a program in all grade levels at the beginning of the ~~2000-2001~~ 2025-2026 school year and shall provide opportunities for parental involvement in establishing expected outcomes of the character education program.

(b) The Department of Education shall develop character education program workshops designed for public school employees ~~of local school systems~~."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-149, relating to program for educating students regarding online internet safety, as follows:

"20-2-149.

(a)(1) The Department of Education shall develop ~~a model program~~ model programs for educating students regarding online safety while using the ~~Internet~~ internet, taking into consideration educational materials on this topic developed by other states as well as any other materials suggested by education experts, child psychologists, and technology companies that promote child online safety issues.

(2) The model programs provided for in this subsection shall include one or more model programs for students in grades six through 12 which:

(A) Shall include instruction regarding:

(i) The social, emotional, and physical effects of social media on users;

(ii) The effects of social media on the mental health of users, particularly teenagers;

(iii) The distribution of disinformation and misinformation on social media;

(iv) How social media influences thoughts and behaviors;

(v) The permanency and risks of sharing materials online;

(vi) How to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying, predatory behavior, and human trafficking on the internet and social media; and

(vii) How to report suspicious behavior encountered on the internet and social media to appropriate persons and authorities; and

(B) May include information regarding the benefits of social media use, such as

supporting career readiness for future academic or employment opportunities, sharing information with familiar family and friends, and safely connecting with other users with similar interests.

(3) The Department of Education shall periodically update the model programs provided for in this subsection to reflect changes in internet and social media use, emergent technologies, social and psychological research, and information concerning new threats to teenagers and young adults using social media platforms and other online communication technologies.

(4) The Department of Education shall publish on its website information relating to the model programs provided for in this Code section, including recommended curricula and instructional materials as updated periodically as provided in this subsection. The Department of Education shall provide technical assistance in addition to such model programs and recommended curricula and instructional materials to aid any local board of education that may elect to incorporate one or more components of internet and social media safety into its instructional program.

(b) Each local board of education may incorporate into its instructional program a component on online ~~Internet~~ internet safety, including social media safety, to be taught on a schedule as determined by the local board of education."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 15 of Article 6, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-324, relating to internet safety policies in public schools, as follows:

"20-2-324.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Acceptable-use policy' means a policy for ~~Internet usage~~ internet use adopted by a local board of education or appropriate school governing body that meets the requirements of this Code section.

(2) 'Child pornography' means any visual depiction, including any live performance, photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-12-100, when:

(A) The production of the visual depiction involves a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;

(B) The visual depiction is of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or

(C) The visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct. ~~computer depiction or other material depicting a child under the age of 18 years engaging in sexually explicit conduct or in the simulation of such conduct.~~

(3) 'Harmful to minors' ~~has the meaning given to such term in Code Section 16-12-100.1~~ means that quality of description or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse, when:

(A) Taken as a whole, it predominantly appeals to the prurient, shameful, or morbid

interest of minors;

(B) It is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material for minors; and

(C) Taken as a whole, it is lacking in serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

(4) 'Identifiable minor' means a person:

(A)(i) Who was a minor at the time the visual depiction was created, adapted, or modified; or

(ii) Whose image as a minor was used in creating, adapting, or modifying the visual depiction; and

(B) Who is recognizable as an actual person by such person's face, likeness, or other distinguishing physical characteristic or other recognizable physical feature.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Internet' means ~~a global network that connects computers via telephone lines, fiber networks, or both to electronic information~~ the global information system that is logically linked together by a globally unique address space based on the internet protocol or its subsequent extensions; that is able to support unencrypted communications using the transmission control protocol/internet protocol (TCP/IP) suite, its subsequent extensions, or other internet protocol compatible protocols; and that provides, uses, or makes accessible, either publicly or privately, high level services layered on such communications and related infrastructure.

~~(5) 'Obscene' has the meaning given to such term in Code Section 16-12-80.~~

(6) 'Local governing body' means the board of education of each local school system, the governing body of each charter school subject to the provisions of Article 31 or 31A of this chapter, and the governing board of each completion special school subject to the provisions of Article 31C of this chapter. Such term shall not include system charter schools, as defined in Code Section 20-2-2062; conversion charter schools, as defined in Code Section 20-2-2062, whose charter is not held by a nonprofit corporation; and college and career academies that are charter schools.

(7) 'Obscene material' means material which meets the following requirements:

(A) To the average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, the material predominantly appeals or panders to prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;

(B) The material, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value; and

(C) The material depicts or describes in a patently offensive way sexual conduct as follows:

(i) Acts of sexual intercourse, heterosexual or homosexual, normal or perverted, actual or simulated;

(ii) Acts of masturbation;

(iii) Acts involving excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals;

(iv) Acts of bestiality or the fondling of sex organs of animals; or

(v) Sexual acts of flagellation, torture, or other violence indicating a sadomasochistic sexual relationship.

~~(6) 'Sexually explicit conduct' has the meaning given to such term in Code Section 16-12-100.~~

(8) 'School equipment' means any computer or computer networking equipment, technology or technology related device or service, or communication system or service that is operated, owned, leased, and made available to students by a local board of education, local school system, or public school and that is used for transmitting, receiving, accessing, viewing, hearing, downloading, recording, or storing electronic communication.

(9) 'Technology protection measure' means a technology that inspects and analyzes unencrypted internet traffic for malware and that blocks or filters electronic access to obscene materials, child pornography, or material that is harmful to minors.

(b)(1) No later than ~~January 1, 2007~~ October 1, 2025, each local governing body ~~board of education~~ shall adopt an acceptable-use policy for its school system. At a minimum, an acceptable-use policy shall contain provisions which are reasonably designed to:

~~(1)~~(A) Prevent and prohibit ~~students and employees of the school system from using~~ any school equipment ~~computer or equipment and communication services owned or leased by the school system~~ from being used for accessing, sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading ~~visual depictions of obscenity~~ obscene materials, child pornography, or material that is harmful to minors;

~~(2)~~(B) Establish appropriate measures to be taken by the school or local school system in response to:

(i) Students ~~against students~~ and school employees who ~~willfully~~ intentionally violate the acceptable-use policy, whether or not such student or school employee was, at the time of such violation, on school property, on a school bus or other school vehicle, at a school related function, or elsewhere, provided that such measures include disciplinary measures; and

(ii) Any person who is not a student or school employee who violates the acceptable-use policy, whether or not such person was, at the time of such violation, on school property, on a school bus or other school vehicle, at a school related function, or elsewhere;

(C) Provide for administrative procedures to enforce the acceptable-use policy;

(D) Provide for administrative procedures to address complaints regarding possible violations of the acceptable-use policy which, at a minimum, require that each complaint is responded to in writing by an appropriate school or local school system official; and

~~(3)~~(E) Provide for expedited review and resolution of a claim that the application of the acceptable-use policy is denying a student or school employee access to material that is not within the ~~prohibition~~ prohibitions of the acceptable-use policy.

(2) The acceptable-use policy provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection may include terms, conditions, and requirements deemed appropriate by the local governing body to differentiate acceptable uses among elementary, middle, and high school students and among different age groups; provided, however, that any local governing body that authorizes such differentiation shall articulate in its acceptable-use policy the

rationale for each method of differentiation included in such acceptable-use policy.

(3) Each local governing body shall provide reasonable opportunities and procedures for parents or guardians of current students to confer and collaborate with school administrators and teachers regarding appropriate internet access for such students.

(c) ~~A~~ Each local ~~board of education~~ governing body and local school superintendent shall take such steps ~~as it deems appropriate~~ as are necessary and appropriate to implement and enforce the acceptable-use policy, which shall include, but shall not be limited to~~:~~, providing for the adoption, use, and routine upgrading of technology protection measures which meet or exceed compliance standards and specifications established by the department.

~~(1) Use of software programs reasonably designed to block access to visual depictions of obscenity, child pornography, and material that is harmful to minors; or~~

~~(2) Selection of online servers that block access to visual depictions of obscenity, child pornography, and material that is harmful to minors.~~

(d) Each school and local school system shall provide, upon written request of a parent or guardian, a copy of the acceptable-use policy adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section and information regarding the administrative procedures in effect to enforce such acceptable-use policy and to address complaints about such enforcement.

(e)(1)(A) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, by April 1, the department shall establish compliance standards and specifications for technology protection measures to be used by schools and local school systems. To the extent practicable, such compliance standards and specifications for technology protection measures shall include measures and controls for parents or guardians of current students to supervise and manage appropriate internet access by such students who are using a school issued computer or other electronic device while not on school property, not on a school bus or other school vehicle, or not at a school related function. In addition to establishing such compliance standards and specifications, the department shall recommend technology protection measures to be installed by schools and local school systems on each computer or other electronic device issued to students for off-campus use.

(B) The department is authorized, in collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services, to identify a nonexclusive list of providers of technology protection measures that meet or exceed such standards and specifications; provided, however, that the department shall no less than annually require each such provider to verify that the technology protection measures it provides meet or exceed such standards and specifications. The department is authorized to provide information to schools and local school systems regarding state contracts with such providers of technology protection measures. The department shall prioritize the identification of providers of technology protection measures that include parental measures and controls as provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(2)(A) The department shall provide guidance and technical assistance to assist schools and local school systems in complying with the requirements of this Code section.

(B) No later than December 1, 2025, the department shall develop guidelines for the training of school personnel. The training guidelines shall include instruction in:

(i) Implementing and complying with acceptable-use policies required by this Code section;

(ii) Basic cyber security issues pertinent to schools, students, and educators, including, but not limited to, phishing and multifactor authentication; and

(iii) Other current and emerging issues and topics which address the safe and secure use of technology by students and educators.

~~The Attorney General and the department shall consult with and assist any local board of education in the development and implementation of an acceptable use policy pursuant to this Code section.~~

(f)(1) ~~No later than January 31, 2007,~~ Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, by October 15, each local ~~board of education~~ governing body shall submit a copy of the acceptable-use policy adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section to the State Board of Education. Such submission shall also include the identification of ~~any software program or online server~~ the technology protection measures that ~~is~~ are being ~~utilized~~ used to block access to material in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section.

(2) The State Board of Education shall review each acceptable-use policy and technology protection measure and any subsequent revisions submitted pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection. If the state board determines after review that a policy, technology protection measure, or revision is not reasonably designed to achieve the requirements of this Code section, the state board shall provide written notice to the local ~~board of education~~ governing body explaining the nature of such noncompliance, and the local ~~board of education~~ governing body shall have 30 days from the receipt of written notice to correct such noncompliance. The state board may provide an extension to the 30 day period on a showing of good cause.

(3) No revision of an acceptable-use policy submission which has been approved by the state board pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be implemented until such revision is approved by the state board. If the state board fails to disapprove the revision within 60 days after the submission is received, the local ~~board of education~~ governing body may proceed with the implementation of the revision.

(4) The state board shall be authorized to withhold a portion of the state funding allotment for a school or ~~to a~~ local school system ~~if the local board of education~~ that:

(A) Fails to timely submit an acceptable-use policy or technology protection measure in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(B) Submits an acceptable-use policy that is not reasonably designed to achieve the requirements of this Code section; ~~or~~

(C) Is not enforcing or is substantially disregarding its acceptable-use policy~~.~~;

(D) Is using technology protection measures which do not meet or exceed standards and specifications established by the department to block access to material in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section; or

(E) Is not using any technology protection measures to block access to material in

accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section.

(5) If the state board disapproves an acceptable-use policy ~~of a local board of education~~ or any revision thereof or notifies ~~the~~ a local ~~board of education~~ governing body that it is subject to the withholding of funding pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection, the local ~~board of education~~ governing body may appeal the decision to the superior court of the county where ~~the local board of education~~ such local governing body is situated.

(g)(1) The state board shall be responsible for conducting investigations and making written determinations as to whether a local ~~board of education~~ governing body has violated the requirements of this Code section.

(2) If the state board determines that a local ~~board of education~~ governing body is in violation of the requirements of this Code section, it shall direct ~~the local board of education~~ such local governing body to acknowledge and correct the violation within 30 days and to develop a corrective plan for preventing future recurrences.

(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section to the contrary, an administrator or supervisor of a school or local school system, or designee thereof, may disable the ~~software program or online server that is being utilized~~ technology protection measure that is being used to block access to material or take other reasonable steps for an adult or for a minor who provides written consent from his or her parent or guardian to enable access to the ~~Internet~~ internet for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be construed to permit any person to have access to material the character of which is illegal under federal or state law.

(i) This Code section shall not be subject to waiver pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-2063.2 or 20-2-2065 for a charter system, Code Section 20-2-2065 for a charter school, Code Section 20-2-2096.3 for a completion special school, or Code Section 20-2-244. ~~A local board of education which is fulfilling the requirements of the federal Children's Internet Protection Act, P.L. 106-554, is not required to comply with this Code section.~~"

SECTION 2-4.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 15 of Article 6, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-324.7.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Internet' means the global information system that is logically linked together by a globally unique address space based on the internet protocol or its subsequent extensions; that is able to support communications using the transmission control protocol/internet protocol (TCP/IP) suite, its subsequent extensions, or other compatible protocols; and that provides, uses, or makes accessible, either publicly or privately, high-level services layered on such communications and related infrastructure.

(2) 'Local governing body' means the board of education of each local school system,

the governing body of each charter school subject to the provisions of Article 31 or 31A of this chapter, and the governing board of each completion special school subject to the provisions of Article 31C of this chapter. Such term shall not include system charter schools, as defined in Code Section 20-2-2062; conversion charter schools, as defined in Code Section 20-2-2062, whose charter is not held by a nonprofit corporation; and college and career academies that are charter schools.

(3) 'Social media platform' has the same meaning as defined in Code Section 39-6-1.

(b) No later than April 1, 2026, each local governing body shall adopt a social media policy which shall:

(1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, prohibit students from accessing social media platforms through the use of computer equipment, communications services, or internet access that is operated, owned, leased, and made available to students by the local governing body, the school system, or a public school.

(B) To the extent authorized by such social media policy, students shall be permitted to access social media platforms only:

(i) As directed by school personnel;

(ii) For the exclusive purpose of accessing and utilizing age-appropriate educational resources;

(iii) Under the supervision of such school personnel; and

(iv) During the course of a school related activity;

(2) Establish appropriate measures to be taken when a student violates such policy; and

(3) Establish procedures for parents and legal guardians to:

(A) Request information from school personnel about what social media platforms have been or are intended to be accessed as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

(B) Prohibit their child from accessing one or more social media platforms as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) A local governing body shall take such steps as it deems appropriate to implement and enforce its social media policy, which shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Use of software programs and other technologies reasonably designed and intended to block and monitor access to social media platforms; and

(2) Selection of online servers that block and monitor access to social media platforms.

(d) Each local school system or public school shall publish on its website a copy of the social media policy adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section and shall provide a paper copy of such upon written request of a parent or guardian of an enrolled student.

(e) The Department of Education shall be authorized to consult with and assist any local governing body in developing and implementing a social media policy pursuant to this Code section.

(f)(1) No later than April 1, 2026, each local governing body shall submit a copy of the social media policy adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section to the Department of Education for compliance review. Such submission shall identify any

software program or other technology that is being or will be utilized to block access to social media platforms in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section.

(2) The Department of Education shall review each social media policy and any subsequent revisions submitted pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection. If the Department of Education determines after compliance review that a policy or revision thereof is not reasonably designed to achieve the requirements of this Code section, it shall provide written notice of noncompliance to the local governing body as provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(3) No revision of a social media policy which has been deemed compliant pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be implemented until such revision is reviewed by the Department of Education. If the Department of Education fails to provide a notice of noncompliance for the revision within 60 days of its receipt, the local governing body may proceed with the implementation of the revision.

(4)(A) The Department of Education shall be responsible for conducting any necessary investigations and making written determinations as to whether a local governing body has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section.

(B) If the Department of Education determines that a local governing body has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section, it shall provide a written notice of noncompliance to such local governing body and the local governing body shall have 30 days from the receipt of such notice to correct such noncompliance and to develop a corrective action plan for preventing future recurrences. The Department of Education may extend such 30 day period upon a showing of good cause by the local governing body.

(5)(A) The State Board of Education shall be authorized to take corrective action, including, but not limited to, withholding a portion of state funding to a local school system or public school, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-243, if such local governing body fails to comply with the provisions of this Code section or fails to enforce or substantially disregards its social media policy.

(B) If the State Board of Education notifies the local governing body that it is subject to the withholding of state funding pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, such local governing body may bring an action against the State Board of Education seeking appropriate relief from the superior court of the county where the local governing body is headquartered."

SECTION 2-5.

Said chapter is further amended in Subpart 2 of Part 2 of Article 16, relating to public school disciplinary tribunals for students, by revising Code Section 20-2-751.4, relating to policies prohibiting bullying, assignment to alternative school, and notice, as follows:

"20-2-751.4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1)(A) Bullying' '~~bullying~~' means an act that is:

~~(1)~~(i) Any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person, when accompanied by an apparent present ability to do so;

~~(2)~~(ii) Any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm; or

~~(3)~~(iii) Any intentional written, verbal, or physical act which a reasonable person would perceive as being intended to threaten, harass, or intimidate, that:

~~(A)~~(I) Causes another person substantial physical harm within the meaning of Code Section 16-5-23.1 or visible bodily harm as such term is defined in Code Section 16-5-23.1;

~~(B)~~(II) Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education or otherwise substantially infringing upon the rights of a student;

~~(C)~~(III) Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or

~~(D)~~(IV) Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

(B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, such ~~The~~ term applies to acts which occur on school property, on school vehicles, at designated school bus stops, or at school related functions or activities, including, but not limited to, extracurricular activities, or by use of data or software that is accessed through a computer, computer system, computer network, or other electronic technology of a local school system. ~~The term also applies to~~

(C) Such term includes acts of cyberbullying ~~which occur through the use of electronic communication, whether or not such electronic act originated~~ that originate on school property or involve the use of ~~or with~~ school equipment, including, but not limited to, acts that occur within a school sponsored online activity. ~~if the electronic communication (1) is directed specifically at students or school personnel, (2) is maliciously intended for the purpose of threatening the safety of those specified or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school, and (3) creates a reasonable fear of harm to the students' or school personnel's person or property or has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose. For purposes of this Code section, electronic communication includes but is not limited to any transfer of signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, data or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photo electronic or photo optical system.~~

(2) 'Cyberbullying' means bullying that involves the use of electronic communication, including, but not limited to, communication devices and services, including, but not limited to, cellular telephones, cameras, computers, social media platforms, text messages, chat platforms, and internet sites.

(3) 'Electronic communication' means, but is not limited to, any transfer of signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or photo-optical system. Such term shall include photographs and video and audio recordings.

(4) 'Extracurricular activities' has the same meaning as defined in Code Section 20-2-319.6.

(5) 'Parent' means a person who has legal authority to act on behalf of a minor child as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(6) 'School equipment' means any computer or computer networking equipment, technology or technology related device or service, or communication system or service that is operated, owned, leased, and made available to students by a local board of education, local school system, or public school and that is used for transmitting, receiving, accessing, viewing, hearing, downloading, recording, or storing electronic communication.

(7) 'Transmit' means to send or broadcast an electronic communication.

(b) No later than ~~August 1, 2011~~ July 1, 2026:

(1) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy that prohibits bullying, including, without limitation, cyberbullying, ~~of a student by another~~ by a student and shall require such prohibition to be included in the student code of conduct for schools in that school system;

(2) Each local board policy shall require that, upon a finding by the disciplinary hearing officer, panel, or tribunal of school officials provided for in this subpart that a student in grades six through 12 has committed the offense of bullying for the third time in a school year, such student shall be assigned to an alternative school;

(3) Each local board of education shall establish and publish in its local board policy a method to notify the parent, guardian, or other person who has control or charge of a student upon a finding by a school administrator that such student has committed an offense of bullying or is a target or suspected victim of bullying. Such notice shall, as appropriate under the circumstances, include referrals to resources for counseling and other appropriate services for students who have been found to have committed an offense of bullying or are targets or suspected victims of bullying; ~~and~~

(4) Each local board of education shall ensure that students and parents and guardians of students are notified of the prohibition against bullying, and the penalties for violating the prohibition, by posting such information at each school and by including such information in student and parent handbooks; and

(5) Each local board of education shall establish a process to regularly evaluate and update the use of technology solutions to aid in the prevention of cyberbullying on school equipment, including, but not limited to, monitoring software intended to provide electronic notification when the occurrence of cyberbullying is detected on such equipment.

(c) No later than January 1, ~~2011~~ 2026, the Department of Education shall develop a model policy regarding bullying, that may be revised from time to time, and shall post such policy on its website in order to assist local school systems. Such model policy shall include:

(1) A statement prohibiting bullying;

(2) A requirement that any teacher or other school employee who has reliable information that would lead a reasonable person to suspect that someone is a target of bullying shall immediately report it to the school principal;

(3) A requirement that each school have a procedure for the school administration to promptly investigate in a timely manner and determine whether bullying has occurred;

(4) An age-appropriate range of consequences for bullying which shall include, at

minimum and without limitation, disciplinary action or counseling as appropriate under the circumstances;

(5) A requirement that each school provide referrals, as appropriate under the circumstances, to age-appropriate interventions and services, including, but not limited to, counseling services, for students who have been found to have committed an offense of bullying or are targets or suspected victims of bullying;

(6) A procedure for a teacher or other school employee, student, parent, guardian, or other person who has control or charge of a student, either anonymously or in such person's name, at such person's option, to report or otherwise provide information on bullying activity;

~~(6)~~(7) A statement prohibiting retaliation following a report of bullying; and

~~(7)~~(8) Provisions consistent with the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) No later than January 1, 2026, the ~~The~~ Department of Education shall develop and post on its website:

(1) A ~~a~~ list of entities and their contact information which produce antibullying training programs and materials deemed appropriate by the department for use in local school systems. Such list shall include at least one entity that provides awareness and training programs relating to cyberbullying; and

(2) A list of online and in-person providers of counseling and other appropriate services for students who have been found by school officials to have committed an offense of bullying or are targets or suspected victims of bullying. Such list shall include in-person providers available to families in areas throughout the state.

(e) Any person who reports an incident of bullying in good faith shall be immune from civil liability for any damages caused by such reporting.

(f) Nothing in this Code section or in the model policy promulgated by the Department of Education shall be construed to require a local board of education to provide transportation to a student transferred to another school as a result of a bullying incident.

(g) Any school system which is not in compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be ineligible to receive state funding pursuant to Code Sections 20-2-161 and 20-2-260."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 6

39-6-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Account holder' means a person who is a resident of this state and has an account

or profile to use a social media platform, including a minor account holder.

(2) 'Educational entity' means:

(A) A public elementary or secondary school, including without exception public schools provided for under Articles 31, 31A, and 31C of Chapter 2 of Title 20;

(B) A private elementary or secondary school;

(C) A unit of the University System of Georgia;

(D) A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia;

(E) An independent or private college or university located in Georgia and eligible to be deemed an 'approved school' pursuant to paragraph (2) of Code Section 20-3-411; or

(F) A nonpublic postsecondary educational institution provided for in Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20.

(3) 'Minor' means an individual who resides in this state and is actually known or reasonably believed by a social media platform to be under the age of 16 years.

(4) 'Minor account holder' means an account holder who is a minor.

(5) 'Post' means content that an account holder makes available on a social media platform for other account holders or users to view or listen to, including text, images, audio, and video.

(6) 'Social media platform' means an online forum that allows an account holder to create a profile, upload posts, view and listen to posts, form mutual connections, and interact publicly and privately with other account holders and users. Such term shall not include an online service, website, or application where the predominant or exclusive function is any of the following:

(A) Email;

(B) A service that, pursuant to its terms of use, does not permit minors to use the platform and utilizes commercially reasonable age assurance mechanisms to deter minors from becoming account holders;

(C) A streaming service that provides only licensed media that is not user generated in a continuous flow from the service, website, or application to the end user and does not obtain a license to the media from a user or account holder by agreement to its terms of service;

(D) News, sports, entertainment, or other content that is preselected by the provider and not user generated, and any chat, comment, or interactive functionality that is provided incidental to or directly or indirectly related to such content;

(E) Online shopping or ecommerce, if the interaction with other users or account holders is generally limited to the ability to upload a post and comment on reviews, the ability to display lists or collections of goods for sale or wish lists, and other functions that are focused on online shopping or ecommerce rather than interaction between users or account holders;

(F) Interactive gaming, virtual gaming, or an online service, website, or application that allows the creation and uploading of content for the purpose of interactive gaming, educational entertainment, or associated entertainment, and communications related to that content;

(G) Photograph editing that has an associated photograph hosting service if the interaction with other users or account holders is generally limited to liking or commenting;

(H) Single-purpose community groups for public safety if the interaction with other users or account holders is limited to that single purpose and the community group has guidelines or policies against illegal content;

(I) Business-to-business software;

(J) Teleconferencing or videoconferencing services that allow reception and transmission of audio and video signals for real-time communication;

(K) Cloud storage;

(L) Shared document collaboration;

(M) Cloud computing services, which may include cloud storage and shared document collaboration;

(N) Providing access to or interacting with data visualization platforms, libraries, or hubs;

(O) Permitting comments on a digital news website if the news content is posted only by the provider of the digital news website;

(P) Providing or obtaining technical support for a platform, product, or service;

(Q) Academic, scholarly, or genealogical research where the majority of the content is created or posted by the provider of the online service, website, or application and the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users is directly related to the provider's content;

(R) Internet access and broadband service;

(S) A classified advertising service in which the provider of the online service, website, or application is limited to all of the following:

(i) Permitting only the sale of goods;

(ii) Prohibiting the solicitation of personal services;

(iii) Posting or creating a substantial amount of the content; and

(iv) Providing the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users only if it is directly related to the provider's content;

(T) An online service, website, or application that is used by or under the direction of an educational entity, including a learning management system, student engagement program, or subject- or skill-specific program, where the majority of the content is created or posted by the provider of the online service, website, or application and the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users is directly related to the provider's content;

(U) Peer-to-peer payments, provided that interactions among users or account holders are generally limited to the ability to send, receive, or request funds; like or comment on such transactions; or other functions related to sending, receiving, requesting, or settling payments among users or account holders; or

(V) Career development opportunities, including professional networking, job skills, learning certifications, and job posting and application services.

(7) 'User' means a person who has access to view all or some of the posts on a social

media platform, but who is not an account holder.

39-6-2.

(a) The provider of a social media platform shall make commercially reasonable efforts to verify the age of account holders with a level of certainty appropriate to the risks that arise from the social media platform's information management practices or shall apply the special conditions applied to minors under this chapter to all account holders.

(b) The provider of a social media platform shall treat as a minor any individual such provider verifies to be under the age of 16 years.

(c) No provider of a social media platform shall permit a minor to be an account holder unless such provider obtains the express consent of such minor's parent or guardian. Acceptable methods of obtaining express consent from a parent or guardian include:

(1) Providing a form for the minor's parent or guardian to sign and return to the social media platform by common carrier, facsimile, email, or scanning;

(2) Providing a toll-free telephone number for the minor's parent or guardian to call to consent;

(3) Coordinating a call with the minor's parent or guardian using videoconferencing technology;

(4) Collecting information related to the minor's parent's or guardian's government issued identification or financial or payment card information and deleting such information after confirming the identity of the parent or guardian;

(5) Allowing the minor's parent or guardian to provide consent by responding to an email and taking additional steps to verify the parent's or guardian's identity; and

(6) Any other commercially reasonable method of obtaining consent using available technology.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no provider of a social media platform shall permit a minor to hold or open an account on the social media platform if the minor is ineligible to hold or open an account under any other provision of state or federal law.

(e) The provider of a social media platform shall make available, upon the request of a parent or guardian of a minor, a list and description of the features offered by the social media platform related to censoring or moderating content available on the social media platform, including any features that can be disabled or modified by an account holder.

39-6-3.

For a minor account holder, the provider of a social media platform shall prohibit all of the following:

(1) The display of any advertising in the minor account holder's account based on such minor account holder's personal information, except age and location; and

(2) The collection or use of personal information from the posts, content, messages, text, or usage activities of the minor account holder's account other than what is adequate, relevant, and reasonably necessary for the purposes for which such information is collected, as disclosed to the minor.

39-6-4.

(a) The Attorney General shall have exclusive authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter and the authority to take action pursuant to Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, the 'Fair Business Practices Act of 1975.'

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to serve as the basis for a private right of action under this chapter or any other law.

(c) Subject to the ability to cure an alleged violation under subsection (d) of this Code section, the Attorney General may initiate an action and seek damages for up to $2,500.00 for each violation under this chapter.

(d) At least 90 days before the day on which the Attorney General initiates an enforcement action against a person or entity that is subject to the requirements of this chapter, the Attorney General shall provide the person or entity with a written notice that identifies each alleged violation and an explanation of the basis for each allegation. The Attorney General shall not initiate an action if the person or entity cures the noticed violation within 90 days of receiving notice from the Attorney General and provides the Attorney General with a written statement indicating that the alleged violation is cured.

39-6-5.

No provision in a contract, statement of terms or conditions, or any other purported agreement, including, but not limited to, a choice of law provision, a waiver or limitation, or a purported waiver or limitation, may be utilized to prevent the application of this chapter or prevent, limit, or otherwise interfere with any person's or entity's right to cooperate with the Attorney General or to file a complaint with the Attorney General. Any such provision shall be null and void and unenforceable as contrary to public policy, and a court or arbitrator shall not enforce or give effect to any such provision."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 5, relating to online internet safety, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"39-5-5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Commercial entity' means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legally recognized entity.

(2) 'Digitized identification card' means a data file available on a mobile device with connectivity to the internet that contains all of the data elements visible on the face and back of a driver's license or identification card and displays the current status of the driver's license or identification card as being valid, expired, cancelled, suspended, revoked, active, or inactive.

(3) 'Distribute' means to issue, sell, give, provide, deliver, transfer, transmute, circulate, or disseminate by any means.

(4) 'Material harmful to minors' means:

(A) Any material that the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find, taking the material as a whole and with respect to minors, is

designed to appeal to, or is designed to pander to, prurient interest;

(B) Any of the following materials that exploit, are devoted to, or principally consist of descriptions of actual, simulated, or animated displays or depictions of any of the following, in a manner patently offensive with respect to minors:

(i) Nipple of the female breast, pubic hair, anus, vulva, or genitals;

(ii) Touching, caressing, or fondling of nipples, breasts, buttocks, the anus, or genitals; or

(iii) Any sexual act, including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation, excretory functions, and exhibitions of sexual acts; or

(C) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

(5) 'Minor' means any individual under the age of 18 years.

(6) 'News-gathering organization' means:

(A) An employee of a newspaper, news publication, or news source, printed or published on an online or mobile platform, while operating as an employee of a news-gathering organization who can provide documentation of employment with the newspaper, news publication, or news source; or

(B) An employee of a radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable television operator, or wire service while operating as an employee of a news-gathering organization who can provide documentation of employment.

(7) 'Publish' means to communicate or make information available to another person or entity on a public website.

(8) 'Reasonable age verification' means to confirm that a person seeking to access published material that may have a substantial portion of material that is harmful to minors is at least 18 years of age.

(9) 'Substantial portion' means more than 33.33 percent of total material on a public website which meets the definition of material that is harmful to minors as defined in this Code section.

(b) Before allowing access to a public website that contains a substantial portion of material that is harmful to minors, a commercial entity shall use a reasonable age verification method, which may include, but not be limited to:

(1) The submission of a digitized identification card, including a digital copy of a driver's license;

(2) The submission of government-issued identification; or

(3) Any commercially reasonable age verification method that meets or exceeds an Identity Assurance Level 2 standard, as defined by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

(c)(1) A commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material that is harmful to minors on a public website which contains a substantial portion of material that is harmful to minors is liable if the commercial entity fails to perform reasonable age verification of the individual attempting to access the material.

(2) A commercial entity that violates this Code section is liable to an individual for

damages resulting from a minor accessing material harmful to minors, including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees as ordered by the court.

(3) A commercial entity that violates this Code section shall be subject to a fine of up to $10,000.00 for each violation, the amount of which shall be determined by the superior court in the county in which any affected minor resides. The Attorney General or solicitor general or district attorney having jurisdiction shall institute proceedings to impose such fine within one year of the violation. The issuance of a fine under this paragraph shall not preclude any right of action.

(d)(1) When a commercial entity or third party performs a reasonable age verification, the commercial entity shall not retain any identifying information after access to the material has been granted.

(2) A commercial entity that is found to have knowingly retained identifying information of an individual after access to the material has been granted is liable to such individual for damages resulting from retaining the identifying information, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees as ordered by the court.

(e) This Code section shall not:

(1) Apply to a news or public interest broadcast, public website video, report, or event;

(2) Affect the rights of a news-gathering organization; or

(3) Apply to cloud service providers.

(f) An internet service provider and any affiliate, subsidiary, or search engine shall not be considered to have violated this Code section solely by providing access or connection to or from a public website or to other information or content on the internet or on a facility, system, or network that is not under that internet service provider's control, to the extent the internet service provider is not responsible for the creation of the content or the communication that constitutes material that is harmful to minors."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Anavitarte of the 31st moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 351.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	N Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman

Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
N Butler	N Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	N Jones, H.	N Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	N McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 7; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 351.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that HB 1019, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HB 1019, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HB 1019. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Burns of the 159th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 47th, Knight of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemption, so as to increase the amount of a statewide homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hickman of the 4th.

The following Fiscal Note was read by the Secretary:

DOAA
Georgia Department
of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 9, 2024

Honorable Shaw Blackmon
Chairman, House Ways and Means
133 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 1019 (LC 44 2531)

Dear Chairman Blackmon:

The bill would increase the homestead exemption outlined in O.C.G.A 48-5-44 from $2,000 to $4,000. It would only become law with a two-thirds' majority vote in the Georgia Senate and House and a subsequent vote by the state's citizens no later than November 2024.

The bill will have no impact on state revenue because the state does not charge ad valorem taxes on homes. However, the increased homestead exemption would reduce school districts' Net Tax Digest, which is a factor in the Local Five Mill Share (LFMS) and equalization portions of Quality Basic Education (QBE) funding. As shown in **Table 1**, if the bill had been in effect for the two most recent fiscal years, it would not have impacted LFMS funding but would have required additional state funding for the equalization grant.

Table 1: LFMS and Equalization Grant Funding Impacts from LC 44 2531

	FY23	FY24
LFMS		
Actual	($2,312,940,047)	($2,569,521,550)
With HB 1019	($2,312,940,047)	($2,569,521,550)
Change in State Funding	$0	$0
Equalization Grant		
Funding – Actual	$633,783,028	$756,060,581
Funding With HB 1019	$638,440,425	$759,565,610
Change in State Funding	$4,657,398	$3,505,029
Total State Impact	**$4,657,398**	**$3,505,029**

Note: Homestead exemptions from tax year 2020 are used to calculate FY 2023 state QBE expense, and exemptions from tax year 2021 were used to calculate FY 2024 state QBE expense.

Local Five Mill Share
The change in the homestead exemption would increase the state's portion of QBE funding unless total LFMS earnings exceed a statutory limit of 20% of QBE earnings. Because the cap was reached in FY 2023 and 2024 and would also have been reached under the bill, the bill would not have impacted the state share of QBE funding. Without the cap, the bill would have increased the state share by $14.2 million in FY 2023 and $15.3 million in FY 2024.

Equalization
The equalization formula funds eligible counties based on the statewide average of local revenue per weighted student FTEs. While smaller net tax digests that result from higher homestead exemptions may reduce grant amounts and the number of eligible systems, the distribution of homestead exemption changes across school systems ultimately determines the impact on state equalization funding. As shown in Table 1, state costs for equalization grants would have been higher in FY 2023 and FY 2024 under this bill. This is because the systems earning equalization experienced more significant decreases in local earnings per FTE than the statewide average.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin	/s/ Richard E. Dunn
Greg S. Griffin	Richard Dunn, Director
State Auditor	Office of Planning and Budget

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 1019:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemption, so as to increase the amount of a statewide homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemption, is amended by revising Code Section 48-5-44, relating to exemption of homestead occupied by owner, effect of participation in rural housing program on homestead exemption, and limits, as follows:

"48-5-44.

The homestead of each resident of this state actually occupied by the owner as a residence and homestead shall be exempted from all ad valorem taxation for state, county, and school purposes, except taxes levied by municipalities for school purposes and except to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness, for as long as the residence and homestead is actually occupied by the owner primarily as a residence and homestead. The exemption shall not exceed ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00 of the value of the homestead. Should the owner of a dwelling house on a farm who is already entitled to a homestead exemption participate in the program of rural housing and obtain a new house under contract with the local housing authority, he or she shall be entitled to receive the same homestead exemption as allowed before making the contract. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, the value of all homestead property in excess of ~~$2,000.00~~ $10,000.00 shall remain subject to taxation. The exemption shall be returned and claimed in the manner prescribed by law. This exemption shall not apply to taxes levied by municipalities."

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The Secretary of State shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the entire state for approval or rejection. The Secretary of State shall conduct such election no later than the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2024, and shall issue the call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The Secretary of State shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of each county in the state. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which increases from $2,000.00 to $10,000.00
( ) NO a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for state, county, and school purposes, other than municipal school purposes and other than to pay interest on and retire bonded indebtedness, for a homestead occupied by its owner?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2025. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following such election date. It shall be the duty of each county election superintendent to certify the

results thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Committee on Finance substitute (LC 50 0902S) to HB 1019 by:

Striking $10,000.0 on line 19 and replacing it with $4000.00

By striking $10,000 on line 24 and replacing it with $4000.00

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Hufstetler amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Lucas	Y Walker

Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HB 1019, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 495. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Brass of the 28th, Esteves of the 6th, Watson of the 1st and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, so as to provide for the term of validity of a registration card; to provide for delivery of registration cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 495:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, so as to provide for the term of validity of a registration card; to provide for delivery of registration cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The department shall issue a registration card to ~~individuals who have~~ any individual who has been certified to the department by his or her physician as being diagnosed with a condition or is an inpatient or outpatient in a hospice program and ~~have~~ has been authorized by such physician to use low THC oil as treatment. The department shall issue a registration card to a caregiver when the circumstances warrant the issuance of such card. The board shall establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations to assist

physicians in providing required uniform information relating to certification and any other matter relating to the issuance of certifications. In promulgating such rules and regulations, the board shall require that physicians have a doctor-patient relationship when certifying an individual as needing low THC oil and physicians shall be required to be treating such individual for the specific condition requiring such treatment or be treating such individual in a hospice program. A physician shall seek and review information about a patient from the prescription drug monitoring program data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57 prior to certifying such patient to the department as being diagnosed with a specific condition that requires the use of low THC oil as treatment. A registration card issued pursuant to this Code section shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance so long as the individual or caregiver remains eligible for receipt of such card based on the continued diagnosis of such individual with a condition. If the individual or caregiver requests delivery of the registration card, the department shall deliver such card either via certified mail or by secure electronic means, including email."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Watson of the 11th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 495.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Y Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	N Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	N Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	N Moore	

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 495.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 494. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Goodman of the 8th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' so as to regulate hemp products; to provide for definitions; to prohibit persons from performing certain activities without licenses; to provide for penalties; to revise disqualifications for a hemp grower license; to revise disqualifications for a hemp processor permit; to revise the annual fee for such a permit; to provide for the issuance of retail consumable hemp establishment licenses; to provide for the issuance of wholesale consumable hemp licenses; to provide for the issuance of manufacturer licenses; to provide for the registration of laboratories; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

The House offered the following substitute to SB 494:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to regulate hemp products; to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enforce certain criminal laws; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of a delta-9-THC concentration; to prohibit persons from performing certain activities without licenses; to provide for penalties; to revise disqualifications for a hemp grower license; to revise disqualifications for a hemp processor permit; to revise the annual fee for such a permit; to revise bonding requirements; to provide for the issuance of certain licenses relating to the manufacturing and sale of consumable hemp products; to require certificates of analysis for such products; to provide for labeling requirements; to provide for the establishment of maximum levels of contaminants in such products; to provide for inspection and testing of such products by the Department of Agriculture; to provide packaging requirements; to provide restrictions on the sale of such products; to provide restrictions on the advertisement of such products; to provide limitations on retail establishments selling such products; to revise provisions concerning violations; to provide for the amendment of regulatory plans; to conform terminology; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to prohibit the sale of consumable hemp products to individuals under the age of 21 years; to

prohibit the purchase or possession of such products by individuals under the age of 21 years; to require the posting of certain signs concerning the legal age to purchase such products; to provide penalties for violations; to authorize enforcement; to provide for the payment of fees into the general fund of the state treasury; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended in Code Section 2-2-13, relating to enforcement of laws and rules within jurisdiction of the Commissioner and employment of investigators, by revising subsections (a), (b), and (d) as follows:

"(a) The Commissioner shall be vested with police powers to enforce those laws governing matters within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner or the department as provided by this title and Titles 4, 10, 16, 26, and 43 and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and to prevent, detect, and respond to acts of bioterrorism, other terroristic acts or threats, or natural disasters affecting or potentially affecting plants, animals, products, or facilities that are subject to regulation by the department.

(b) The Commissioner shall be authorized to employ, designate, and deputize investigators and to delegate to such employees of the department the necessary authority to enforce those laws governing matters within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner or the department as provided by this title and Titles 4, 10, 16, 26, and 43 and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and to prevent, detect, and respond to acts of bioterrorism, other terroristic acts or threats, or natural disasters affecting or potentially affecting plants, animals, products, or facilities that are subject to regulation by the department. Employees who have been so designated by the Commissioner and who have been certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as having successfully completed the course of training required by Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act,' shall be authorized:

(1) To carry firearms authorized or issued by the Commissioner while in the performance of their duties;

(2) To inspect plants, animals, products, or facilities when the same are subject to regulation by the department;

(3) To stop and inspect any vehicle transporting plants, animals, or products when the same are subject to regulation by the department;

(4) To inspect and require the production of health certificates, waybills, permits, or other documents required by federal or state laws, rules, regulations, or orders for the transportation of plants, animals, or products when the same are subject to regulation by the department;

(5) To protect any life or property when the circumstances demand action; and

(6) To arrest any person found to be in violation of a criminal law when enforcement

of such law is authorized under this subsection"

"(d) This Code section shall not repeal, supersede, alter, or affect the power of any other law enforcement officer of this state or of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state. At the request of the Commissioner of Agriculture, it shall be the duty of all state, county, municipal, and other law enforcement officers in this state to enforce and to assist the Commissioner and the employees and agents of the department in the enforcement of those laws governing matters within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner or the department as provided by this title and Titles 4, 10, 16, 26, and 43."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 2-23-2, relating to intent of the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' by revising paragraph (6) as follows:

"(6) Enable the department, hemp grower licensees, and universities to promote the cultivation and processing of hemp and the commercial sale of hemp products."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"2-23-3.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Attractive to children' means the use of any characters or symbols designed to appeal, or would likely appeal, primarily to individuals under 21 years of age, including but not limited to anthropomorphized animals, creatures, promotional characters, licensed characters, or inanimate objects; depictions of children; or depictions of candy.

(2) 'Commercial sale' means the sale of products in the stream of commerce at retail, at wholesale, and online.

(3) 'Consumable hemp product' means a hemp product intended to be ingested, absorbed, or inhaled by humans or animals.

(4) 'Contaminant' means a foreign substance or compound that may, if ingested, absorbed, or inhaled, have an adverse effect on the health of a human or animal. Such term shall include, without limitation, heavy metals, pesticide residues, residual solvents or processing chemicals, and any other substance or compound that the department determines could, if ingested, absorbed, or inhaled, have an adverse effect on the health of a human or animal.

~~(2)~~(5) 'Cultivate' means to plant, water, grow, and harvest a plant or crop.

(6) 'Delta-9-THC' means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.

(7) 'Delta-9-THCA' means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.

~~(3)~~(8) ~~'Federally defined THC level for hemp' means a delta-9-THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis, or as defined in 7 U.S.C. Section 1639o, whichever is greater~~ Reserved.

(9) 'Full panel certificate of analysis' means a report, produced by a laboratory which is unaffiliated with the processor or manufacturer and which has been accredited

pursuant to the standards of the International Organization for Standardization for the competence, impartiality, and consistent operation of laboratories, attesting to the composition of a product.

~~(4)~~(10) 'Handle' means to possess or store hemp plants for any period of time ~~on premises owned, operated, or controlled by a person licensed to cultivate or permitted to process hemp, or to possess or store hemp plants in a vehicle for any period of time~~ other than during the actual transport of such plants from the premises of a person licensed to cultivate or permitted to process hemp or a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4 to the premises of another licensed or permitted person or to a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4; provided, however, that ~~this~~ such term shall not include possessing or storing finished hemp products.

~~(5)~~(11) 'Hemp' means the Cannabis sativa L. plant and any part of such plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with ~~the federally defined THC level for hemp or a lower level~~ a total delta-9-THC concentration that does not exceed the legal limit.

(12) 'Hemp grower licensee' means an individual or business entity possessing a hemp grower license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to handle and cultivate hemp in the State of Georgia.

~~(6)~~(13) 'Hemp products' means all products with ~~the federally defined THC level for hemp~~ a total delta-9-THC concentration that does not exceed the legal limit that are derived from, or made by, processing hemp plants or plant parts and that are prepared in a form available for ~~legal~~ commercial sale~~, but not including food products infused with THC unless approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration~~.

(14) 'Industrial hemp product' means any hemp product that is not a consumable hemp product.

~~(7)~~(15) 'Key participant' means a sole proprietor, a partner in a partnership, or a person with executive managerial control in a corporation when such sole proprietor, partnership, or corporation is an applicant to be a hemp grower licensee or a permittee. A person with executive managerial control in a corporation includes persons serving as a chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, or any other individual identified in regulations promulgated by the department. ~~This~~ Such term shall not include nonexecutive managers, such as farm, field, or shift managers.

(16) 'Legal limit' means a total delta-9-THC concentration that is the lesser of:

(A) 0.3 percent; or

(B) The percentage limit set forth in 7 U.S.C. Section 1639o.

~~(8)~~(17) 'Licensee' means an individual or business entity possessing a ~~hemp grower~~ license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter~~ to handle and cultivate hemp in the State of Georgia~~.

(18) 'Manufacture' means to create, produce, manipulate, combine, or package.

(19) 'Manufacturer license' means a license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to an individual or business entity that manufactures consumable hemp products or industrial hemp products in this state.

(20) 'Measurement of uncertainty' means the parameter, associated with the result of a measurement, that characterizes the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the particular quantity subject to measurement.

~~(9)~~(21) 'Permittee' means an individual or business entity possessing a hemp processor permit issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to handle and process hemp in the State of Georgia.

~~(10)~~(22)(A) 'Process' or 'processing,' except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, means converting an agricultural commodity into a legally marketable form.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) Merely placing raw or dried material into another container or packaging raw or dried material for resale; or

(ii) Traditional farming practices such as those commonly known as drying, shucking and bucking, storing, trimming, and curing.

(23) 'QR code' means a quick response code that is a type of machine-readable, two-dimensional barcode that stores information about a product.

(24) 'Registered laboratory' means an individual or business entity that tests or analyzes any plant within the genus Cannabis, including but not limited to hemp, and products made from or derived from such plant, including but not limited to hemp products and consumable hemp products, and that has registered with the department under this chapter.

~~(11)~~(25) 'Research' or 'researching' means experimental field, greenhouse, or laboratory activity for the ultimate purpose of developing new hemp varieties and products, improving existing hemp products, developing new uses for existing hemp products, or developing or improving methods for producing hemp products.

(26) 'Retail consumable hemp establishment license' means a license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to an individual or business entity that prepares or sells prepackaged consumable hemp products to consumers.

~~(12)~~(27) 'THC' means tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination of tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.

(28) 'Total delta-9-THC concentration' means a concentration of delta-9-THC as determined by Code Section 2-23-3.1.

(29) 'Wholesale consumable hemp license' means a license issued by the department under the authority of this chapter to an individual or business entity that sells, in bulk, prepackaged consumable hemp products to retail consumable hemp establishment licensees or to other retail establishments located outside of the State of Georgia that are authorized to sell consumable hemp products to consumers in the jurisdiction where such establishments are located."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-3.1.

(a) For purposes of this chapter, delta-9-THC concentration shall be established by:

(1) Identifying the total percentage weight, on a dry weight basis where applicable, of delta-9-THC from a sample that has undergone decarboxylation such that all delta-9-THCA in the sample has been converted to delta-9-THC; or

(2) Identifying the sum of the percentage by weight, on a dry weight basis where applicable, of delta-9-THCA multiplied by 0.877 plus the percentage by weight, on a dry weight basis where applicable, of delta-9-THC.

(b) For purposes of this chapter, when determining whether a tested sample of hemp or hemp products has a total delta-9-THC concentration that exceeds or is within the legal limit, such determination shall take into account the applicable measurement of uncertainty for the test used to establish the total delta-9-THC concentration. The department, by rules or regulations, may specify the method and procedure for determining the applicable measurement of uncertainty for a given test used to determine the total delta-9-THC concentration of a sample of hemp or hemp products."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 2-23-4, relating to required licenses, research by colleges and universities, and processing of other products, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for:

(1) Any person to cultivate~~, handle, or process~~ hemp in this state unless such person holds a hemp grower license ~~or a hemp processor permit~~ issued by the department pursuant to this chapter or is employed by a hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~;

(2) A permittee to accept hemp for processing from any person other than a hemp grower licensee or a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection;

(3) A hemp grower licensee to provide or sell hemp to any person other than another hemp grower licensee, a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, or a permittee with whom the hemp grower licensee enters into an agreement pursuant to Code Section 2-23-7, unless such person is located in a state with a plan to regulate hemp production that is approved by the ~~Secretary of Agriculture~~ secretary of agriculture of the United States, or otherwise in accordance with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture, and such person is authorized to grow or process hemp in that state;

(4) A permittee to accept for processing any hemp grown outside of the State of Georgia, unless such hemp is grown in a state with a plan to regulate hemp production that is approved by the ~~Secretary of Agriculture~~ secretary of agriculture of the United States or otherwise in accordance with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture;

(5) A permittee to process hemp pursuant to a hemp processor permit outside of the State of Georgia, unless such processing occurs in a state with a plan to regulate hemp production that is approved by the ~~Secretary of Agriculture~~ secretary of agriculture of

the United States or otherwise in accordance with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture;

(6) Any hemp grower licensee or permittee to otherwise fail to comply with the requirements of this chapter or any applicable state or federal law or regulation;

(7) Any person to offer for sale at retail the ~~unprocessed~~ flower or leaves of the ~~hemp plant~~ Cannabis sativa L. plant, regardless of the total delta-9-THC concentration in such flower or leaves; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not prohibit the sale of any hemp products that include extracts or derivatives of the flower or leaves of such plant; or

(8) Any person to cultivate or handle hemp in any structure that is used for residential purposes."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-4.1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for any person:

(1) To process hemp in this state unless such person holds a processing permit issued by the department or is employed by a permittee;

(2) To handle hemp in this state unless such person holds a hemp grower license, a processing permit, or a manufacturer license issued by the department or has registered with the department as a registered laboratory or is employed by a person who holds such a license or who has registered with the department as a registered laboratory;

(3) To sell or offer for sale any consumable hemp product in this state to consumers unless such person holds a retail consumable hemp establishment license issued by the department or is employed by a person who holds such a license;

(4) To sell or offer for sale any consumable hemp product in this state to retail consumable hemp establishment licensees or other retail establishments unless such person holds a wholesale consumable hemp license issued by the department or is employed by a person who holds such a license;

(5) To manufacture hemp products in this state unless such person holds a manufacturer license issued by the department or is employed by a person who holds such a license; or

(6) Perform in this state tests or analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis, including but not limited to hemp, or any product made or derived from such plant, including but not limited to hemp products and consumable hemp products, unless such person has registered with the department as a registered laboratory or is employed by a person who has registered with the department as a registered laboratory.

(b) The prohibitions contained in paragraphs (2) and (6) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to a college or university authorized to conduct research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4 or a person assisting such college or university with such research pursuant to Code Section 2-23-4.

(c)(1) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section

shall:

(A) Be guilty of a misdemeanor for a first offense; and

(B) For a second or subsequent offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(2) Each violation of any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section shall constitute a separate offense.

(d) In addition to the criminal penalties provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000.00 for each violation. The amount of the civil penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be fixed by the Commissioner after notice and hearing as provided in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' for contested cases. For purposes of this subsection, each day a violation of subsection (a) of this Code section occurs or continues shall constitute a separate violation."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 2-23-5, relating to procedure for licensing, fees, license requirements, and limitations on license, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c) and paragraph (3) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(3) No license shall be issued to any applicant who has been convicted of a ~~misdemeanor involving sale of or trafficking in a controlled substance or a~~ felony related to a state or federally controlled substance within ten years of the date of application or who materially falsifies any information contained in a license application."

"(3) For purposes of this subsection:

(A) The term 'person' shall include all members of a hemp grower licensee's family and all corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and other business entities in which a hemp grower licensee holds more than a 50 percent ownership interest; the term 'family' shall include any person related to the holder of the hemp grower license within the first degree of consanguinity and affinity as computed according to the canon law and who is claimed as a dependent by the hemp grower licensee for income tax purposes; and

(B) The beneficiaries of a trust shall be considered to have a beneficial interest in any business forming a part of the trust estate."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 2-23-6, relating to procedure for permitting and limitations on permits and interests, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c), subsection (e), and paragraph (3) of subsection (h) as follows:

"(3) No permit shall be issued to any applicant who has been convicted of a ~~misdemeanor involving sale of or trafficking in a controlled substance or a~~ felony related to a state or federally controlled substance within ten years of the date of application or who materially falsifies any information contained in a license

application."

"(e) Hemp processor permits shall be issued for one calendar year at an annual permit fee of ~~$25,000.00~~ at least $500.00 but not more than $2,000.00, as established by the Commissioner, so long as no administrative action has been taken by the department regarding such permittee under this chapter."

"(3) For purposes of this subsection:

(A) The term 'person' shall include all members of a ~~licensee's~~ permittee's family and all corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and other business entities in which a ~~licensee~~ permittee holds more than a 50 percent ownership interest; the term 'family' shall include any person related to the holder of the hemp processor permit within the first degree of consanguinity and affinity as computed according to the canon law and who is claimed as a dependent by the ~~licensee~~ permittee for income tax purposes; and

(B) The beneficiaries of a trust shall be considered to have a beneficial interest in any business forming a part of the trust estate."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 2-23-6.1, relating to bond requirements, breach of bond, hearing, enforcement, and insufficient bond funds, by revising subsections (a), (d), and (e) as follows:

"(a) Any applicant for a hemp processor permit shall make and deliver to the Commissioner a surety bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to transact business in this state and approved by the Commissioner. Any and all bond applications shall be accompanied by a certificate of good standing issued by the Commissioner of Insurance. If any company issuing a bond shall be removed from doing business in this state, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Insurance to notify the Commissioner within 30 days. The bond shall be in such amount as the Commissioner may determine, not exceeding an amount equal to 2 percent of the amount of hemp purchased from hemp grower licensees by the permittee in the most recent calendar year; provided, however, that the minimum amount of such bond shall be ~~$300,000.00~~ $20,000.00 and the maximum amount shall be $1 million. Such bond shall be upon a form prescribed or approved by the Commissioner and shall be conditioned to secure the faithful accounting for and payment to hemp grower licensees for hemp purchased by such permittee as well as to secure the permittee's compliance with the requirements of this chapter. Whenever the Commissioner shall determine that a previously approved bond has for any cause become insufficient, the Commissioner may require an additional bond or bonds to be given in compliance with this Code section. Unless the additional bond or bonds are given within the time fixed by written demand therefor, or if the bond of a permittee is canceled, the permit of such permittee shall be immediately revoked by operation of law without notice or hearing, and such permittee shall be ineligible to reapply for such permit for a period of four years after such revocation."

"(d) If such settlement is not effected within such time, the Commissioner or the hemp grower licensee may bring an action to enforce the claim. If the hemp grower licensee is

not satisfied with the ruling of the Commissioner, he or she may commence and maintain an action against the principal and surety on the bond of the parties complained of as in any civil action.

(e) If the bond or collateral posted is insufficient to pay in full the valid claims of hemp grower licensees, the Commissioner may direct that the proceeds of such bond shall be divided pro rata among such hemp grower licensees."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"2-23-6.2.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, consideration, issuance, and revocation of retail consumable hemp establishment licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 5 of this title, and such licenses shall otherwise be governed by such chapter.

(b) Applications for a retail consumable hemp establishment license shall be made on a form furnished by the Commissioner and, together with such other information as the Commissioner may require, shall state:

(1) The name of the applicant;

(2) The business address of the applicant;

(3) The complete telephone number and email address of the applicant;

(4) The location where the applicant will sell or offer for sale consumable hemp products in this state and whether such location is owned or leased by the applicant; and

(5) If the applicant is a business entity, the name of the owners, partners, members, or shareholders of such entity.

(c) Retail consumable hemp establishment licenses shall be issued by the department for one calendar year at an annual licensing fee of $250.00.

(d) Retail consumable hemp establishment licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be issued in connection with a single retail location where consumable hemp products will be sold or offered for sale to consumers by the licensee. For a person to sell or offer for sale consumable hemp products to consumers at multiple retail locations, such person shall be required to obtain from the department separate retail consumable hemp establishment licenses for each such retail location.

2-23-6.3.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, consideration, issuance, and revocation of wholesale consumable hemp licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 5 of this title, and such licenses shall otherwise be governed by such chapter.

(b) Applications for a wholesale consumable hemp license shall be made on a form furnished by the Commissioner and, together with such other information as the Commissioner may require, shall state:

(1) The name of the applicant;

(2) The business address of the applicant;
(3) The complete telephone number and email address of the applicant;
(4) The location of the facility where the applicant will store consumable hemp products and otherwise operate as a wholesaler of consumable hemp products in this state and whether such facility is owned or leased by the applicant; and
(5) If the applicant is a business entity, the name of the owners, partners, members, or shareholders of such entity.

(c) Wholesale consumable hemp licenses shall be issued by the department for one calendar year at an annual licensing fee of at least $500.00 but not more than $10,000.00, as established by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may establish separate classes of wholesale consumable hemp licenses based on the amount of consumable hemp products to be sold by the licensee, and the annual licensing fees required by this subsection shall be in different amounts for each such separate class of wholesale consumable hemp licenses.

(d) Wholesale consumable hemp licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be issued in connection with a single facility where the licensee will store consumable hemp products or otherwise operate as a wholesaler of consumable hemp products. For a person to store consumable hemp products or otherwise operate as a wholesaler of consumable hemp products at multiple facilities, such person shall be required to obtain from the department separate wholesale consumable hemp licenses for each such facility.

2-23-6.4.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, consideration, issuance, and revocation of manufacturer licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 5 of this title, and such licenses shall otherwise be governed by such chapter.

(b) Applications for a manufacturer license shall be made on a form furnished by the Commissioner and, together with such other information as the Commissioner may require, shall state:
(1) The name of the applicant;
(2) The business address of the applicant;
(3) The complete telephone number and email address of the applicant;
(4) The location of the facility where the applicant will manufacture hemp products in this state and whether such facility is owned or leased by the applicant; and
(5) If the applicant is a business entity, the name of the owners, partners, members, or shareholders of such entity.

(c) Manufacturer licenses shall be issued by the department for one calendar year at an annual licensing fee of $5,000.00; provided, however, that any person who holds a hemp processor permit issued by the department under this chapter shall not be required to pay the annual licensing fee provided for in this subsection in order for such person to be issued a manufacturer license by the department under this Code section.

(d) Manufacturer licenses issued by the department pursuant to this Code section shall

be issued in connection with a single facility where the licensee will manufacture hemp products. For a person to manufacture hemp products at multiple facilities, such person shall be required to obtain from the department separate manufacturer licenses for each such facility.

2-23-6.5.

(a) Any person desiring to perform in this state tests or analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis, including but not limited to hemp, or any product made or derived from such plant, including but not limited to hemp products and consumable hemp products, shall register with the department as a registered laboratory and pay a one-time registration fee of $250.00.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, consideration, acceptance, and revocation of a registration made pursuant to this Code section shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 5 of this title, and such registration shall otherwise be governed by such chapter.

(c) Registration with the department as a registered laboratory shall be made on a form and in a manner as prescribed by the Commissioner. Such registration shall include, together with such other information as the Commissioner may require, the following information:

(1) The name of the registrant;

(2) The business address of the registrant;

(3) The complete telephone number and email address of the registrant;

(4) The location of the laboratory facility where the registrant will perform tests and analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis or any product made or derived from such plant; and

(5) If the registrant is a business entity, the name of the owner, partners, members, or shareholders of such entity.

(d) The department shall not accept a registration under this Code section unless the registrant demonstrates, to the department's satisfaction, that it is not affiliated with any licensee or permittee and has been accredited pursuant to the standards of the International Organization for Standardization for the competence, impartiality, and consistent operation of laboratories.

(e) Registrations made under this Code section shall be in connection with a single laboratory facility. For a person to perform tests or analyses of any plant within the genus Cannabis or any product made or derived from such plant at multiple laboratory facilities, such person shall be required to register each such laboratory facility with the department under this Code section.

(f) A registered laboratory, or any person employed by a registered laboratory, shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or any civil penalty for possessing, or having under his or her control, THC or marijuana, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-13-21, provided that such possession or control occurs in connection with a test or analysis performed in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter.

(g) The department shall provide by rule and regulation a procedure by which registered laboratories shall dispose of plants or products within their possession that do not comply with the provisions of this chapter or are otherwise unlawful under the laws of this state."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-7, relating to business agreements, transportation, and reimbursement for crop destruction, as follows:

"2-23-7.

(a) Every permittee shall at all times have in place written agreements with each hemp grower licensee governing their business relationship. Each permittee shall provide a copy of each such agreement, and any amendments thereto, to the department within ten days of execution of each such agreement or amendment thereto.

(b)(1)(A) All hemp being shipped, transported, or otherwise delivered into, within, or through this state must be accompanied by documentation sufficient to prove that the hemp being shipped, transported, or delivered:

(i) Was lawfully produced under a state or tribal hemp plan approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, under a hemp license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or otherwise in accordance with federal regulations through the state or territory of the Indian tribe, as applicable; and

(ii) ~~Does not exceed the federally defined THC level for hemp~~ Has a total delta-9-THC concentration that does not exceed the legal limit.

(B) Any person shipping, transporting, or delivering hemp must also carry a bill of lading that includes:

(i) Name and address of the owner of the hemp;

(ii) Point of origin;

(iii) Point of delivery, including name and address;

(iv) Kind and quantity of packages or, if in bulk, the total quantity of hemp in the shipment; and

(v) Date of shipment.

(C) The person shipping, transporting, or delivering hemp must act in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations.

(2)(A) All hemp products being shipped into or transported within or through this state must be accompanied by documentation sufficient to prove that the hemp products being shipped or transported were produced from hemp that was lawfully produced under a state or tribal hemp plan approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, under a hemp license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or otherwise in accordance with federal regulations through the state or territory of the Indian tribe, as applicable.

(B) Any person transporting hemp products must also carry a bill of lading that includes:

(i) Name and address of the owner of the hemp products;

(ii) Point of origin;

(iii) Point of delivery, including name and address;

(iv) Kind and quantity of packages or, if in bulk, the total quantity of hemp products in the shipment; and

(v) Date of shipment.

(C) The person transporting hemp products must act in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations.

(c) Until December 31, 2022, when a hemp grower licensee disposes of a lot pursuant to Code Section 2-23-8, the permittee with whom the hemp grower licensee has entered into an agreement pursuant to this Code section shall reimburse the hemp grower licensee for half of the amount of the combined value of the seed, fertilizer, labor costs, and any other reasonable and customary input expenses incurred with such disposed of lot."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-8, relating to sampling and random testing of hemp, as follows:

"2-23-8.

(a)(1) The department shall have the right, either through its own personnel or through an independent contractor as provided for in Code Section 2-23-9, to collect samples of hemp for testing as provided for in this chapter from the fields and greenhouses of all hemp grower licensees. Samples shall be representative of each lot with the same global positioning coordinates. No hemp shall be harvested until such samples are collected. Such testing, and the harvesting of the hemp tested, shall be conducted in compliance with this chapter and with regulations promulgated by the department.

(2) In the event that a test ~~sample~~ reveals that a sample of hemp has a total delta-9-THC concentration that exceeds the legal limit ~~of more than the federally defined THC level for hemp~~, the licensee's entire lot with the same global positioning coordinates shall be disposed of in compliance with this chapter and with regulations promulgated by the department.

(b)(1) The department shall, as provided for in Code Section 2-23-9, randomly test hemp products of the facilities of all permittees. Such testing shall be conducted in compliance with this chapter and with regulations promulgated by the department.

(2) In the event that a test ~~sample~~ reveals that a sample of hemp products has a total delta-9-THC concentration that exceeds the legal limit ~~of more than the federally defined THC level for hemp~~, all related hemp products shall be disposed of in compliance with this chapter and with regulations promulgated by the department.

(3) In the event that THC is removed from hemp during processing and not subsequently returned to hemp products produced from such hemp, such THC shall be disposed of in compliance with this chapter and with regulations promulgated by the department."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"2-23-9.1.

(a) No consumable hemp product shall be sold or otherwise distributed in this state unless

the processor or manufacturer has, within the last 12 months, contracted for a full panel certificate of analysis to be conducted on such product and such analysis has been conducted and made available to the public. Such full panel certificate of analysis shall, at a minimum:

(1) Attest to the presence and amount, in such product's final packaged form, of the following compounds:

(A) THC;

(B) Cannabidiol (CBD);

(C) Cannabidiolic acid (CBDA);

(D) Cannabigerol (CBG);

(E) Cannabigerolic acid (CBGA);

(F) Cannabinol (CBN);

(G) Hexahydrocannabinol (HHC); and

(H) Any other compound that the department determines is necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers; and

(2) Attest that the product, in its final packaged form, does not contain any contaminants in excess of the maximum levels established by the department. In establishing such maximum levels, the department shall consider the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia monographs or such other scientific resources that the department determines is accurate, reliable, and relevant.

(b) Any consumable hemp product sold or otherwise distributed in this state shall bear:

(1) A sticker, approved by the department, warning potential consumers that such product contains THC; and

(2) A conspicuous label providing the information from the full panel certificate of analysis conducted on such product within the last 12 months pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section or allowing a consumer to access such information using a QR code.

(c) The department shall randomly inspect and test consumable hemp products available for purchase at retail establishments to ensure compliance with this Code section. Such investigations and testing shall be conducted in compliance with this chapter and with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(d) In the event that an inspection or test of a consumable hemp product conducted by the department pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section reveals that such product:

(1) Does not bear:

(A) The sticker required under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; or

(B) The label required under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section;

(2) Has a total delta-9-THC concentration that exceeds the legal limit;

(3) Contains one or more contaminants in excess of the maximum levels established by the department; or

(4) Has a composition that is materially different from what is shown on the full panel certificate of analysis conducted on such product within the last 12 months pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section,

such product and all related consumable hemp products shall be disposed of in compliance with this chapter and with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(e) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

2-23-9.2.

(a) No consumable hemp product shall be sold or otherwise distributed in this state unless such product is packaged in a container that:

(1) Is not attractive to children;

(2) Does not bear any reasonable resemblance to any existing candy, snack, or other food product that is widely distributed and familiar to the public;

(3) Does not infringe on any trade dress, trademarks, branding, or other related materials as described in Code Section 10-1-450 or in Chapter 22 of Title 15 of the United States Code; and

(4) Is tamper evident and child resistant.

(b) No consumable hemp product shall be advertised in this state in any manner that:

(1) Is attractive to children;

(2) Bears a reasonable resemblance to any existing candy, snack, or other food product that is widely distributed and familiar to the public;

(3) Infringes on any trade dress, trademarks, branding, or other related materials as described in Code Section 10-1-450 or in Chapter 22 of Title 15 of the United States Code; or

(4) Suggests that such product constitutes or contains low THC oil, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-12-190, or otherwise constitutes or contains medical marijuana or medical cannabis.

(c)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Food product' means any product intended to be consumed by humans for physical subsistence; provided, however, that such term shall not include products that constitute drinks or beverages.

(B) 'Gummy' means a gelatinous substance in the form of a cube, sphere, prismatoid, ovoid, or other shape that is designed for human ingestion.

(2) No consumable hemp product shall be sold or otherwise distributed in this state if such product constitutes or is a component of:

(A) A food product; or

(B) A drink or beverage that contains alcohol or constitutes an alcoholic beverage under Title 3.

(3) Nothing in this subsection is intended to prohibit the sale or distribution of hemp that is contained within gummies or consumable base oils, provided that such gummies or consumable base oils are not a component of a food product."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-9.3.

(a) On or after July 1, 2024, no person shall create or begin operating in this state a retail establishment that sells or otherwise distributes consumable hemp products to consumers that is located within 500 feet of any educational institution, public or private, providing elementary or secondary education to children at any level, kindergarten through twelfth grade, or the equivalent thereof if grade divisions are not used by such institution.

(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Dispensing license' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-12-200.

(B) 'Low THC oil' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-12-190.

(2) No person operating a retail establishment in this state that sells or otherwise distributes consumable hemp products to consumers shall advertise or represent such establishment as selling or otherwise distributing or being a dispensary of low THC oil or products containing low THC oil unless such person holds a dispensing license."

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-10, relating to enforcement, corrective action plan, revocation of licenses, and reporting of licensees and permittees to the Attorney General, as follows:

"2-23-10.

(a) A violation of a plan authorized by Code Section 2-23-11 and approved by the secretary of agriculture of the United States by a licensee or permittee shall be subject to enforcement in accordance with this Code section.

(b)(1) A hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ under this chapter shall be required to conduct a corrective action plan if the Commissioner determines that the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ has negligently violated this chapter or has violated rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter by:

(A) Failing to provide a legal description and global positioning coordinates sufficient for locating fields and greenhouses the hemp grower licensee uses to cultivate and harvest hemp ~~or facilities at which the permittee processes hemp~~;

(B) Failing to properly obtain a hemp grower license ~~or permit~~ from the department;

(C) Producing Cannabis sativa L. with ~~more than the federally defined THC level for hemp~~ a total delta-9-THC concentration that exceeds the legal limit; or

(D) Otherwise negligently violating this chapter.

(2) A corrective action plan required by this Code section shall include:

(A) A reasonable date by which the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ shall correct the negligent violation; and

(B) A requirement that the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ shall periodically report to the Commissioner on the compliance status of the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ with the corrective action plan for a period of not less than two calendar years after the violation.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, a hemp grower licensee ~~or~~

~~permittee~~ that negligently violates this chapter or rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter shall not as a result be subject to any criminal or civil enforcement action by any government agency other than the enforcement action authorized under subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) A hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ that negligently violates ~~the corrective action plan under subsection (b) of this Code section~~ this chapter or the rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter three times in a five-year period shall have its hemp grower license ~~or permit~~ issued pursuant to this chapter immediately revoked and shall be ineligible to reapply for a hemp grower license ~~or permit~~ for a period of five years after the date of the third violation.

(e) If the Commissioner determines that a hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ has violated state law with a culpable mental state greater than negligence, the Commissioner shall immediately report the hemp grower licensee ~~or permittee~~ to the United States Attorney General and the state Attorney General, and subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to the violation.

(f) Laws enacting criminal offenses, including laws provided for in Title 16, not in conflict with this chapter shall continue to be enforceable and of full force and effect."

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 2-23-11, relating to plan for regulation of hemp production and approval, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(2) A procedure to test the total delta-9-THC concentration of a sample ~~levels, by using post-decarboxylation or other similarly reliable methods, for hemp produced in this state~~;"

"(c) The department may submit an amended plan to the secretary of agriculture of the United States if or when required by any amendment to this chapter, the rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this chapter, or any federal law or regulation."

SECTION 17.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 2-23-12, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"2-23-12.

The department~~, in consultation with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, shall~~ may promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter. ~~Such rules and regulations shall include the plan provided for in Code Section 2-23-11 upon the approval of such plan by the secretary of agriculture of the United States.~~"

SECTION 18.

Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 10

16-12-240.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Consumable hemp product' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 2-23-3.

(2) 'Person' means any natural person or any firm, partnership, company, corporation, or other entity.

(3) 'Proper identification' means any document issued by a governmental agency that contains a description of an individual, such individual's photograph, or both; provides such individual's date of birth; and includes, without limitation, a passport, military identification card, driver's license, or an identification card authorized under Code Sections 40-5-100 through 40-5-104; provided, however, that such term shall not include a birth certificate.

16-12-241.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly sell, furnish, or cause to be furnished, directly or through another person, any consumable hemp product to any individual under the age of 21 years.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any individual under the age of 21 years to knowingly:

(1) Purchase, attempt to purchase, or possess any consumable hemp product; or

(2) Misrepresent his or her identity or age or use any false identification for the purpose of obtaining, or attempting to obtain, any consumable hemp product.

(c)(1) The prohibition contained in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply with respect to the sale of any consumable hemp product by a person when such person has been furnished with proper identification showing that the individual to whom the consumable hemp product is to be sold or furnished is 21 years of age or older.

(2) In any case where a reasonable or prudent person could reasonably be in doubt as to whether or not the individual to whom any consumable hemp product is to be sold or furnished is 21 years of age or older, it shall be the duty of the person selling or furnishing such consumable hemp product to request to see and to be furnished with proper identification in order to verify the age of such individual. The failure to make such request and verification in any case where the individual to whom any consumable hemp product is sold or furnished is under the age of 21 years may be considered by the trier of fact in determining whether the person who sold or furnished such consumable hemp product did so knowingly.

(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit any individual under the age of 21 years from dispensing, serving, selling, or handling any consumable hemp product as part of employment in any place of business that requires such individual to dispense, serve, sell, or handle consumable hemp products.

(e) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that, upon the first conviction of a violation of subsection (b) of this Code section, such person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $500.00 and the court

shall, pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of Code Section 17-10-1, allow such person to satisfy such fine through community service as set forth in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 42.

16-12-242.
(a) Any person owning or operating a place of business in which any consumable hemp product is offered for sale shall post in a conspicuous place a sign which shall contain the following statement printed in all capital letters of at least one-half inch in height:
'SALE OF CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCTS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.'
(b) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

16-12-243.
The Commissioner of Agriculture, acting through special agents or enforcement officers, and other law enforcement agencies may conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where consumable hemp products are sold or distributed to ensure compliance with this article. Individuals under the age of 21 years may be enlisted to test compliance with this article; provided, however, that such individuals may be used to test compliance with this article only if the testing is conducted under the direct supervision of such special agents or enforcement officers of the Department of Agriculture or a peace officer and if written parental consent for such individuals has been provided. Any other use of individuals under the age of 21 years to test compliance with this article or any other similar provisions shall be unlawful, and the person or persons responsible for such use shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in this article."

SECTION 19.

All fees collected pursuant to this Act shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury.

SECTION 20.

(a) This section and Sections 14 and 21 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.
(b) The remaining sections of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.

SECTION 21.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Watson of the 11th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 494.

Senator Setzler of the 37th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 494 as amended by the following amendment:

Senators Setzler of the 37th and Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 494 (LC 55 0331S) by inserting before "to provide for related matters;" *on line 22 the following:*
to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' so as to regulate hemp products; to provide definitions; to prohibit the sale of certain consumable hemp products;

By inserting between lines 178 and 179 the following:

SECTION 3.

Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act,' is amended in Code Section 2-23-3, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (12) and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(30) 'THC' means tetrahydrocannabinol~~, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination of tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.~~ and its derivatives, salts, isomers, salts of isomers, halogen analogues, or homologues. Such term shall include, without limitation, delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-8-TCH), delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-9-THC), delta-10-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-10-THC), delta-11-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-11-THC), and exo-tetrahydrocannabinol (Exo-THC).

(13) 'Total THC concentration' means the concentration of all forms of THC within a sample."

By inserting between lines 647 and 648 the following:

SECTION 14A.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"2-23-9.4.

(a) No consumable hemp product shall be sold or otherwise distributed in this state unless such product has a total THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

(b) Any person who violates the provisions of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.10, the motion by Senator Setzler of the 37th took precedence.

On the motion by Senator Setzler of the 37th to agree to the House substitute to SB 494 as amended by the Senate, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Harbin	N Orrock
N Anavitarte	N Harbison	N Parent
N Anderson, L.	N Harrell	Y Payne
N Anderson, T.	N Hatchett	N Rahman
N Beach	N Hickman	N Rhett

N Bearden
N Brass
N Burns
N Butler
Y Cowsert
N Davenport
N Dixon
N Dolezal
Y Echols
N Esteves
Y Ginn
N Gooch
N Goodman
N Halpern
N Hodges
Y Hufstetler
N Islam Parkes
N Jackson
N James
N Jones, E.
N Jones, H.
N Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
N Lucas
N Mallow
N McLaurin
N Merritt
N Moore
N Robertson
Seay
Y Setzler
N Sims
N Still
N Strickland
N Summers
E Tate
N Tillery
N Walker
N Watson, B.
N Watson, S.
N Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 7, nays 47; the motion lost, and the Senate did not agree to the House substitute to SB 494 as amended by the Senate.

Senator Watson of the 11th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 494.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers
Y Anavitarte
Y Anderson, L.
Y Anderson, T.
Y Beach
Y Bearden
Y Brass
Y Burns
N Butler
Y Cowsert
Y Davenport
Y Dixon
Y Dolezal
Y Echols
Y Esteves
Y Ginn
Y Gooch
Y Goodman
Y Halpern
Y Harbin
Y Harbison
Y Harrell
Y Hatchett
Y Hickman
Y Hodges
Hufstetler
Y Islam Parkes
Y Jackson
Y James
Y Jones, E.
Y Jones, H.
Y Kennedy
Y Kirkpatrick
Y Lucas
Y Mallow
Y McLaurin
Y Merritt
Y Moore
Y Orrock
Y Parent
Y Payne
Y Rahman
Y Rhett
Y Robertson
Seay
Y Setzler
Y Sims
Y Still
Y Strickland
Y Summers
E Tate
Y Tillery
Y Walker
Y Watson, B.
Y Watson, S.
Y Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 494.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 279. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Frye of the 122nd, Wiedower of the 121st, Washburn of the 144th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance, so as to provide for an insurance premium discount or rate reduction for property owners who build a new residential or commercial property or who retrofit an existing residential or commercial property located in this state that better resists tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1450. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Mathiak of the 74th, Crowe of the 118th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Henry County Airport Authority, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4389), so as to provide for an ex-officio member; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1504. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 74th, Dickey of the 145th, Crowe of the 118th, Knight of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create and establish the Griffin-Spalding County Area Regional Airport Authority, a new regional airport authority in and for the County of Spalding, the City of Griffin, the County of Butts, the County of Lamar, the County of Pike, and the County of Monroe; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendments to the House substitutes to the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 37. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding sheriffs, so as to revise qualification requirements for the office of sheriff; to require certification as a peace officer at the time of qualifying as a candidate for sheriff; to require such candidate to be in good standing with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for a confirming affidavit; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 195. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Ginn of the 47th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, and Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces, and to enact statutes to facilitate licensure of transitioning service members, military spouses, and other qualified individuals who have certifications from or work experience in the military or licenses from or work experience in another state under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 1292. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, Beverly of the 143rd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to recordation and registration of deeds and other instruments, so as to require that the clerks of the superior courts obtain photographic identification cards of individuals who present deeds or other instruments for recording; to require such clerks retain certain information relating to deeds or other instruments presented for recording; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Titles 23 and 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to equity and torts, respectively, so as to provide

remedies for fraudulently recorded deeds or other instruments; to provide for the recovery of costs and attorney's fees in certain quiet title actions; to provide for a civil cause of action for the recording of fraudulent or forged deeds or other instruments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Dolezal of the 27th asked unanimous consent that HR 854, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9 (a), HR 854, having been taken from the Table, was read the third time and put upon its passage.

HR 854. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Collins of the 71st and Smith of the 18th:

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

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dolezal of the 27th.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to HR 854:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Jackson was born on October 28, 1928, in Carrollton, Georgia, the beloved son of Polly Jackson and grandson of Jeff and Margaret Robison; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Roopville High School, where he played on the school's state championship basketball team, Mr. Jackson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marines; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Washington and studied broadcasting, where he accompanied the university's rowing crew to Moscow to conduct the first live sports broadcast from the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson brought games alive for viewers and listeners of college and professional football, college and professional basketball, major league baseball, auto racing, and the Olympics; and

WHEREAS, his talent was recognized with an Emmy award and he has been inducted into two sportscasting hall of fames; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Jackson became known as the voice of football with several of his unique phrases still used in sports broadcasting today, including "Whoa Nellie" and the "Big House" to refer to Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor and "the granddaddy of them all" to refer to the Rose Bowl; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART II

WHEREAS, Mr. Charlie Curry, Sr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curry graduated from Randolph County High School and attended Georgia Southwestern University and the University of Georgia before obtaining a graduate degree from Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by his superlative service on the Shellman City Council and Randolph County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a community banker for over 50 years, Mr. Curry served as chairman and president of First State Bank of Randolph County and as founder and director of Flint Community Bank; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental to the Cuthbert Rotary Club, the Community Bankers Association of Georgia, the Georgia Bankers Association, and the Randolph Southern School; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART III

WHEREAS, Georgia is composed of miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of agritourism represents a readily available and effective tool to spur economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Grown Trail: 98 Association, Inc., has been formed to promote, preserve, and develop regional agritourism from Homer to Comer in the three-county corridor of Banks, Jackson, and Madison Counties that are traversed by Georgia Highway 98; and

WHEREAS, the portions of State Route 98 to be included in the Georgia Grown Trail: 98 wind through three counties with miles of family owned farms, unique lodging, u-pick farms, farm stands, hands-on educational farm experiences, farm-to-table restaurants, and establishments dedicated to preserving and sharing local recipes, traditions, and time-honored progressive crop and farming techniques; and

WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being through agritourism.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Representative Maretta Mitchell Taylor has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Muscogee County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Williams H. Spencer High School, Representative Taylor earned a bachelor's degree from Albany State College and a master's degree from Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state and uplifting the minds of the next generation as evidenced dramatically by her 30 years of public service as an educator and media specialist; and

WHEREAS, Representative Taylor was the first African American woman elected to House District 94 for the Georgia House of Representatives and served on the Muscogee County Election and Voter Registration Board; and

WHEREAS, her legacy of decisive and effective leadership and service to her community spanned four decades; and

WHEREAS, Representative Taylor was recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 2000 Legislature Appreciation Award from the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care, the Legacy of Leadership Award and Outstanding Legislator of the Year for 2000 from the Professional Association of Georgia Educators, and the Rosa Parks Award from Columbus PUSH; and

WHEREAS, she was an active member of numerous organizations, including the Albany State National Alumni Association, Assault on Illiteracy, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,

Columbus Georgia Chapter Links, Inc., Compatibles Social Club, Georgia Heart Fund Drive, Springer Children's Theater, and the United Negro College Fund Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

PART V

WHEREAS, Representative Calvin Smyre has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smyre graduated from high school in Frankfurt, Germany, and earned a bachelor's degree from Fort Valley University; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1975, where his leadership, diplomacy, and friendship were treasured by his colleagues and his experience and vision earned him the title as Dean of the House; and

WHEREAS, for nearly five decades Representative Smyre led the Georgia House of Representatives as a consensus builder, helping to usher life changing legislation to passage and broker compromise on ground breaking issues; and

WHEREAS, over the years he has held numerous leadership roles outside of the State Capitol, including with Fort Valley State Board of Trustees, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Columbus Medical Center Board of Trustees, Columbus Metro Urban League, Liberty Theater Cultural Center, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, and the Democratic Party at the county, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smyre's tireless dedication to others has been recognized with numerous awards, including two time National Legislator of the Year by the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Humanitarian of the Year by the National Council of Black Women, and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Award from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

PART VI

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr., has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Flippin was called by the Lord over 30 years ago to lead the congregation of The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, over the past three decades leading The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, Reverend Flippin has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community, including annual holiday giving drives, NAACP partnerships, self-help programs, Alcoholics Anonymous services, HIV/AIDS resources, and COVID-19 testing and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, under Reverend Flippin's guiding hand, numerous projects have been constructed to help the community, including the Grove Gardens at East Lake, a 70 unit affordable housing community serving seniors; the Grove Farm, a fully functioning and federally designated urban farm created to increase access to fresh produce for low-income members of the community; and the William E. Flippin Family Life Center, which offers a state of the art gymnasium, classrooms, and conference facilities; and

WHEREAS, he is a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to the DeKalb Juvenile Justice Council; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

PART VII

WHEREAS, Deputy Tyee Browne was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Browne diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as a deputy in Crisp County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Browne led an exceptional career of public service, always putting public safety and the citizens of Crisp County first, and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Browne made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on July 5, 2023, leaving an indelible mark on the community as a pillar of unwavering courage, integrity, and selflessness in the pursuit of justice; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Browne exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties,

and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART VIII

WHEREAS, Representative Joe Wilkinson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he plays in leadership in this state and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wilkinson is a fifth generation Atlantan who graduated from North Fulton High School and the University of Georgia and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Naval Reserve; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Georgia General Assembly from 2001 to 2017, representing the citizens of House District 52, and served as chairman of the House Ethics Committee and as a member of the House Economic Development and Tourism, Health and Human Services, Insurance, and Judiciary committees; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Georgia House of Representatives, Representative Wilkinson ushered several laws to passage, including the creation of the City of Sandy Springs; and

WHEREAS, he has served on numerous nonprofit boards, including The Atlanta Community Food Bank, the Metro Atlanta Crime Commission, USO of Georgia, the Arts Festival of Atlanta, the Tommy Nobis Center, the Georgia Council for International Visitors, Sister Cities International, and Atlanta International Family Services; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

PART IX

WHEREAS, Mr. Samuel Thomas Clark has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark was born on June 22, 1948, in Dallas, Georgia, and graduated from Hiram High School and attended McKenzie College in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, worked for the railroad in Paulding County, and started Clark Ambulance Service in 1985, which he operated for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark was elected to serve as coroner for Paulding County in 1992 and

adeptly served in that role until 2016; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, he established Clark Funeral Home and Chapel and spent decades helping others in their times of grief and providing support and kindness with his unique sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART X

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Michael "Mike" Gibbs has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Gilmer County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs was born on June 12, 1951, the beloved son and stepson of Margaret Catherine Green Humphreys and Hunter Thornton Humphreys and son of Vernon Gibbs, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs worked closely with the United States Army and provided superb service in supply chain sales for U.S. Army facilities across the Southeast before becoming the third generational owner of his family's restaurant, Mike's Ellijay Restaurant, which is known for its delicious country cooking, political patrons, and family-like atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative and lengthy service as Chairman of the Ellijay-Gilmer County Water and Sewerage Authority; and

WHEREAS, as a cherished member of his community, Mr. Gibbs will be long be remembered for his sense of humor and quick wit and known by many for his big heart, generosity of spirit, and willingness to help others; and

WHEREAS, he earned high accolades as a multi-sport athlete and a standout football player at Chamblee High School and Murray County High School and was a die-hard fan of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets and the Atlanta Braves; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XI

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. Clarence Lee "Mutt" Rhodes, Jr., on May 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born a natural leader and civil servant, Mr. Rhodes dedicated his life to serving the Siloam community while working as council member from 1960 to 1964 and in 2019 and as mayor from 1964 to 1980 and 1996 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the City of Siloam installed the state's second FHA financed water system and obtained its first fire truck; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhodes served as an aide to the comptroller and an aide to the Lieutenant Governor for the State of Georgia and on the Greene County Board of Tax Assessors and Board of Tax Equalizer; and

WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental to numerous organizations, including the Greene County Chamber of Commerce, Northeast Georgia Area Planning Commission, Greene County Historical Society, Greene County Heart Fund, Greene County Board of Education, Nathaniel Greene Academy Board of Trustees, Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties, Greensboro Lions Club and Jaycees, American Legion, and the Minnie G. Boswell Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Rhodes was an active member of Siloam Baptist Church, where he served as chairman of the board of deacons and Sunday school superintendent; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART XII

WHEREAS, Mr. Neal "Waldo" McIntyre, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force, enlisting at the age of 18 in 1942; and

WHEREAS, during his twenty-first mission in a B-17 as a technical sergeant and radio operator, his plane was shot down on March 8, 1944, over Berlin, Germany; and

WHEREAS, he was captured by enemy forces after his parachute was entangled in a tree on his descent and became a prisoner of war for 14 months, suffering unimaginable conditions and starvation until the end of the war; and

WHEREAS, after the war he returned home to Irwinville, Georgia, where he farmed and worked for the U.S. Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, a Purple Heart recipient, Mr. McIntyre's selfless service to this nation and unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States will long be remembered and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women, like Mr. McIntyre, who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McIntyre embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XIII

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Clyde Vernon Moore served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army and made the ultimate sacrifice on August 16, 1967, when he was killed during an enemy firefight in Vietnam while protecting his fellow platoon members from an ambush; and

WHEREAS, a native of Irwinville, Georgia, First Lieutenant Moore demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, his selfless service to this nation and unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States will long be remembered and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Moore embodied the spirit of service and the will to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XIV

WHEREAS, Mr. Percy Scott, Jr., was born on July 6, 1949, in Fairfield, Alabama, and earned a bachelor's degree from Miles College; and

WHEREAS, after working for Goodwill Industries in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Scott became the first black personnel director at Cambridge Hospital before later moving to Georgia and becoming the first black hiring recruiter for Gwinnett County Police, Sheriff, Fire and Emergency Medical and Correctional Departments; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Mr. Scott was appointed as executive director of the Gwinnett County Human Relations Commission, where he helped create the first Black History exhibit in the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center atrium and diversify the

workforce; and

WHEREAS, his tireless dedication was recognized with a 2000 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drum Major for Justice Award; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XV

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephen Day was born in Decatur, Georgia, in 1952, and graduated from Georgia Tech's School of Industrial and Systems Engineering; and

WHEREAS, through his company, Day Energy LLC, Mr. Day consulted on biomass energy projects and bought and sold hundreds of thousands of tons of wood waste that was indigenous to Georgia, which provided sustainable carbon neutral fuel for the state; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of his community, Mr. Day served on several Gwinnett County school councils, multiple Gwinnett County waste water planning committees, and on the Gwinnett Board of Registration and Elections; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental to the DeKalb, Gwinnett, and Georgia democratic parties; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Day was an active member and deacon at First Baptist Church of Decatur; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART XVI

WHEREAS, Mr. Logan James Wade graduated from the Gwinnett County Fire Department and worked at various fire and EMS stations before joining American Medical Response DeKalb County in emergency medical management; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade's life was tragically cut short in the line of duty on September 4, 2021, when, deployed as part of hurricane response efforts, his vehicle was struck while attending to a vehicle rendered disabled after the storm; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Wade will long be remembered for

his love of cattle farming and cars, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XVII

WHEREAS, after graduating from Cartersville High School in 1951, Mr. Gene R. Tilley attended the University of Georgia and the Woodrow Wilson School of Law; and

WHEREAS, he worked from a very young age and was cherished by his loved ones as a visionary who could design and build almost anything; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Bartow County, Georgia, Mr. Tilley immersed himself in improving transportation, promoting economic development, providing leadership in banking, and promoting technical schools and colleges; and

WHEREAS, he was cherished by his peers and colleagues for his service as chairman of the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce and was highly respected throughout the state by business leaders and elected officials alike for his dedicated work ethic; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Tilley was an active member of Faith United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XVIII

WHEREAS, Mr. Scot Hudson was born on October 2, 1960, in Douglasville, Georgia, and graduated from Douglas County High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson was a compassionate and generous man who gave his time and talents to others in many ways; and

WHEREAS, he was a proud member of Douglasville Masonic Lodge F.&A.M. #289 and was also a Yaarab Shriner; and

WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern

for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XIX

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Ms. Courtney Faith Zajdowicz on September 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zajdowicz served as a supervisor at the Rabun County Detention Center and had previously worked at Alto State Prison and at the time of her passing, was taking classes to obtain her EMT license; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Rabun County High School, Ms. Zajdowicz exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all her duties; and

WHEREAS, she was highly regarded by the citizens of her community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

PART XX

WHEREAS, Mr. Tim Howard has long been recognized by the citizens of Murray County, Georgia, for the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to preserving and sharing the rich history of the county; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Mr. Murray County History" by many, Mr. Howard's passion for local history began in fourth grade during a school field trip to the Chief Vann House; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Murray County Historical Society as a high school junior in 1976 and worked throughout his high school years to survey all of Murray County's cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Berry College, Mr. Howard returned to Murray County

to teach in the Murray County School System, where he inspired and molded the minds of future leaders for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard has dedicated his life to the history of Murray County, leading groups on historical tours throughout the county, providing support to historical societies as well as the county, leading efforts for the historical recognition of Spring Place, and researching and writing about the history of the county for future generations; and

WHEREAS, his passion and dedication has been recognized with numerous awards, including Murray County Jaycee's Outstanding Young Man of Murray County for 1983, Murray County Teacher of the Year in 1986 and 1990, a Young Alumni Award for Distinguished Service and President's Award from Berry College, and Man of the Year and Humanitarian of the Year from the Chatsworth Murray County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

PART XXI

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. Highway 27 and State Route 5 in Carroll County is dedicated as the Keith Jackson Memorial Intersection "Whoa Nellie."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. 82 East over the Little Ichawaynochaway Creek in Terrell County is dedicated as the Charlie Curry Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 98 from Sunset Avenue to State Route 164 in Banks, Jackson, and Madison Counties is dedicated as the Georgia Grown Trail: 98.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Interstate 85 and Buena Vista Road Interchange in Muscogee County is dedicated as the State Representative Maretta Mitchell Taylor Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of I-185 and Macon Road Interchange in Muscogee County is dedicated as the State Representative Calvin Smyre Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 260 over Interstate 20 in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Reverend Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr. Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 30 from Mile Marker 7 to Mile Marker 8.7 in Crisp County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Deputy Tyee Browne Memorial 1.7 Miles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 285 and Riverside Drive in Fulton County is dedicated as the Representative Joe Wilkinson Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 6 Business from U.S. Route 278 to Paris Road in Paulding County is dedicated as the Sam Clark Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 282 from Old Highway 5 to Old Tails Creek Road in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Mike Gibbs Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 20 and State Route 77 (Exit 138) in Greene County is dedicated as the Clarence Lee "Mutt" Rhodes, Jr. Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 32 over Big Creek in Irwin County is dedicated as the Neal "Waldo" McIntyre Jr. Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 32 over the Alapaha River in Irwin County is dedicated as the Clyde Vernon Moore Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 113 from Johnson Road to Langley Drive in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Percy Scott, Jr. Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 316 and State Route 120 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Stephen Day Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 13 and Thunder Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Logan Wade Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 113 from Interstate 75 to U.S. Route 41 in Bartow County is dedicated as the Gene Tilley Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 78

and Rose Avenue in Douglas County is dedicated as the Scot Hudson Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 125 over Vanceville Road near the Berrien/Tift County line in Berrien County is dedicated as the West Berrien Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Bridge and includes each of the following names: Scott Tucker, Homer Williams, Carroll Purvis, Jerry Castleberry, Derrell Danforth, Charles Nichols, Jimmy Grant, Roger Grant, Roger Walker, Johnny Gaskins, Dalton Purvis, Raliegh Tyson, Dewayne Lovett, Ray Pearson, Fred Ivey, Larry Taylor, James Griffin, Clifton Bryan, Ottis Weeks, Larry Purvis, Howard Womack, and Thomas Lokey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intersection of U.S. 441/S.R. 23 and U.S. 76/S.R. 2 in Rabun County is dedicated as the Courtney Faith Zajdowicz Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on State Route 52 over Town Branch River in Murray County is dedicated as the Tim Howard Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that Part VIII and the eighth undesignated paragraph of Part XXXII of House Resolution 256, approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 219), are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; Representative Calvin Smyre; Reverend Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr.; Representative Joe Wilkinson; and Mr. Tim Howard; and to the families of Mr. Keith Jackson; Mr. Charlie Curry, Sr.; Georgia Grown Trail: 98 Association, Inc.; Representative Maretta Mitchell Taylor; Deputy Tyee Browne; Mr. Samuel Thomas Clark; Mr. Charles Michael "Mike" Gibbs; Mr. Clarence Lee "Mutt" Rhodes, Jr.; Mr. Neal "Waldo" McIntyre, Jr.; First Lieutenant Clyde Vernon Moore; Mr. Percy Scott, Jr.; Mr. Stephen Day; Mr. Logan James Wade; Mr. Gene R. Tilley; Mr. Scot Hudson; and Ms. Courtney Faith Zajdowicz.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Harbin	Orrock
Y Anavitarte	Y Harbison	Y Parent
Y Anderson, L.	Y Harrell	Y Payne
Y Anderson, T.	Y Hatchett	Y Rahman
Y Beach	Y Hickman	Y Rhett
Y Bearden	Y Hodges	Y Robertson
Y Brass	Y Hufstetler	Seay
Y Burns	Y Islam Parkes	Y Setzler
Y Butler	Y Jackson	Y Sims
Y Cowsert	Y James	Y Still
Y Davenport	Y Jones, E.	Y Strickland
Y Dixon	Y Jones, H.	Y Summers
Y Dolezal	Y Kennedy	E Tate
Y Echols	Y Kirkpatrick	Y Tillery
Y Esteves	Y Lucas	Y Walker
Y Ginn	Y Mallow	Y Watson, B.
Y Gooch	Y McLaurin	Y Watson, S.
Y Goodman	Y Merritt	Y Williams
Y Halpern	Y Moore	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HR 854, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 1019. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Burns of the 159th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 47th, Knight of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemption, so as to increase the amount of a statewide homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Resolution of the House:

HR 854. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Collins of the 71st and Smith of the 18th:

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

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Engrossing and Journals subcommittee has read and examined the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate as correct and ready for transmission to the Governor:

SB 10	SB 19	SB 26	SB 35
SB 37	SB 50	SB 63	SB 73
SB 83	SB 105	SB 144	SB 159
SB 169	SB 171	SB 189	SB 195
SB 198	SB 203	SB 205	SB 212
SB 232	SB 233	SB 259	SB 293
SB 299	SB 322	SB 324	SB 328
SB 332	SB 333	SB 334	SB 335
SB 337	SB 338	SB 339	SB 340
SB 341	SB 342	SB 344	SB 345
SB 348	SB 351	SB 352	SB 353
SB 354	SB 362	SB 366	SB 368
SB 369	SB 370	SB 373	SB 375
SB 376	SB 377	SB 382	SB 384
SB 387	SB 388	SB 389	SB 395
SB 397	SB 398	SB 399	SB 401
SB 410	SB 412	SB 414	SB 417
SB 420	SB 421	SB 422	SB 424
SB 426	SB 430	SB 433	SB 434
SB 436	SB 439	SB 440	SB 443
SB 448	SB 449	SB 450	SB 453
SB 454	SB 456	SB 464	SB 465
SB 468	SB 472	SB 480	SB 483
SB 493	SB 494	SB 495	SB 496
SB 497	SB 503	SB 504	SB 505
SB 508	SB 517	SB 520	SB 531
SB 533	SB 558	SB 560	SB 562

SB 571	SB 572	SB 573	SB 574
SB 575	SB 577	SB 580	SB 584
SR 158	SR 609		

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn sine die.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:59 p.m.